

The Whangie (Auchineden Hill)



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Where is this?

The Queen's View car park is on the A809 at grid ref NS 511808, about half way between Milngavie and Drymen. From the car park, follow the footpath over the small dyke, and when you reach a fence, cross it and skirt around the side of the hill in a westerly direction (can be muddy) to reach the Whangie. [4.5km/2.8 miles there and back, 1.5 to 2 hrs]

What will you see there?

Legend has it that the devil, very late for a meeting at the local witches' coven, rounded the mountain so swiftly that his tail sliced through the hillside, creating the cleft called the Whangie. The main physical geographic feature of this area is the terraced escarpment of the lavas of Auchineden Hill. The rock feature, the Whangie, lies on the north face of Auchineden Hill with superb views to Loch Lomond.

This peculiar rock feature is thought to have resulted from glacial plucking during the ice ages. This has stressed the basalt rock, with big slabs peeled off a section of the main cliff to form a very narrow ravine, only about 0.6 m/2 ft in one place. The ravine extends over 91 m/100 yds in length with rocks towering up to 12 m/40 ft high on either side.

See <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/glasgow/the-whangie.shtml>