Introduction
Walk from the village of Gorebridge, down the valley of the Gore Water then up the secluded valley of the South Esk and Arniston Estate to Temple. The return passes Arniston House with fine views of Midlothian’s farming landscape.

Route Details
Start at the highest point on Hunterfield Rd, Gorebridge opposite Gorebridge Parish Church. Follow the green sign down past houses and playing fields. At the last house the path continues into woodland ahead then round right to the Borders Railway until the footbridge on the left. Cross the bridge then down into the trees. After 50 metres turn left for 20 metres then right and steeply down into Gore Glen. Follow the Gore Water downstream to reach the South Esk (½ mile).

At a Y-fork cross small stone bridge (right) to follow the river. After the high road bridge above, turn left up steps. Turn right before additional smaller steps ahead. Continue down then up through conifer woodland eventually climbing to a wall and door opposite Temple church. Visit the church cemetery and its interpretation board (history of the area and the Knights Templar).

Return by the same route until the small stone bridge and Y-fork. Turn right, then in 50 metres turn left uphill. At the top after a small wooden gate, turn right on mown grass path. At the centre of the meadow turn left to Arniston House. Walk round the right side of the house then left to its front and admire its grandeur. Now turn right onto the main entrance drive, then in 50m left at X-roads onto tractor track between fields. Continue for ½ mile, passing through several gates. Just after second bridge then gate, turn right on tractor track across woodland then gate into field and up to Arniston Mains farm.

This part of the walk is often grazed, close all gates securely.

Just before the farm buildings, turn left along a grassy tractor road heading towards Gorebridge. After ½ mile and several gates, turn right up woodland strip to Gorebridge - Temple road. Turn left. Cross major road junction and on downhill. At sharp left bend in road, keep right down between houses to cross the Gore Water. Now turn left down smaller path on river bank. Join minor road, turn left and immediately right then up Main Street past shops and back to your starting point.

Key Points of Interest

Views of the Pentlands from Borders Line footbridge
Temple Church and its connections to the Knights Templar
Arniston House — An imposing Palladian style mansion house, completed in 1750.

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