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Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC047162

Monklands Sailing Club - General Information

Location

Monklands SC is on the West side of Hillend Reservoir which is located between Glasgow and Edinburgh at Caldercruix village. It is about 4 miles from Airdrie and also the M8. "The entrance to the club is well signposted and is down the lane adjacent to the car park of the Owl & Trout Inn on the A89 between Caldercruix and Blackridge." The Inn is fairly run down and it is easy to miss. The gate will be open despite the chain.

Distances to Hillend Loch - Google Maps

From	Miles	Duration
Airdrie	4	10m
Livingston	17	26m
Glasgow	19	33m
Stirling	22	38m
Dunfermlin	31	50m
Edinburgh	32	53m
Callander	39	55m
Loch Venachar	43	1h 10m
Lochore Meadows	45	1h 11m
Helensburgh	50	1h 15m
Loch Earn	55	1h 24m
Dundee	78	1h 32m
Dumfries	78	1h 40m
Jedburgh	77	1h 52m
Kippford	96	2h 7m
Fort William	120	2h 52m
Aberdeen	145	2h 49m
Inverness	164	3h 11m

Situation

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1 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ
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Its elevation is 198 meters or 650 feet, with no surrounding hills or buildings. Caldercruix village is close by and has been the source of unwanted attention in the past. Due to the elevation the wind is constant.

Venue

The land has been split into two parts, one within the other, an outer compound with high security fencing and CCTV camera's. This land is level and hard (Poss tarmac), with a wide slip into the water. This is a suitable area for parking cars.

The inner compound has further security fencing with CCTV and currently includes, the club house, safety boat, boat storage and a small camping area.

Club House

Currently the club house is not wheelchair accessible. Although it is being modernised and this is now a consideration for MSC. Personally, I liked the club house, what it lacks in outright modernisation it makes up for in character and size.

The Water

Hillend Loch is a naturalised reservoir established between 1797 and 1799 when the North Calder Water was dammed. It was, at the time, the largest man-made reservoir in the world. It still supplies water to the Forth & Clyde Canal and the remains of the Monkland Canal. (Source: Wikipedia)

It is used by an active fishing club - Airdrie and district angling club manage the fishing rights on the water.

There is an island - Spiers Island and the water covers 345 acres.

Water Suitability

MSC use Flying 15's and GP14's mainly. Subject to the water being maintained, all our boats should be able to sail without issues. The water will be fine for Challengers.

Additional Information

There has been a lot of large scale road building in the area, especially the M8. Be aware that your sat nav may not recognise some of the roads.

Maps

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