SUGGESTED WALKS, DIRECTIONS & MAPS

Artlink works in Edinburgh and the Lothians to make the arts accessible
Many of the Kirkhill Pillar Project sculptures are situated near ideal walking and cycling routes. Why not visit the beautiful parks at Bee Craigs (near Linlithgow) and Almondell (near Broxburn); take a trip along the Union Canal or walk through Broxburn Community Woodland and try to spot the sculptures along the way. Visiting the sculptures is free and open to all. Find out more about the history of the pillar, how each sculpture was created, and further directions on the Kirkhill Pillar Project website: www.kirkhillpillarproject.org.uk

Public Transport
Neptune (Kingscavil):
First Bus No.38 Edinburgh-Linlithgow-Stirling service (combine with train to Linlithgow from Edinburgh or Glasgow).
Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Thule, Jupiter, Saturn (Broxburn):
First Bus No.12 Edinburgh-Whitburn, or First Bus No.16 Edinburgh-Bathgate service. From Glasgow take the Scottish Citylink No.900 bus to the Newbridge roundabout. Then change to First Bus no.12 and alight at Broxburn town centre.
Uranus & Kirkhill Pillar (Almondell & Calderwood Country Park):
First Bus No.27 Edinburgh-Bathgate service.
Pluto (Bee Craigs Country Park):
Take the train from Edinburgh or Glasgow to Linlithgow, or First Bus No.38 from Edinburgh to Linlithgow. There are no buses from Linlithgow to Bee Craigs, but there is a car link service operating from Linlithgow Bus Station. For further information call the West Lothian Travel Hotline on 01506 775888.
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Tom Bryce and the 'Put Your West Foot Forward' group have planned five walking routes, inspired by the Kirkhill Pillar Project. All walks are on fairly even terrain, but it can get muddy around the Mars sculpture!

1. The Broxburn Community Woodland Walk

See Thule, Venus, The Sun, Mercury, Mars, and Earth on this walk, which is set away from traffic. You’ll enjoy a variety of walking surfaces, trees, and wildlife.

Length: approx. 60 mins

Start: Strathbrock Partnership Centre

Head west on path past St. Nicholas R.C. Primary school (on your left). Continue and look for entrance into Badger Park in the new housing scheme. Thule is located within this scheme. Enter back onto footpath and continue onto Holmes road. Turn right and follow road onto West Main Street. Cross road onto Cardross Road. Continue to Broxburn Academy on your right where Venus is placed in the perimeter fence. The Sun is on top of the school. Just up the road Mercury is also on your right on a triangular piece of ground. Turn left onto Timmeryetts. Turn right onto a footpath which takes you up along the side of Kirkhill Primary school. Continue right up onto the top of Broxburn Community Woodland. Continue through the woodlands where Mars in your right. 50 metres beyond here a path on your right that leads down to the rear of the houses at Craigseaton. Earth is on your right. Continue down onto Craigseaton and turn left. Turn right onto Whinrig and left back onto Timmeryetts. Go back onto Cardross and onto West Main Street. Cross over road and take foot path back to Strathbrock Partnership Centre.

2. The Ryal Walk

See Jupiter and Saturn along the Union Canal on this peaceful and scenic wildlife walk.

Length: approx. 40 - 60 mins

Start: Strathbrock Partnership Centre

Head east on path past St. Nicholas R.C. Primary school (on your right). Continue to canal. Turn right and follow canal path to footbridge (Miss Margaret's Bridge). Cross bridge and turn left. Follow canal path until reaching the Ryal Burn, then turn right. Follow path until reaching Station Rd., and turn right. At junction of Station Rd and A89 cross and continue onwards to first canal bridge, which is Drumshoreland Bridge. Enter onto canal tow path. Saturn is opposite the tow path on the underside of the bridge. Follow canal under A89 past Jupiter (on opposite side of canal) and on to Miss Margaret's Bridge. Return to start point.
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3 Almondell Country Park Walk
See Uranus and the Kirkhill Pillar on this beautiful unspoilt walk, away from main thoroughfares.
Length: approx. 40 mins
Start: Almondell & Calderwood Country Park north car park.
Start at Country Park North car park and walk down towards Visitor centre. Uranus sculpture is suspended above the road from two trees. The Kirkhill Pillar is located directly outside the Visitor centre. Continue past the Visitor centre past the disabled car park and look for The Naysmyth Bridge to take you across the River Almond. Follow the footpath along past the picnic area and cross back over the River Almond via the Canal Aqueduct. Follow pathway along towards visitor centre and return to North Car Park.

4 Beecraigs Country Park Walk
See Pluto on a walk through the dense forest of Beecraigs Country Park.
Length: approx. 30 mins
Start: Beecraigs Country Park Visitor Centre
Walk towards and cross over the road into the forest. Follow the footpath through the forest into the play area and car park and over to the Barbeque area. Pluto is located in the outside wall of the public conveniences. Return to car park and take alternative footpath through forest. Follow path around. It will eventually run adjacent to main road. Return to Visitor Centre.
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5 Kingscavil Walk
See Neptune on this easy amble from the Union Canal up through the farmed land of West Lothian to the historic Kingscavil area.
Length: approx. 30 mins
Start: The Park Bistro
Walk towards and cross over the Union canal via the road bridge. At the small junction cross the road and enter the field. Walk up this hill in the field till you come to the main B9080 Linlithgow/Edinburgh Road. Kingscavil and the Church are visible from here. Walk towards the Church. Neptune can be seen above the entrance door to the Church. Return back to Park Bistro via the same route.
DIRECTIONS

The Sun, Mercury, and Venus
Location: Broxburn Academy. The Sun is on the west face of the school building, Venus is on the west perimeter fence, Mercury is on a grassy area at the north west corner of the school.
Exact Location: 3070555E 672480N (N55:56:11 W3:29:22)
By bus and on foot:
From Edinburgh take the First Bus number 12 or 16 to Broxburn Town Centre. From there take the B1 Crossgates bus to Broxburn Academy or walk towards Uphall along West Main Street for 500yards from town centre, turn right onto Cardross Road up to Broxburn Academy which is on the right hand side. From Glasgow take Scottish City bus number 900 from Buchanan street bus station to Newbridge roundabout on the Glasgow Road, Edinburgh and take number 12 to Broxburn town centre. From there take the B1 Crossgates bus to Broxburn Academy.
Cycling:
From Edinburgh follow the canal path out to Broxburn town and exit at Port Buchan Basin. From there travel towards Uphall on West Mains street (A899) for 400yards and turn right onto Cardross road and continue onto Broxburn Academy. From Glasgow access the Union canal via the Forth and Clyde canal and continue towards Broxburn. Follow the directions as above.
By car:
From Edinburgh take the M8 and exit at junction 3. Take the A899 towards Broxburn. This takes you onto West Mains street. Carry on towards Broxburn till you come to a sign for Broxburn Academy which is on the left hand side up Cardross Road. Continue up Cardross road for 200 yards and Broxburn Academy is on your right hand side. Parking is by the roadside.

Earth and Mars
Location: Broxburn Community Woodland
Exact Location: 306980E 672675N (N55:56:17 W3:29:26)
Use Sun directions to get to Broxburn academy and follow further directions here to get to the Earth and Mars sculptures.
By bus and on foot:
From Broxburn Academy continue on Cardross Rd. unill you come to T junction which is called Timmeryetts. Take a right here and continue on about 150 yards and turn left onto Whirrig. Continue on up this road which leads onto Craigseaton. Turn left here and continue for 150yards. You will see a small lane turn up to the right which brings you to the back of the houses. 70 yards up this lane on the left hand side is the Earth sculpture. To get to Mars take the footpath that intersects the Earth sculpture. This leads up towards a green play area. Veer left and find a footpath that goes through some undergrowth into Broxburn Community Woodland. Mars is located in the clearing to the right hand side. We’ve also been informed that Mars can be spotted if you’re taking an outward flight from Edinburgh Airport.
Cycling:
From Edinburgh follow the canal path out to Broxburn town and exit at Port Buchan Basin. From there travel towards Uphall on West Mains street (A899) for 400yards and turn right onto Cardross road and continue onto Broxburn Academy. From Glasgow access the Union canal via the Forth and Clyde canal and continue towards Broxburn. Follow the directions as above.
By car:
From Edinburgh take the M8 and exit at junction 3. Take the A899 towards Broxburn. This takes you onto West Mains street. Carry on towards Broxburn till you come to a sign for Broxburn Academy which is on the left hand side up Cardross Road. Continue up Cardross road for 200 yards and Broxburn Academy is on your right hand side. Parking is by the roadside. Parking is limited nearer to the Earth and Mars sculpture, and they are only a short walk away.
DIRECTIONS

Thule
Location: Waterside Meadows housing development, Broxburn.
Use Sun directions to get to Broxburn academy and follow further directions here to get to the Thule sculpture.
By bus and on foot:
From Broxburn Academy go back to West mains street (A899) turn left and access the Union Canal at Port Buchan Basin. Continue East on the canal towards Edinburgh. Cross Miss Margaret's bridge No. 25 and turn left. Continue through housing estate along Badger Brook and Badger Meadow, until coming to Blyth Rd. Cross Blyth road and follow until it meets Badger Pk. Continue until you reach a grassy area between the houses, where the Thule sculpture is.
Cycling:
If you’re coming through Broxburn follow the above directions. If you’re coming from Edinburgh continue along canal tow path to Broxburn Road Bridge follow the walking instructions. From Glasgow follow canal to Miss Margaret's bridge and then follow above directions
By car:
From Broxburn Academy go back onto West Mains Street and head towards Broxburn. At second set of traffic lights take a right turn onto Blyth Road. Continue on this road for 300 yards through the housing scheme till you come to a sign on the right saying Badger Park. Park, and continue to the grassy area between the houses where the Thule sculpture is.

Jupiter
Location: On the Union canal south of Broxburn.
Use Sun directions to get to Broxburn academy and follow further directions here to get to the Jupiter sculpture.
By bus and on foot:
From Broxburn Academy go back to West mains street (A899) turn left and access the Union Canal at Port Buchan Basin. Continue East on the canal towards Edinburgh. 500 yards down the canal on the opposite side of the tow path is the Jupiter sculpture. It is located between Miss Margaret's bridge No. 25 and Broxburn Road Bridge.
Cycling:
If you’re coming through Broxburn follow the above directions. If you’re coming from Edinburgh continue along canal tow path to Broxburn Road Bridge and just before Miss Margaret's bridge No. 25 on the opposite of the tow path is the Jupiter sculpture. From Glasgow follow canal to Miss Margaret's bridge and sculpture is opposite side of canal tow path.
By car:
From Broxburn Academy go back onto West Mains Street and head towards Broxburn. At second set of traffic lights take a right turn onto Blyth Road. Continue on this road for 300 yards through the housing scheme till you come to a sign that says Badger Brook. Take this turning and continue onto Badger Brook. Park your car by canal fence. There is a footbridge, Miss Margaret's bridge across the canal which you can access the tow path from. As you access the tow path head east ward towards Edinburgh. The sculpture is on the opposite side to the tow path about 50 yards along.
**Saturn**

**Location:** On the Union Canal, underneath Drumshoredland Bridge No 23.

**Exact Location:** 308345E 671240N (N55:55:32 W3:28:06)

*Use Sun, Mercury, and Venus directions to get to Broxburn Academy and follow further directions to get to the Jupiter sculpture.*

**By bus and on foot:**

From Broxburn Academy go back onto West mains street (A899) and access the Union Canal at Port Buchan Basin. Continue East on the canal towards Edinburgh passing under 4 foot and road bridges until you come to Drumshoredland bridge No. 23. The Saturn sculpture is placed on the underside of the bridge on the opposite side to the tow path. Unfortunately there are no bus routes to this location so the advisable walking route is along the Union canal as indicated.

**Cycling:**

If you’re coming through Broxburn follow the above directions. If you’re coming from Edinburgh continue along canal tow path to Drumshoredland Bridge No. 23 on the Union canal. The Saturn sculpture is placed on the underside of the bridge on the opposite side to the tow path.

**By car:**

From Broxburn Academy go back onto West Mains Street A899 and head towards Broxburn. At second set of traffic lights take a right turn onto Blyth Road. Continue on Blyth Road until it takes you onto the A89. Turn left and continue to next set of traffic lights. Turn right at this junction signposted for Almondell Country park. 500 yards up this road on the left hand side is a farm site entrance just before the canal bridge. Pull in off this road and park in off the roadside. The Saturn sculpture is placed on the underside of the bridge on the opposite side to the tow path.

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**Uranus & The Kirkhill Pillar**

**Location:** Almondell & Calderwood Country Park, on path to Visitor Centre from north car park. The Kirkhill Pillar is outside the Visitor Centre.

**Exact Location:** 309080E 669490N (N55:54:36 W3:27:22)

**By bus and on foot:**

From Edinburgh take the first bus No.28, 27 to Livingston. This service passes the south entrance to Almondell Country Park. Follow the signs at the entrance for the visitor centre for 1/2 mile. Pass the visitor centre and about 200 yards along that road Uranus is suspended overhead over the roadway. Continue to the visitor centre to see the Kirkhill Pillar.

**Cycling and on foot:**

Almondell is accessible a number of ways on foot. From Edinburgh walk along the Union canal towards Drumshoredland Bridge No. 23. Exit here; turn left on the public road and walk 1 1/2 miles along to Almondell Country park. Continue down towards the visitor centre and Uranus is suspended overhead along the roadway.

**By car:**

Almondell Country park can be accessed at the north and south entrance gates. There are parking places at these entrances. From Edinburgh take the M8 and exit at junction 3. Take the A899 towards Broxburn. This takes you onto West Mains street. Carry on towards Broxburn. At second set of traffic lights take a right turn onto Blyth Road. Continue on Blyth Road until it takes you onto the A89. Turn left and continue to next set of traffic lights. Turn right at this junction signposted for Almondell Country park and continue up this road for 2 miles. Park as directed at Almondell Country park and walk towards the visitor centre. Uranus sculpture is suspended overhead. The path to the visitor centre is also the restricted access route to the disabled car park, located near the centre. Access by car to this route is just before the North car park.
**Pluto**

**Location:** Beecraigs Country Park, on park buildings near the picnic/bbq area by the Balvormie car park and adventure playground.

**Exact Location:** 299720E 674085N (N55:56:57 W3:36:27)

**By bus, train, and on foot:**

From Edinburgh and Glasgow take the train to Linlithgow. Walk down to the main street towards Linlithgow bus depot bus stop. Although there are no direct buses to Beecraigs Country Park there is a carlink service available 7 days a week. If you ring Topcars on (01506) 444444 and request carlink service to Beecraigs Country park. They will fill you in on the other details. Alternatively make your way to Linlithgow Bus Station who will help with the carlink service. For further advice call the West Lothian Travel Hotline: 01506 775288. The car will drop you off at Beecraigs Country park visitor centre. Make your way through the woodland walk towards the Balvormie car park and adventure playground. The Pluto sculpture is across the road on park buildings to the right of the picnic/barbeque area.

**Cycling:**

From Edinburgh cycle along the Union Canal to Linlithgow and exit Union Canal at Preston road bridge No. 45. Turn left on this road and continue towards Beecraigs Country Park for 1 mile. Continue past main Beecraigs country park visitor centre signs for 50 yards and take the first left up to the Barbecue area on the right hand side. 10 yards up on the right is some out buildings. Pluto sculpture is located on the exterior wall of this building. From Glasgow join the Union canal from the Forth and Clyde canal and continue on to Linlithgow and exit at Preston road bridge No. 45. Follow above directions to Beecraigs Country Park.

**By car:**

From Edinburgh take the M9 to Linlithgow and exit at junction 3. Continue into Linlithgow and follow signs for Beecraigs Country park. Beecraigs is 1 1/2 miles outside Linlithgow. Continue past main Beecraigs country park visitor centre road signs for 50 yards and take the first left up to the Barbecue area on the right hand side. 10 yards up on the right is some out buildings. Pluto sculpture is located on the exterior wall of this building.

**Neptune**

**Location:** Kingscavil Church over the main entrance doorway.

**Exact Location:** 302830E 676480N (N55:58:17 W3:33:25)

Use Sun directions to get to Broxburn academy and follow further directions here to get to the Jupiter sculpture.

**By Train and bus:**

From Edinburgh or Glasgow take the shuttle service from Edinburgh Waverley or Glasgow Queen Street and get off at Linlithgow train station. Take the First Bus No. 38 from Linlithgow Main Street towards Edinburgh for about 2 miles. Kingscavil Parish church is on your right hand side. Alternatively, from Edinburgh take the No. 38 towards Stirling. Kingscavil Parish church is located 1 mile after Bridgend on the left hand side. Unfortunately there is no direct bus route from Glasgow.

**Cycling and on foot:**

Neptune sculpture is located 1 mile from the Union canal which offers direct access from Edinburgh and Glasgow via the Forth and Clyde canal. Travel along the Union canal from Edinburgh until you come to Park Farm Bridge No. 41 Park. Exit the canal here and turn left towards the B9080. Turn left on the B9080 and 1/2 mile along on the right hand side is Kingscavil Parish church.

**By car:**

From Edinburgh travel along the M9 and exit at junction 3. Take the A803 into Linlithgow. At the first roundabout take the first exit for the B9080. Continue out this road for 2 miles. Kingscavil Parish church is on the right hand side and sculpture is opposite side of canal tow path.