**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. 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 grassland 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 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.

Descend path into Roslin Glen, cross The Esk and follow path gates. Cross road with CARE & continue downhill. Immediately after road bridge, turn left onto riverside path then downstream to bridge. Cross bridge and climb steep steps to join the entrance drive to Roslin Castle. Turn left up track.

After 150 metres (just before small iron gates on right), turn right up grassy path to Roslin Chapel. Circle round below it to right. Return to Roslin along the Chapel Loan.

**Key Points Of Interest**

- **Penicuik House**
- **Roslin Glen & Chapel**
- **River North Esk**

**Walk**

- **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

**Routes:** Midlothian Ranger Service

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