

Pollok Country Park & local paths

White Cart Water

START & FINISH: Pollok House
car park (NS548619)

MAP: OS 64

DISTANCE: 4km; 2.5 miles

TERRAIN: Roads, tracks &
paths

TIME: 1hr 20mins

GRADE: Easy



Pollok House

Voted Best Park in Britain 2007 and Europe's Best Park the following year, Pollok offers a mixture of recreational and cultural activities unmatched anywhere else in Scotland. The purpose-built glass, stone and steel gallery housing Sir William Burrell's diverse collection of art, sculpture, stained glass, armour and up-market bric-a-brac is matched by Pollok House, with its extensive gardens, Clydesdale horses and works by El Greco, Goya and Blake.

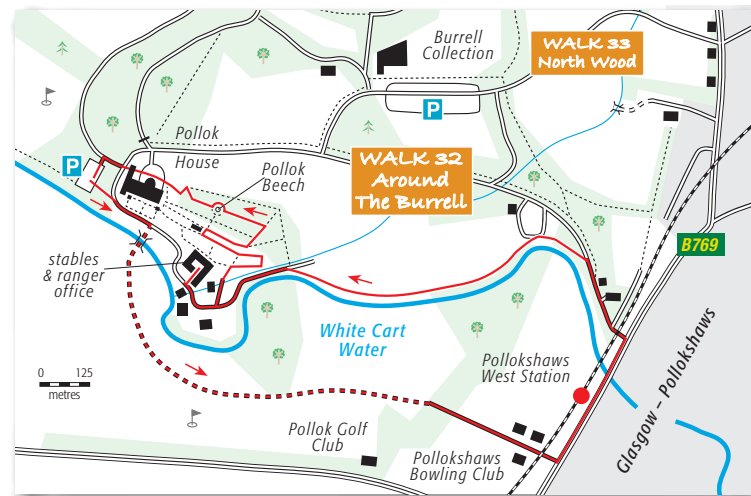
Surrounding them is Pollok Estate, a mixture of farmland, playing fields, open grassland and mature woodland, crisscrossed by a mixture of tracks, paths and cycle routes.

The following short route circles the White Cart Water, finishing with an exploration of the gardens. From the car park beyond Pollok House, follow the path through woodland beside the White Cart Water to the park road in front of the Pollok House. Cross the

footbridge over the river to a track which offers views across to the house and stables as it gains height, before passing through woodland to emerge at a practice area for Pollok Golf Club. Continue down past Pollokshaws Bowling Club and under the rail bridge to Pollokshaws Road.

Turn left past Pollokshaws West railway station and back over the White Cart to the entrance to Pollok Park. Follow the pavement through the gateway then veer left past the tennis court car park to the tarmac cycle path alongside the river. This wooded riverside path leads round to the back of Pollok House gardens which can be entered through the wall before the stables. However, before entering, continue round to the stables, home to Pollok's Clydesdale heavy horses.

Return to the garden and explore at will to arrive at the upper glasshouses. Ascend stone steps right of the



glasshouses to an upper path and follow it right. Go left at the next junction then right and uphill to a stone urn at a path junction. Turn left here and follow the path to the massive Pollok Beech. Continue past the tree and down to the formal garden to exit on

the right to the front of Pollok House. Walk down left past the house and exit from the archway to the road and car park beyond.

Access & Parking free
Parking charge at Burrell Collection



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