

Where to visit wind farms

Wind Energy Fact Sheet 10d

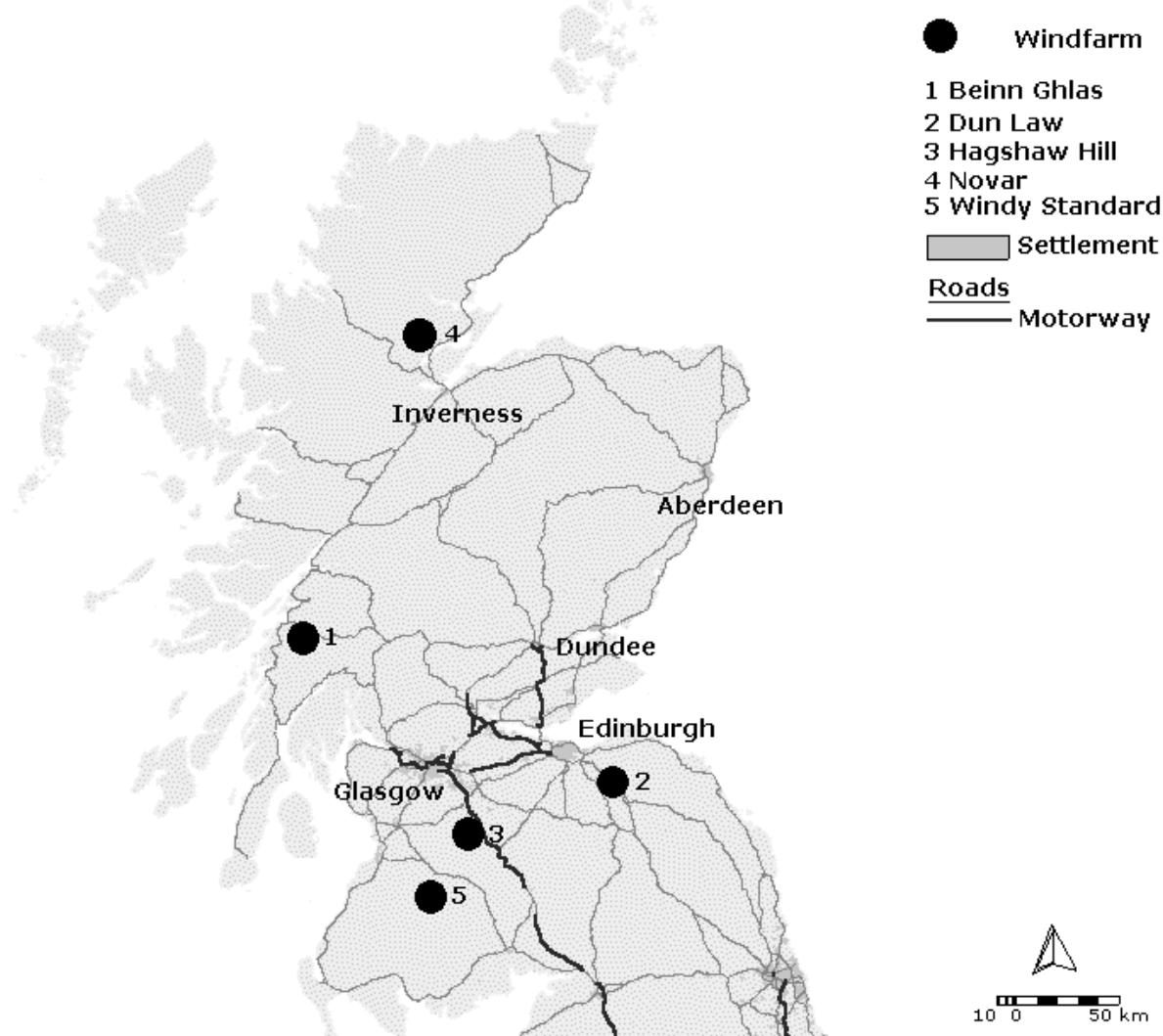
At the end of 2000 there were 76 operating wind farms in the UK, with a total of 862 turbines providing a total generation capacity of more than 408 Megawatts (MW). Consistent with the availability of high-grade wind resource, the majority of the wind farms are segregated regionally in Cornwall, Northern England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This Fact Sheet provides information on the location of typical wind farms in Scotland and the best places to see them. It provides a selection of wind farms in the area rather than a comprehensive list, as the number of wind farms is steadily increasing. It is one of a series of five such fact sheets covering those regions given above (Fact Sheets 10a to 10e). Directions, parking and access information are provided. Where no access is specified it may be difficult to get close to the wind farm. Use of an Ordnance Survey map is recommended for details of public footpaths and bridleways.

Wind farms in Scotland

This Fact Sheet covers five wind farms in Scotland; Beinn Ghlas, Dun Law, Hagshaw Hill, Novar and Windy Standard. In total they have an installed capacity of nearly 80MW. Information on the relationship between generation capacity and average domestic requirements is given in Fact Sheet 13.

Hagshaw Hill and Dun Law are probably the easiest wind farms to view for people wishing to look at wind farms in Scotland.

| Wind farm | Operation started | Turbines | | | Additional information (parking, map grid reference etc) |
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| | | Number | Rating (kW) | Total capacity (MW) | |
| Beinn Ghlas | May 1999 | 14 | 600 | 8.4 | [NM 965 260] 5km south of Taynuilt, near Oban. Distant views of the site may be obtained from the eastern shores of Loch Awe. No public access to site. |
| Dun Law | June 2000 | 26 | 660 | 17.16 | [NT 446 575] Dun Law, Borders, Scotland. Site straddles A68 trunk road south of Edinburgh. Parking available in an extended lay-by. |



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| Hagshaw Hill | Nov 1995 | 26 | 600 | 15.6 | [NS 780 320] 4km west of Douglas. Site is to the north of the A70. No access to site on foot but wind farm clearly visible along minor road between Douglas and Crawfordjohn, turning right off B740, 3km south-west of Crawfordjohn. No visitor centre, information board or parking at the site. |
| Novar | October 1997 | 34 | 500 | 17 | [NH 550 720] 7.5km NE of Evanton. Parking for walkers at Fyrish car park (NH 626 717) and at Ballavoulen (NH 573 743). No vehicular access to site. Subject to activities of the estate, walkers can gain access to the wind farm along the estate and wind farm access tracks from Ballone (NH 580 735). However, this is not a public right of way. No parking is permitted at Ballone or on Estate access tracks. |
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| Windy Standard | September 1996 | 36 | 600 | 21.6 | [NS 600 020] 10km NE of Carsphairn. No vehicular access to site. Area prone to cloud. No visitor centre. Wind farm visible from minor road to Netherholm of Dalquhairn (NX 661 990). Walkers can see most of the wind farm from Cairn Hill and Benbrack (NX 680 970). The wind farm can also be seen from Wedder Hill (NS 632 027), which is reached from the Afton Reservoir 1km to the north. Parking is available at the reservoir. Further views for walkers from Cairnsmore of Carsphairn (NX 595 980). |
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The summary information provided above is derived from "Wind Farms of the UK" by Paul Hannah, a comprehensive illustrated guidebook available from the British Wind Energy Association (see below).

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