

What's on in Edinburgh? The British Universities Dry Slope Championships



So maybe we won't have snow like the Alps but the ski slope at Hillend has been the training ground of many great skiers from the Edinburgh area.

Thousands of skiing enthusiasts are expected at Midlothian Snowsports Centre at Hillend this weekend for the prestigious British Universities Dry Slope Championships.

The event takes place on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 November. Everyone is welcome (entry fee £3 per person) to go and watch although remember the slopes and tubing runs will be closed during the event.

Councillor Derek Rosie, the cabinet member for sport and leisure at Midlothian Council, said: "The national championships produce a very high standard of competition, including events such as Slalom, Giant Slalom, Freestyle, Dual Slalom and the spectacular Big Air.

"It's a huge event and getting bigger by the year. We're all very excited to be hosting it at our flagship facility, which is the longest dry ski slope in Europe.

"Please come along and watch. For those who have not been before, we think you'll be impressed by not just the snowsports but by the centre too."

Facilities at Midlothian Snowsports Centre include the cafe and:

- An additional 210-metre slope on the hill

- 240 metres of snowtubing runs
- 60 metres of nursery slopes with safe ski matting
- Extended and improved nursery slopes
- A traveller uplift systems

Midlothian Council owns and runs the Snowsports Centre. Just three years ago it worked with an expert team of designers on the improvements, which were funded by a £533,000 investment from Sports Scotland, the national agency for sport, and an injection of funds from the Boyd Anderson Trust.