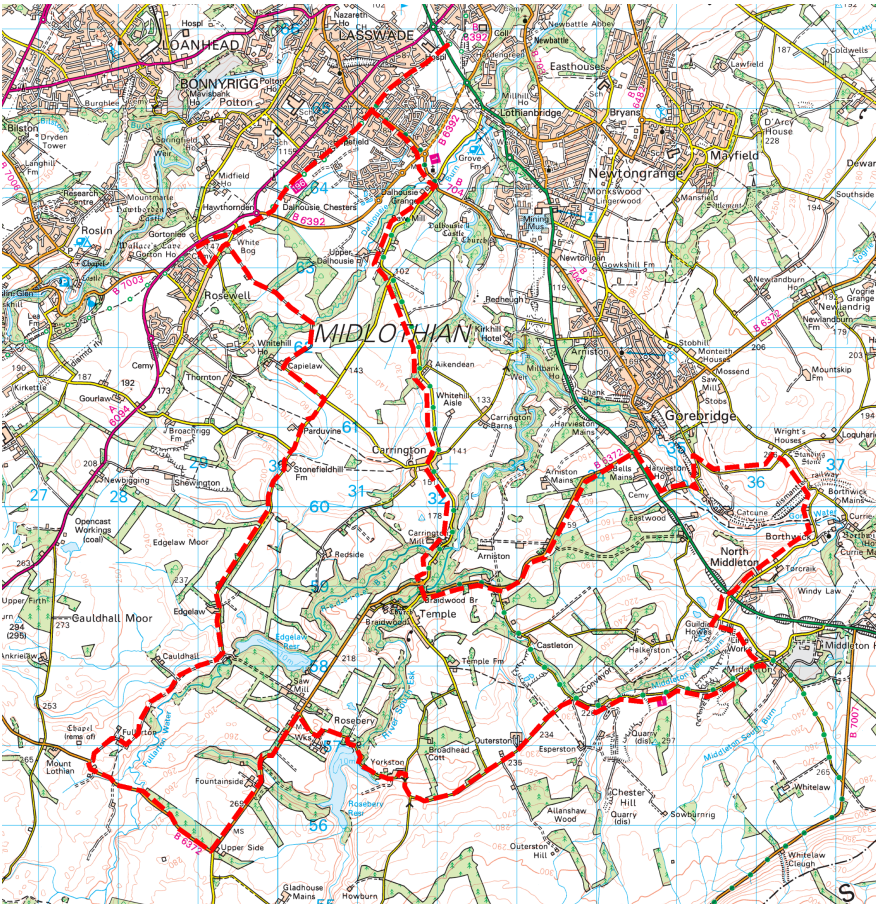


Out and about in Midlothian



Introduction

A 26 mile cycle along some of Midlothian's byways without many highways (see next page for larger map).

Route Details

Start by the Tesco car park in Bonnyrigg. (If cycling from Edinburgh use National Cycle Route 1 to Bonnyrigg). Follow the cycle path to Rosewell. Turn left at the cemetery just before Rosewell. Cycle along this short road until you reach Carnethie Street. Turn left along Carnethie Street for around 200m then turn right along a track.

Follow the track for around a mile when it swings around to the cottages called Capielaw. Cycle another 100m until a junction just past the cottages. Turn left at the junction and follow the track until you reach a tarmac road after around 300m.

Turn right along the tarmac road heading south west for around 400m until you reach a bend in the road.

Head straight on at the bend towards Edgelaw Reservoir. Follow the road until you reach the reservoir where you might wish to stop and take a look.

After the reservoir continue along the road which quickly changes into a track. After around a mile the track swings right into the farmyard of Fullerton Farm. Cycle straight through the farmyard until the track turns left. Follow the track for a further 300m until you meet a tarmac road.

Turn left here and cycle for 2 miles until the road turns sharp left. Follow this road for a further mile and a half until reaching a right turn to Roseberry Filters. Take the right turn and follow the road through to Yorkston. At the junction in Yorkston turn right. After around 200m take the first left.

Follow this road past Outerston and after around 3 miles you will reach a crossroads just before Middleton. Turn left at the crossroads following National Cycle Route 1 for around 3/4 mile until a sharp right turn in the road. Swing right here towards the A7. On reaching the junction of this fast busy

road take care to cross into North Middleton.

Go straight through North Middleton until the road descends into Borthwick. Before reaching Borthwick Castle turn left. Follow the road for around one mile until you reach a crossroads. Turn left here and follow the road back to the A7. Cycle along the A7 which is very busy (or use the pavement) until Gorebridge and then take the turn signed for Temple and Penicuik.

Follow the road for around 2½ miles until just before Temple where the road take a right turn over the Braidwood bridge. Immediately after the bridge take the right turn to Carrington some 11½ miles away.

After Carrington follow the signs to Bonnyrigg around 4 miles away. As you enter Bonnyrigg go past Cockpen Church and cemetery and go straight across at the nearby roundabout. As you come into the centre of Bonnyrigg look for signs to Penicuik to Bonnyrigg Cycle Path. On reaching the path take a right turn and head to your start point around 1 mile away.

Key Points of Interest

- Temple Kirk
- Borthwick Castle
- Arniston House
- Roseberry Filters
- Edgelaw Reservoir



Roseberry Filters



Temple Village

Cycle

Midlothian South 2

Distance: 26 miles / 42km

Ascent: moderate climbs

Time: 3.5 hours plus stops

Terrain – Off road path • Tarmac • Open hill • Rough Tracks • Remote • Minor roads

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: In car park outside Tesco.

Gr: NT 32181 65843

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: 55.880944
Long: -3.0856350

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Bonnyrigg, Rosewell, Gorebridge,

Routes: AR

Photos: JK

