

Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

Having left Gorebridge behind, this walk takes you through Midlothian's finest countryside .

Route Details

Starting at Gorebridge Station, turn right onto Station Road and head uphill into Gorebridge, passing shops on Main Street. Take first right onto Hunter Square and continue straight ahead, uphill, passing a bowling club and Stobhill Primary to a path signed Barleyknowe Road.

Follow the track through the woodland, which veers left to the road. Cross and follow track ahead signed Camp Wood, with a fence on right.

Head to top of hill and continue straight ahead on a tarred section of road, before following a sign to Edgehead and a winding muddy vehicle track through woodlands, passing gates and stiles.

At the sign to Newlandrigg turn right and sharp left to a gate. Turn right downhill, crossing a track to a gate at the foot of the hill. Follow the path to Newlandrigg and turn left in the village. Turn right at the next road and left through a field gate, signed Tyne Esk Trail. The path winds through woods to Vogrie Country Park. Turn right down the main drive to Vogrie House. Keep the right of the house and follow a

Key Points of Interest

Vogrie House 1876
Crichton Castle 1400's & Church 1449

signed path to the Tyne Valley. Follow the sign down to the Middle Path, head right at the bottom of the steps, then left to the River Tyne. Do not cross the bridge, but continue upstream on the right to a bridge.

Cross and head up steps, turning right through woods to a grassy track. Turn right and keep left at the junction on this mown path. Go through 2 field gates and turn right on road, heading downhill. Just before the bridge, turn left through woods and up a steep bank to a stile. Cross this and head to the line of trees, passing two kissing gates and steps to Crichton Church. Head right along the vehicle track to Crichton Castle.



Crichton Castle

Take the grassy track downhill, on right, past the stable block to the River Tyne. At the bridge, cross and turn left along the river bank then right over a meadow to a steep slope of gorse. Head uphill, cross the stile and continue uphill to cross a wooden fence on the right, between the hedge and fence. Cross an old wire fence and head through woods to the railway bridge. Cross and head into the field

straight ahead, over a fence. Follow this fence and cross where possible, into the field on your right.

Continue ahead on the skyline keeping the hedge and fence to your left. Head for an old grassy vehicle track with two old gate posts. Once past these, veer left to the end of the line of a big tree. Pass through the gap in the fence onto a small animal track, which



Hogs back grave Crichton Church

meets the main path through Currie woods. Turn right and wind downhill. Turn left at the bottom of the slope opposite a house then right through two kissing gates onto the river path leading to the road. Turn right up the road, follow to the left, then turn first left, to the river. Borthwick Castle is opposite. Head right along the river, before the concrete bridge, crossing stiles to meet a road.

Cross the stile ahead and the next into the field. Go through the next fence and head along the river valley using various stiles and gates to a small hut on right. From here, veer right and towards the house and trees ahead. Follow the river towards the next bridge, where a stile meets the road and signed 'Gore Way'. Follow the river path through kissing gates and head right, as housing comes into view, to join a vehicle track on the left past houses. Continue straight ahead, keeping the river on your left, passing more housing to a road. Head left onto the main Gorebridge road and turn right, uphill to the station.

Walk

Gorebridge Express

Distance: 12miles / 19km

Ascent: 1200ft / 367m

Time: 5 1/2hours

Terrain – Rough ground •
Rough tracks • Off path • Off
road • Steep ground ••Muddy •
Remote • Quiet roads •

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: Gorebridge Rail-
way Station

Gr: NT 344 612

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: 49°49'41.57"N

Long: 007°31'03.66"W

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

Routes: Midlothian Ranger Service

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