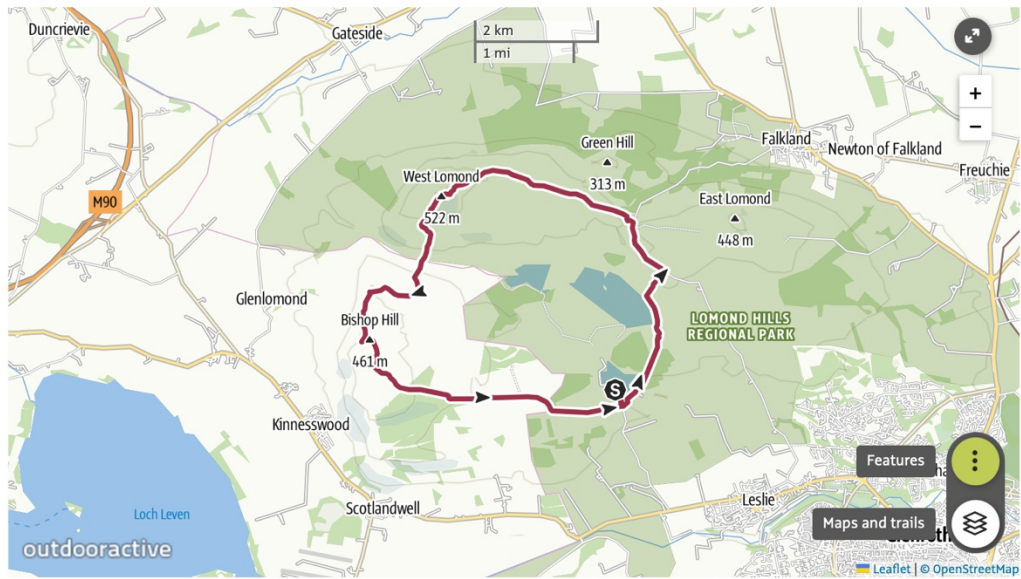


## MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - LOMOND HILLS CIRCULAR



### TRACK Hiking route · Fife

Distance	16.5 km ↔
Time spent moving	3:46 h ⌚
Ascent	542 m ▲
Descent	544 m ▼
Avg. speed (throughout time spent moving)	4.4 km/h ⌚
Date	March 18, 2024 09:37 AM 📅

Since we had suffered prolonged rain for several weeks it was felt that the walk needed to avoid known boggy areas and peat hags. Consequently, we opted for an area known to be on the drier side and decided on an extensive circular circuit of West Lomond and Bishops Hill. Six members of the group set out from Broxden Park and Ride to undertake the circuit. Both cars were parked at Holl Reservoir (2km up a pot-holed road off the A911 west of Leslie, in Fife). The weather was quite sunny and remained so for much of the day. Setting out north east along the dam at Holl Reservoir, a way-marked path was taken upwards through some recently planted forest and fields, skirting round a couple of farms, along the eastern side of Ballo Reservoir up to the unclassified road between Leslie and Falkland. The

path was a bit waterlogged in places but there were great views over to our target destinations of West Lomond and Bishop Hill summits, now cleared of early morning mist. After a short walk up to Craigmead carpark, a picnic table provided the opportunity for a coffee stop. Good progress was made along the well-constructed 3km path over to West Lomond, affording great views across Fife and beyond, before the final steep ascent to the summit. After a brief wind-buffed stay on the summit, a path was followed steeply downhill, past the Devil's Burdens to Glen Vale for lunch.

Following lunch, a path was taken upwards through some old windswept larches up towards the summit of Bishop Hill, catching a glimpse of the Carlin Maggie dolerite column on the way. A path was then taken across the summit plateau and into woodland on Munduff Hill, after which a farm track was followed for 3-4km back to the reservoir parking spot.

The day was finished off with coffee and cake at Loch Leven's Larder. A great day was had by all.



Leaving the loch we set off along a well-marked path.



Continuing up the slope



Admiring the Lomonds



After coffee the approach to West Lomond



At W. Lomond trig point ( showing extensive signs of soil erosion)



On route to Bishops Hill following our lunch stop



Views towards Loch Leven close to Bishops Hill summit.



At the summit of Bishops Hill