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

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