# Virtual Great Scottish Schools Run 2021 Bronze Route 74 miles

George Square	Distance for each stage	Total Distance
Queens Park	2	2
Eastwood Park, Giffnock	3.3	5.3
Whitelee Windfarm	8	13.3
Moscow	5.2	18.5
Mauchline	10	28.5
Loch Bradan	26.5	55
Glentrool	14.8	69.8
Bruce's Stone	4.2	74

### Google route map

https://goo.gl/maps/C5qqZ86Hy3p8LjJr7

# **Queens park**

• The Nursery and Display House feature a fine collection of sub-tropical plants and many types of flowering and foliage plants. The nursery also houses a Zen garden, ponds, tropical fish, exotic birds and an excellent reptile house. • An extensive rose garden has been constructed to celebrate Glasgow hosting the World Rose Convention in July 2003. The theme of this commemorative garden is Scottish Poets from Burns to McDairmid. • Located near the main walkway are an oak tree planted by Belgian refugees after the 1914- 18 war and a beech tree which commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations in 1945. • There is a nature pond which attracts mute swans, coots, moorhens, mallards, little grebe and tufted duck.

https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=31497&p=0

# Eastwood park

Eastwood park is a small park housing the Carmichael theatre and Eastwood House.

Eastwood House was built in the early 1840s and sits on the grounds of an ancient forest only felled in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Eastwood House and the surrounding estate were purchased by Thomas Smith, a wealthy Glasgow merchant, in 1845.

It is now owned by East Renfrewshire council and is often used for weddings and other celebrations.

#### **Whitelee Windfarm**

This is the UK's largest onshore windfarm and is located near Eaglesham.

It's 215 turbines generate enough power for 350000 homes.

It also has lots of cycle and walking routes to explore too.

https://www.whiteleewindfarm.co.uk/

### **Moscow**

No not the Russian city. It's a hamlet near Kilmarnock with 116 people living there.

It has a stream that runs through it called the Volga burn and has the same latitude as it's famous counterpart.

It's origins are unknown but some believe the name could be ancient Celtic or possibly a reference to Napolean's retreat from Russia as it changed names around that time.

# **Mauchline**

The village has been at some point a centre for many different thing – quarrying sandstone, clock-making, box-work and also the production of curling stones.

It is also home to the Robert Burns national monument and it's believed Robert Burns had written many of his work while living in the town.

Loch Bradan (Dark Skies)

Loch Bradan is a beautiful Loch in the Galloway Forest Park and it's used by many people as a great area for walking, cycling and running.

In the centre of the loch on an island is the remains of Bradan castle.

Nothing is known about the history of this castle and it is now submerged under the water.

Also here is what is known as the Dark Skies park.

A dark sky park is a place that is ideal conditions for star gazing as there is very little light pollution that can be found in urban areas.

It was chosen as the 4<sup>th</sup> Dark skies park in the world and the 1<sup>st</sup> in the U.K.

There are now over a 100 in the world.

Very few people live in the 300 square miles of forest and hills in the park so nights really are black. Over 7,000 stars and planets are visible with the naked eye.

https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/forest-parks/galloway-forest-park/dark-skies

# **Glentrool**

Glentrool is also part of the Galloway Forest Park which is the biggest forest in the U.K. and sits beside the biggest mountain in Southern Scotland The Merrick – 875m high

It's also one of the main parts of the famous 7 stanes mountain biking network – find out more about the giant 7 stanes themselves.

https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/activities/mountain-biking/7stanes/what-are-the-7-stanes

# **Bruce's Stone**

This stone commemorates Robert The Bruce King of Scotland and his win at the Battle of Trool in 1307.

A bugle was sounded as the soldiers approach the Steps of Trool and Bruce's men released a volley of stones onto the surprised troops. Those who turned to flee met heavily armed men behind them.

https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/forest-parks/galloway-forest-park/bruces-stone-loch-trool

Congratulations you have reached your destination at Bruce's stone and you have ran 74 miles and completed the bronze challenge!