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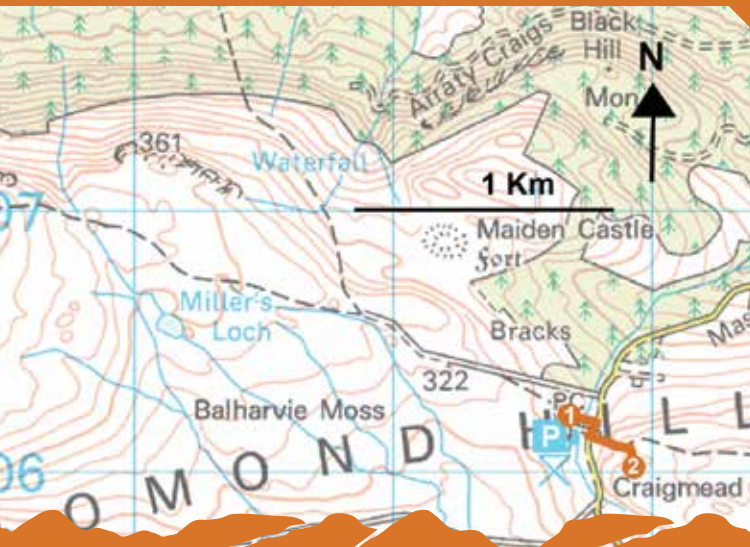
From Craigmead Car Park (1) on the road from Falkland to Leslie cross the road and take the path leading to East Lomond. After only a short distance, go through the gate and turn right into the woods. Continue until you arrive at a rock face within a former quarry (2).

The rocks of the Lomond Hills were largely formed during the Devonian and Carboniferous periods, 410-299 million years ago, when this part of the Earth lay close to the Equator. Rivers carried sediment eroded from the Highlands into deltas and lagoons. The sediment was buried to form sandstone and mudstone.

Some 307 million years ago molten rock was intruded between these layers of sedimentary rock to form a sill, which on cooling formed a dark coloured rock called dolerite also called whinstone. This type of rock is strongly jointed both vertically and horizontally as a result of the process of cooling and the pressure of the rocks lying on top. Characterised by spheroidal or "onion" weathering, dolerite erodes in curved layers that peel off.

The dolerite was quarried during the 19th century when it was used for drystone dykes, houses and road setts. In the quarry floor there is a large boulder with drill holes and a fracture created by the quarrymen.

Please do not remove anything from the site.



Terrain: A short steep slope, leading to a wide grassy uneven path, care should be taken when crossing the road from Craigmead Car Park.



Distance: 1/3 mile, 1/2 Km
Time: 1/2 hour

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