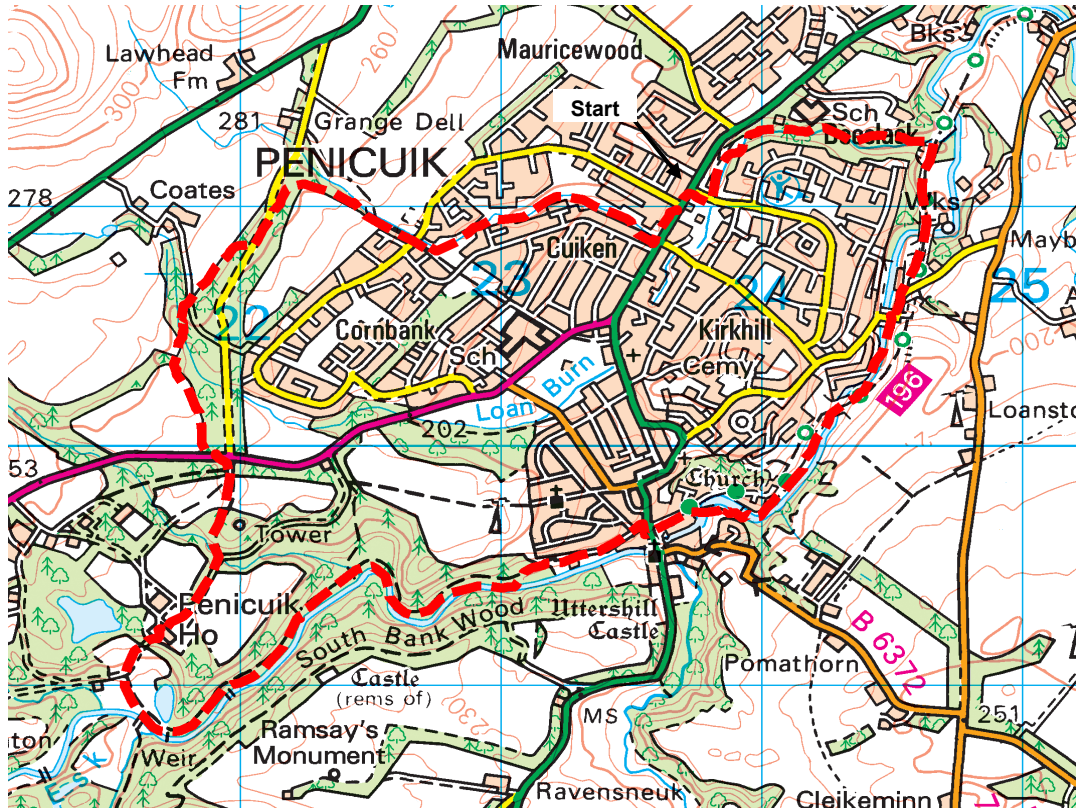


Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

A circular walk around Penicuik with only a few hundred metres on pavements. The rest is in the countryside, beside burns, mixed woodland and the more open ground of Penicuik Estate.

Route Details

Starting from Tesco on Edinburgh Rd, Penicuik, cross the main road at traffic lights and turn left. In 200 metres turn right signed Cuiken Glen Circuit. In 100m cross the burn and continue upstream. In ½ mile cross Rulion Rd. Continue uphill past sign for

Lowries Den circuit, beside the burn, past fields and into woodland. Further up, before the path bends left, note the deep-sided stone "bridge" with silver hand rails on your right. This is the Talla aqueduct, delivering drinking water to Edinburgh.

Now at the top of the hill, enjoy the woodland path. Shortly after crossing a minor road turn left, now with views to the Pentlands. Cross a farm road then downhill to a small wooden bridge. Cross the burn into the woods of Lowries Den. Continue downhill, cross a major road then slightly left to the car park for Penicuik estate.

Now walk down the estate tar road to a large stone bridge, turn right and walk up to Penicuik house. Sadly this burned down in 1899 but recently the stonework been partly restored and stabilised.

The path now continues around the right side of the building, under a small bridge and down to the valley through a kissing gate. After the gate, take the track left down past Low Pond then along the left bank of the river passing the recently renovated "Roman Bridge". Follow the river for 1 mile to a rusty white gate before a house. Go through the kissing gate, passing be-



Penicuik House



Woodland path

Key Points of Interest

Entirely country paths and Mature woodland

Penicuik House, burnt down in 1899. The remaining structure has been stabilised.

"Roman Bridge" also recently renovated

Walk or Cycle

Penicuik Circular

Distance: 6½ miles / 10.5 km

Ascent: 600 ft / 180 m

Time: 3 hours

Terrain – Off road • Tar and earth paths • Muddy in places after rain •

Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point:

Gr: NT 237 610

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: N 55.83621

Long: W 03.21839

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

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