

## WL21 & WL22 Armadale Round Town Path

### Start, route and finish

WL21 is a 0.6 mile (1km) path that starts at Baird Road on the north side of Armadale and heads west through an area of open space between Drove Road and Barbauchlaw Burn. On reaching Mill Road it briefly heads north before crossing Mill Road and passing behind houses on Millburn Crescent. It then passes along the north side of a small playing field before entering a strip of rough grassland between a field and Barbauchlaw Burn. After 300 yards it turns south following a path and then a farm track to meet the A89 between Armadale and Blackridge. It then briefly heads west on the pavement on the north side of the road before crossing the road to take a farm track and then a path which runs along the outside of the boundary fence of the Armadale Academy playing fields. It heads east along the northern side of Black Moss nature park and turns southwards to terminate at Wood Park on Upper Bathville. The minor road heading west can be used to reach WL1 National Cycleway 75 but exercise caution as it can be a busy road at times.

WL22 is a 0.9 mile (1.4km) path that starts on the A89 just to the east of the Speedway Stadium. It heads south, following a recently constructed path which curves through the community woodland, crossing the B706 and continues south at Kenbog to meet with WL1 National Cycleway 75 between Bathgate and Airdrie.

### Surfaces and features

WL21 is a variety of surfaces and widths. The first section north of Drove Road and the end section through Wood Park are 1.2metre tarmac paths. The remainder is a whindust path of 1.2 metre to 2 metres width apart from the section west of Mill Road, which is unsurfaced with 2 kissing gates, and the farm tracks to either side of the A89. There are also 2 kissing gates on the Black Moss section of path.



WL22 is a whindust with chicanes to the south of the at the stadium and the B708.

### The experience

The sections of tarmac path go through urban open space whilst the whindust paths are urban fringe.

### Opportunities and constraints

Most of the whindust paths have been recently developed or upgraded. The Armadale CDA (Colinshiel and Standhill sections) will change the setting for WL21 and it may be that, in the future, there will be a need to upgrade this path to make it wider and possibly tarmac more of it as the area becomes increasingly urban with the associated pressures on it.

As regards the completion of the Armadale Round Town Path both the link on the north-east side of the town between the A89 and the B8084 at Colinshiel and the south-west link between Upper Bathville and WL1 National Cycleway 75 at South Armadale will be developed through these respective CDAs.





