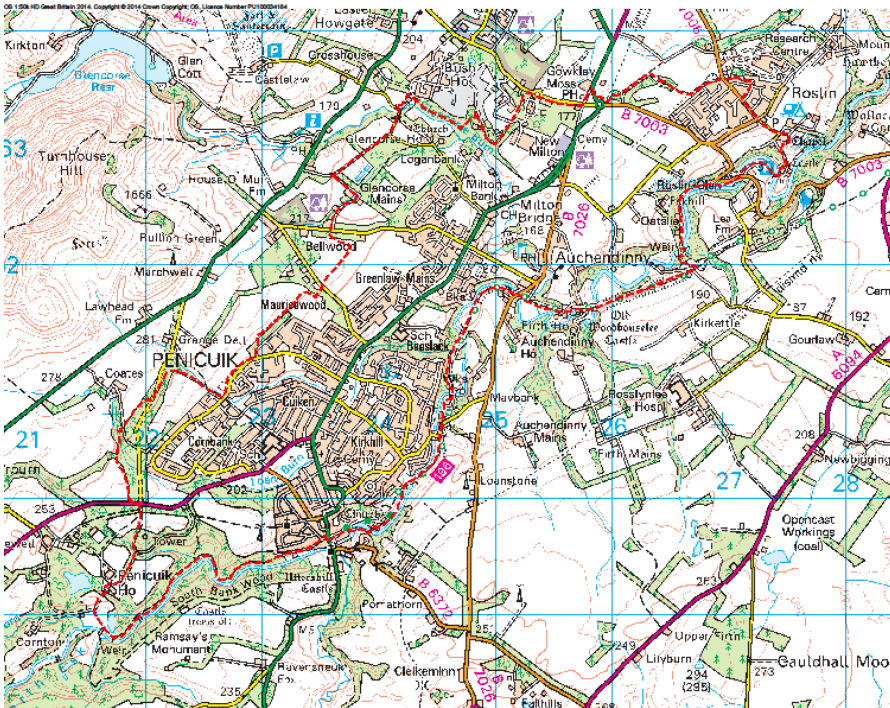


Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

A walk taking in Midlothian's former paper and gunpowder mill sites as well as the Clerk family home in Penicuik in the North Esk Valley.

Route Details

With The Original Roslin Hotel on right, head along Main Street and turn 2nd right onto Station Road. At dead end, having passed red bungalows, take hidden grass path on left then through tunnel and continue ahead. At 3 fingered sign head left along track to end of hedge and take gap through to woodlands on right.

Follow and turn right onto old road. Head to crossing point on main road. Cross and head left on road to restaurant. Pass and turn right following pavement on main road past Pentland Science Park. Head left at gap in hedge, next to grand metals gates

onto an informal path to meet a surfaced path. Turn left and follow, crossing a road ahead and follow path, to meet road end.

Continue ahead and turn left through a metal gate downhill. Cross bridge and turn left. Go down steps to pond and turn right then bear left, following the Milton burn ahead. At next junction, at fence, turn left downhill to meet road. Turn left, cross bridge and follow road to sign on right to Mauricewood.

Head straight along track and turn left at junction to Glencorse Mains, where you turn right to Belwood Road. Cross road and head into woodland (at sign to Mauricewood). Follow small

track through woodland to open grass-land where you bear left and head for house and tree line.

Turn right and follow grassy path along tree line, keeping high fence on your left to reach Mauricewood Road. Cross and just downhill of a redundant sign turn right to follow an informal track through woodland to a ditch. Cross then turn right uphill on grassy track. In 100 metres turn left at a big tree & follow wide grass path for ½ mile till path turns left through tree strip onto Deanburn Road. Turn right then right again onto Rullion Road. Continue to sign 'Lowries' Den circular on right. Head up path through housing and woodland.

Shortly after crossing minor road turn left. Cross farm road then downhill to cross small wooden bridge. Continue downhill, cross a major road then slightly left to car park for Penicuik Estate. Follow tar road to a large stone



Penicuik House

bridge, turn right and walk up to Penicuik House. Continue around the right side of the building, under small bridge and downhill via kissing gate. Take track left down past Low Pond then along left bank of river. Follow river for 1 mile then through white gate beside house. (Ignore the sign "No Access to Penicuik")

Continue down minor road to Bridge Street. Turn right then in 100m turn left, signed cycle route 196. Walk downhill for 150m then turn right over wooden bridge to Valleyfield pond.



Continue past the pond back to the river. Head along former railway, following blue route 196 cycle signs, through 2 tunnels and over the Firth Viaduct. In ½ mile turn left up steps at interpretation panel for Roslin Glen Gunpowder Mills.

Walk

Roslin to Penicuik—Paper and Powder

Distance: 13.5 miles / 22km

Ascent: 1500ft / 457m

Time: 6 hours

Terrain—Rough tracks.

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: Roslin Village, Main Street

Gr: NT 272 632

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: 49°49'42.05"N
Long: 007°31'07.32"W

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

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