



## Out and about in *Midlothian*

### Key Points of Interest

Strenuous Walk from Penicuik town to highest point of Pentlands

Open grounds of Penicuik Estate

Woodland paths to Silverburn

Memorial to battle of Rullion Green

wards up Carnethy Hill then down to the col before Turnhouse Hill. Turn right through gate then down path on left side of wall. As ground levels, continue on faint path half left, over a gate then over a small rise (old fort). Continue in same direction down through gate then towards right end of conifer wood ahead. At end of short walled track, walk left along edge of wood to Battle of Rullion Green memorial. Now head down towards white cottage and field gate then track to main road. Cross directly across road to left side of fence ahead (beware fast traffic). Follow line of fence ahead then cross a ditch about 10m down from fence.

Return to fence line, continue along trees, over a broken fence into beech wood and on in same direction by fence to large open grassland. Turn right on wide grass track. Continue following grassland margin onto a smaller path then over small ditch/stream.

Continue for 80m then right to cross through conifer strip to old beech avenue. Turn left to reach farm road. Cross into left field. Follow field margin to lower far corner. Cross metal fence onto Talla aqueduct bridge then up to path. Turn left down towards Penicuik. From here continue downhill in a straight line for ½ mile, crossing two minor roads, past right of Cuiken Primary school and on down past conifer trees to Penicuik High school. Cross ahead to the right hand gates into Penicuik Park. Continue on Jackson St. At the far end pass through the small vennel of Lamb's Pend to reach your starting point.

## Walk

Penicuik, South Black Hill, Scald Law and Carnethy

Distance: 9 miles / 14 km

Ascent: 2,000 ft / 600 m

Time: 4¼ hours

**Terrain** – Easy low level start • then Steep on faint animal tracks • Open hill • Steep descents • Open grassland • Sometimes muddy •

Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: Penicuik Town Hall, High St., Penicuik

Gr: NT 236 599

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: N 55.82632  
Long: W 03.21968

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

Route: Ian Brown

## Introduction

**An energetic walk starting in Penicuik crossing Penicuik Estate then on up to the highest part of the South Pentland Ridge. Return via Rullion green and the Covenanters' memorial.**

**Map & compass are essential for navigation in poor visibility on the Pentlands.**

## Route Details

Start at Penicuik Town Hall, High Street, Penicuik. Cross the pedestrian crossing then turn left. Now continue onto West Street then ahead up Broomhill Road, past St James Episcopal church to a gate and stile. Cross onto grass hill. Follow track to top then across to a stile into woodland beyond. Follow path right to tar estate road. Turn left then immediately right onto path

around right side of field to reach Penicuik House car park. Cross main road diagonally left to path signed Silverburn. In ¼ mile, at small stream left to a stile into field. Walk around right field margin to stile (right) before the road. Cross stile then across bridge (Talla aqueduct), up steps then on through woodland. At road, turn right to Silverburn. Cross directly across busy main road onto track between houses and through gate. Continue on track past entrance to quarry then round to left and up. 60 metres before top of this track look right for a small pile of stones marking the beginning of a narrow grass path working its way up the ridge of South Black Hill. In 150m keep left of a deep crater. Continue to top and stone windbreak.

Continue in the same direction, dropping briefly before ascending to a path T-junction, then right to summit of Scald Law and trig point (200m). Now continue in same direction for 1½ miles, down, over stile, on-