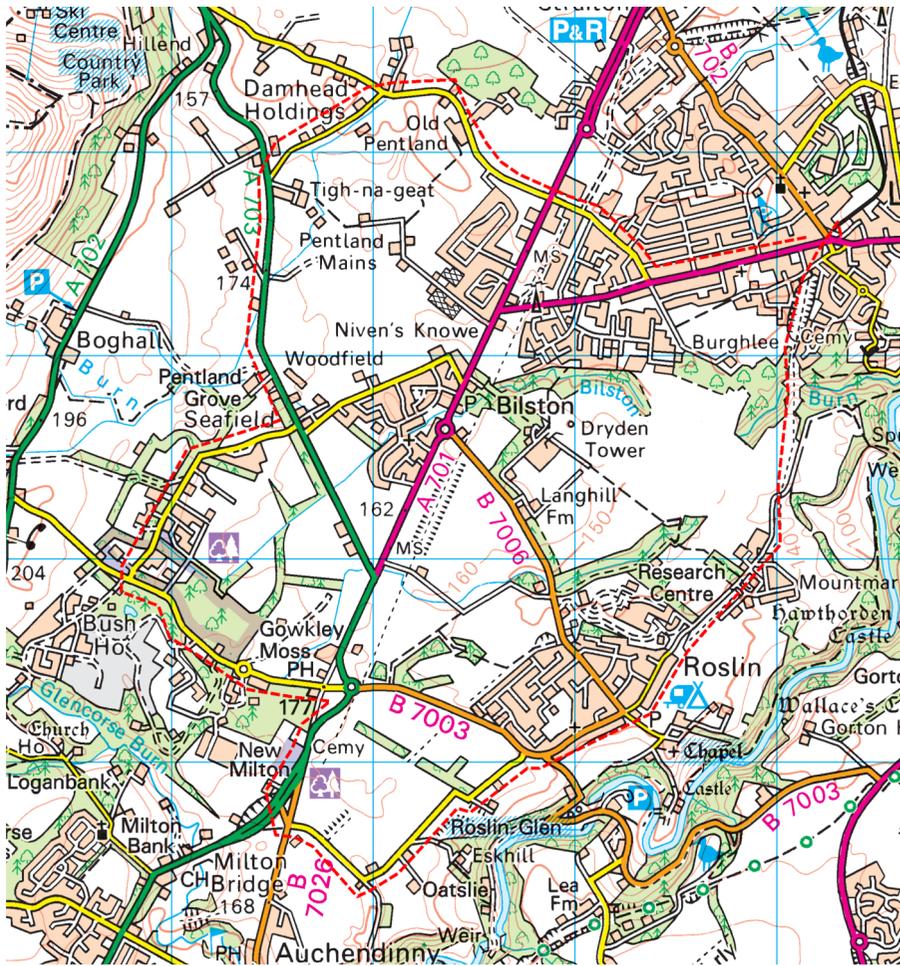


Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

This is a short level ride, suitable for a quick evening run after work, or for combining with a visit to Roslin Chapel and/or Castle. Apart from a mile or so of the busy A703, the routes keeps to relatively quiet roads and cycle paths and much of it has a rural feel.

Route Details

Join the cyclepath at the north west corner of the car park and turn left (south). This takes you to the Bliston

Glen Viaduct over a spectacular ravine, then after 1.5 miles to Roslin Institute and into the village. Continue straight on.

If visiting the chapel or the castle turn left at the crossroads in the centre of the village, otherwise continue straight on. Ignoring the first left turn (down into Roslin Glen) take the next left taking in the former Oatsllie Sand Quarry.

At the end of this road cross the B7026 Auchendinny Road and at the lights go straight over the A701 to join

Key Points of Interest

Rosslyn Chapel

Dating from the 15th century this is Midlothian's most well known historic building with visitors coming from all over the world.

Rosslyn Castle

Built mainly around 1450 it is a partially ruined castle located within 200m of Rosslyn Chapel. It is not open to public visits but can be viewed from a distance.

Old Pentland Cemetery

The Gibsons burial vault was built in 1839 and there is an 18th-century watch house, used to guard against body snatchers. There are several medieval cross-slabs in the cemetery.

the pavement beside the dual carriageway heading past Glencorse Cemetery. Keep to the old road where the new road swings right, then return left for the Bush Estate.

Go straight on at the first roundabout, then take the next right past the veterinary hospitals to reach the A703.

Turn left and continue on the main road for about a mile, then turn right (with care!) into a narrow road to Damhead which is signposted to Old Pentland.

At the next junction turn right again and continue by the Old Pentland Cemetery to the A701. Go straight across and keep in the outside lane, turn right on the bend but, instead of turning into the



View of Rosslyn Castle



Entrance to Old Pentland Cemetery

Cycle

Loanhead Roslin Circular

Distance: 8 miles / 13 km

Ascent: Negligible

Time: 1.5 hours plus stops

Terrain – Off road path • Low level • Tarmac • Minor Roads • Main road •

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: Car park at Station Road in Loanhead.

Gr: NT 28320 65603

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: 55.878230
Long: -3.1472812

Public transport: No, unless have folding bike.

Car Parking: Station Road, Loanhead. Toilets nearby.

Refreshments: Roslin and Loanhead

Routes: JC

Photos: JK