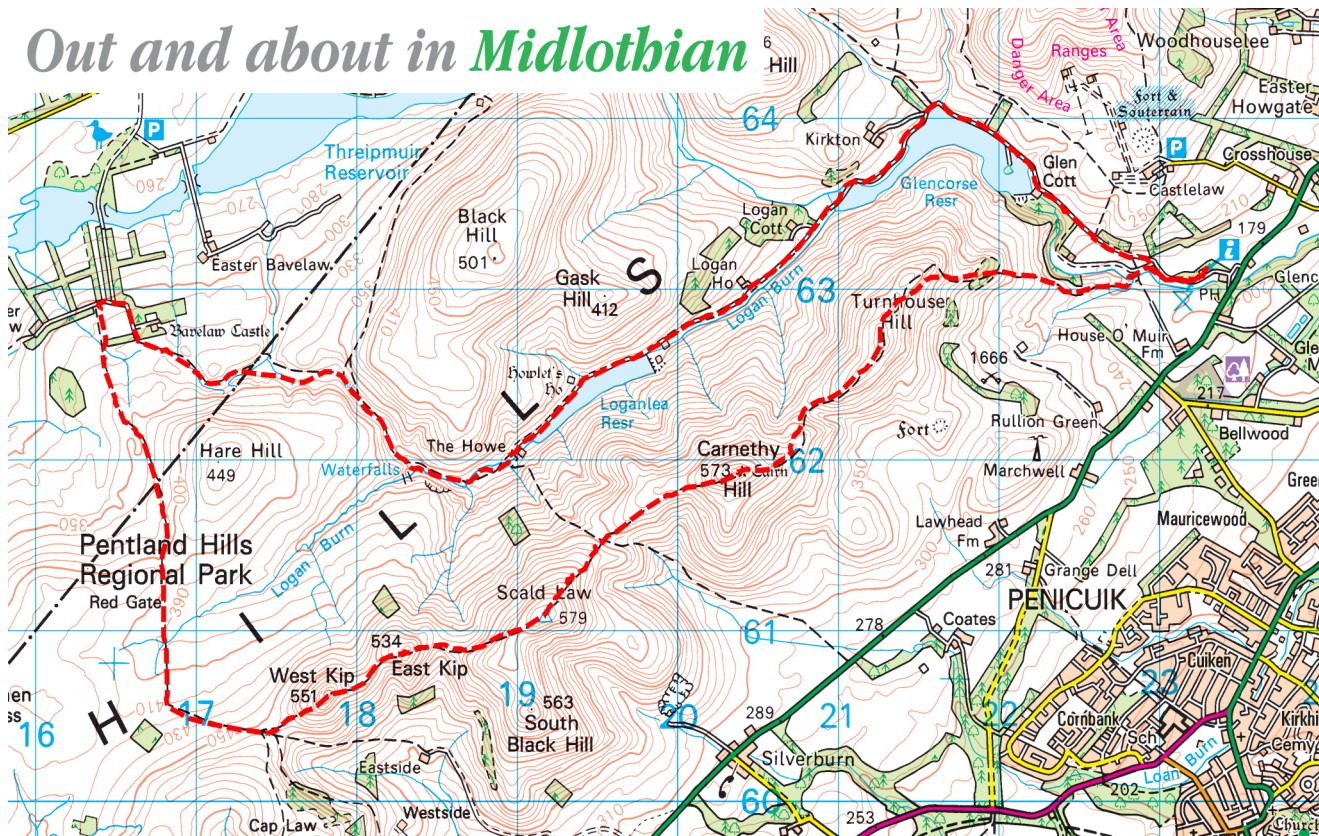


Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

The ultimate Pentlands high level walk taking in the high tops of the South ridge. Pick a clear day and see the Border hills, Goat Fell on Arran in the Clyde and the Southern Highland Munros. Return by low level moorland, then the attractive Green Cleugh. Finally, Loganlea and Glencorse reservoirs.

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

Route Details

Leave the car park beside the Flotterstone visitor centre and follow the path through the trees. 50 metres beyond the end of this path, turn left through a gate signed Scald Law etc. After 150 metres turn left over a footbridge signed Scald Law then bear right.

The path now heads uphill, gently at first then more steeply, eventually reaching Turnhouse Hill and its small cairn. For the next 3 miles, the path follows the skyline ahead of you over the next four tops.

Continue on the path over a small rise then descend to a fence, through a gate and climb to the summit of Carnethy Hill and its large cairn. Continue along this main path descending to a fence and stile. Cross this fence and climb to summit of Scald Law and its trig point. From the

top of Scald Law, the obvious path continues in the same direction. After a short distance the path splits. Take the right fork which descends along the right side of the ridge then steeply up over the summits of East then West Kip.

Continuing, the path drops steeply until you reach level ground and a number of tracks. At this junction turn right signed Balerno. Follow this wide track for the next 2 miles until a vehicle road is reached in woodland. Turn right signed Balerno. In 200m continue onto

Key Points of Interest

Scald Law at 1900 ft (579m.) is the highest top of the Pentland Hills.

Green Cleugh and Logan Burn waterfall.

Fascinating geology - Look for leaflet at Flotterstone Visitor Centre



Loganlea reservoir from Scald Law

a tar road, then right, uphill to a gate back on to open ground. Turn ½ left signed Penicuik.

This obvious track now heads through Green Cleugh passing through two gates, criss-crossing the small burn before turning left over the burn just before a white house. From here the tar road takes you all the way back to

Flotterstone car park, passing Loganlea reservoir (note the grass path behind the wall on right) then Glencorse Reservoir.

Walk

South Pentland Ridge

Distance: 12 miles / 19.3 km

Ascent: 2,700 ft / 835m

Time: 6¼ hours

Terrain –

- Good grass and earth paths •
- Steep ascent / descent •
- Return road on Tarmac •

Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point:

Flotterstone Visitor Centre off A 702 south west of Edinburgh.

Gr: NT 233 631

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: N 55.85502
Long: W 03.22537

Public transport: Limited

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes

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