Out and about in Midlothian

Introduction
A lovely walk through the Esk Valley visiting historic designed landscapes, castles and wildlife watching sites.

Route Details
Start on School Green and head uphill on road to old school, now flats, on right. Turn left at path signed Polton 1 1/4 m. Follow up path, taking easier route to left of steps. Follow the crest of the steep ground, taking care of drop on either side. Continue ahead, following signs to Roslin. At the next 3 fingered sign, take a detour & explore Hewan Wood. See the information board for round trip to Maidens Castle. Now return to main path following signs to Roslin.

DO NOT attempt the river path, as this is blocked by fallen trees and steep, muddy bank sides. Follow the vehicle track to 3 large trees on right and veer right onto cycle path, also where track begins to descend. Head left, cross bridge and continue to Roslin Chapel, passing the site of the Battle of Roslin, following signs to and from village. Pass to the left and circumnavigate the chapel, going through a small kissing gate to a viewpoint. Veer left on grassy path, downhill to track and turn left to Roslin Castle. After a short detour to view, taking care over the high sided bridge, go down steps to river and cross bridge. Head right along river paths to road bridge and head right, uphill to bend.

Key Points of Interest
- Mavisbank Policies and House
- Hewan Wood and Maidens Castle
- Springfield Mill Wildlife Site
- Roslin Glen, Chapel and Castle

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Walk
North Esk Valley Circular

Distance: 12.5miles / 18.5km
Ascent: ft / m n/a
Time: 6 1/2hours

Terrain—Rough tracks • Off path • Low level • Muddy • Quiet roads •

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh
Start point: Lasswade Village, School Green
Gr: NT 303 661

For Sat Nav users:
Lat: N 55.88331
Long: W 3.19494

Public transport: Yes
Car Parking: Yes
Refreshments: Yes

Routes: Midlothian Ranger Service
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