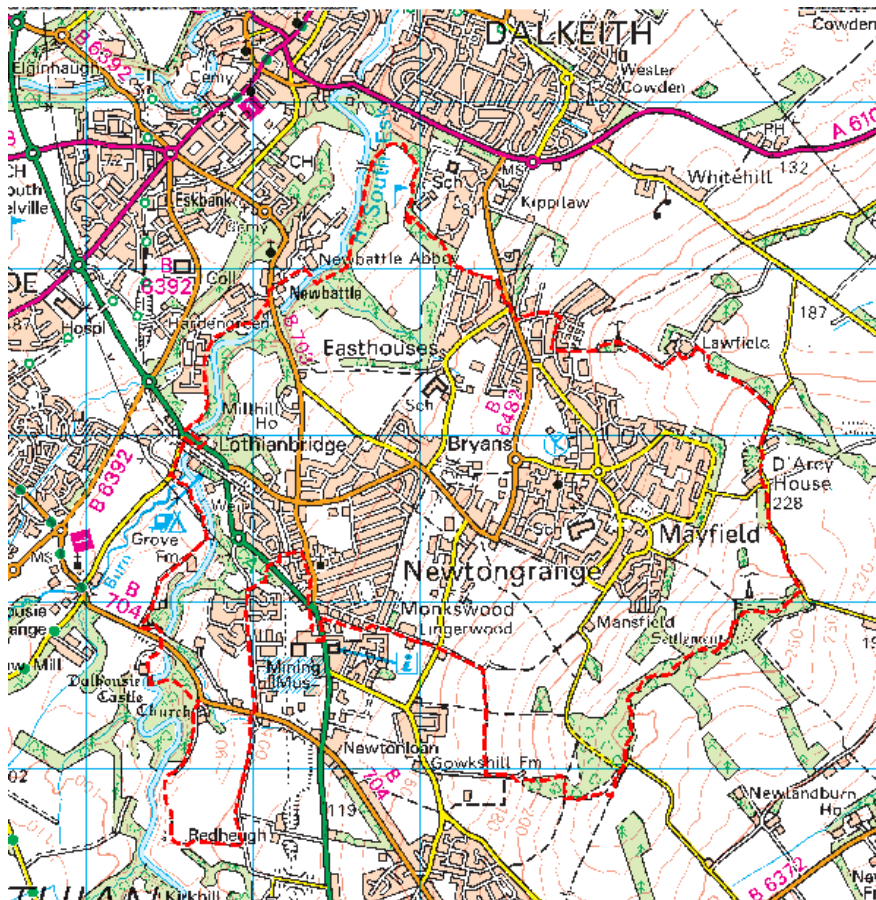


# Out and about in *Midlothian*



## Introduction

A route worth saving for fine weather, with views over The Forth and Midlothian's hilly hinterland from the Campwood Ridge.

## Route Details

Leave car park, turn left, cross road and take signed path to Bryans, on right, up the steps. Bear left at divide then right onto to road and turn right. Continue uphill, past Lingerwood Farm and across road to end of track. Turn right along field edge and turn left onto track, sometimes marked with Scot-

ways arrows, which bends to right then left. Continue rising to next cross roads and turn right then sharp left to cross stile. Turn left on ridgeline vehicle track which will cross road and follow sign to Edgehead on track.

Bear left at first gate before veering right through woodlands and various gates / stiles to reach road. Turn left and follow round to right to signed path 'Mayfield' on left. Follow path downhill and to left of Lawfield Farm. Bear right on track to pass mast and ahead passing Lawfield School on 'Old school Path'. Turn right onto Lawfield Road

## Key Points of Interest

**National Mining Museum** - The former Lady Victoria Colliery 1895-1981

**Dalhousie Castle** - Built for Ramsay de Dalwolsley in 1280

**Old Cockpen Kirk**—dates from the 13th century

and first left down Kippielaw Park. Continue downhill, bear right on tarred path, past finger post and head for main road.

Turn right and continue downhill, using the crossing point. At the second bus stop on left take the path with black handrail on the left. Continue downhill, past houses to a wall end. Bear right of wall and wind through woods. The path heads left, then left through a wall. Turn right and continue downhill, keeping golf course on left. At junction continue left and head downhill to river.

Continue on this side of river and cross wooden bridge on right, then head left to Abbey gates. Turn left on road, cross road at clock tower and take track opposite, to right of house. Follow on one of many branching routes with houses on right and river on left to road at Lothian Bridge.

Turn left and cross safely at Sun Inn before heading right, then left onto Carrington Road. Turn left at sign to Dalhousie Bridge and continue along river and past Groves Farm to Dalhousie Castle. Bear to left of Castle and over bridge to path with steps on left. Continue uphill and keep to left to cross stile over gate. Turn right and through 2 kissing gates, passing Old Cockpen Kirk on left. Head along small path to open grassland, heading



Old Cockpen Kirk

gently uphill. Turn left at wall end and through a tree lined track to gate. Turn left and along track, heading straight on to road.

Cross and continue into Butlerfield Ind. Estate, to far end. Bear right into housing estate and just past Jenks Loan, turn right. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> tarred path on left to road crossing. Turn right then first left (on private road) to railway bridge. Cross and keep straight ahead to Newtongrange Main Street. Head right, uphill to A7 and cross to Mining Museum.



Mining Museum

## Walk

Newtongrange Express

Distance: 12miles / 19km

Ascent: 1200ft / 366m

Time: 5 1/2 hours

Terrain – Rough ground • Rough tracks • Tarmac • Well marked path • Muddy • Quiet roads •

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: National Mining Museum, Newtongrange

Gr: NT 333 637

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: N 55.86249  
Long: W 03.06443

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

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