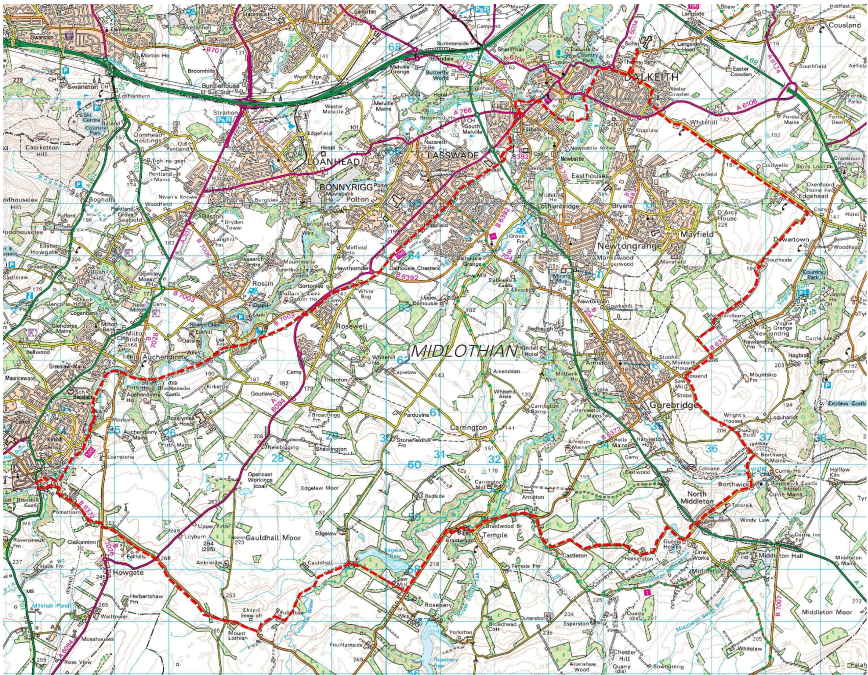


Out and about in *Midlothian*



Introduction

Along cycle paths and minor roads this is a good day cycle making a great day out taking in some of Midlothian's more remote locations (see next page for larger map).

Route Details

Start at Eskbank Station if coming by train and head towards National Cycle Route 1 where the route begins at the footbridge over the A7. If cycling use NCR! To get to the footbridge. If coming by car there is nearby parking. (See larger maps on Page 2)

Once over the footbridge continue along the cycle path for around 6 miles until you reach Valleyfield Pond at Penicuik. Continue until you reach a junction with the main road through the town. At this point you might wish to stop off to look around Penicuik Estate which is nearby.

Otherwise turn left at the junction and

after a short distance turn left up the hill along Pomathorn Road which is quite narrow and has a steep hill.

Continue up the hill until you reach the B 7026.

Cross the road and go straight ahead to the B 6094. Cross straight ahead here along the road signposted for Gorebridge. Continue for approximately 1½ miles until the access road to Fullarton farm. Turn left along the farm track and then right through the farmyard and then swing left towards Edgelaw Reservoir.

Just before reaching the reservoir take the track to the right (which can be muddy) and cycle up the hill. After



Vogrie House



Weir at Roslin Glen

approximately ¾ mile you will reach a road junction.

Turn left along the road to Temple and immediately after Braidwood Farm take the right turn down towards Temple Kirk which, when reached, is a nice place to stop.

After the kirk continue up the hill until you reach a T-junction. Turn left down the hill until you reach a T-junction. Take the right turn towards Gorebridge. After about ½ mile take the right turn signed for Castleton and Outerston which is currently part of NCR1.

Follow this road through Castleton and Halkerston until you reach the A7 at North Middleton. Cross this busy road carefully then head through North Middleton on to Borthwick. Once through Borthwick follow the road for around a mile or so until the junction at Mossend which is also signposted to Vogrie Country Park. Turn right to follow the sign to Vogrie.

Turn left after around ¼ mile on the

Interest Points
Roslin Glen Country Park
Along the Penicuik Cycle Path

Vogrie Country Park
An award winning park with plenty to do and cafe may be open

Penicuik Estate
Worth a detour to have look around

Edgelaw Reservoir
A good spot for a rest and a picnic

road to Mayfield. On reaching a small cottage after another few hundred metres take the track to the right. Continue along the track for around ¾ mile until the junction at Southside Farm. Turn right at the junction taking the road to Edgehead.

On reaching Edgehead turn left. Continue along this road for 2 miles or so until you reach a junction. Cross the road to the pavement on the other side. A few meters to the left along the pavement there is an opening. Using Insert Map 1 map on Page 2 go through the housing area and until you reach NCR1. Once on NCR 1 follow the path though to Riverside Park (the park by the river) and on to the A68. Dismount and cross the A68 and then remount on the other side of the road to cycle through Waterfall Park. At the stone bridge turn left and then follow the cycle signs (See Insert Map 2) back to the footbridge over the A7 or the train station.

Cycle

Midlothian South 1

Distance: 26miles / 43km

Ascent: 938ft / 286m

Time: 4 hours + stops

Terrain – Off road • One steep ascent • Low level • Tarmac • Minor roads • Almost no main road cycling •

OS Map: No 66 Edinburgh

Start point: Eskbank Station.

Gr: NT 34635 67959

For Sat Nav users:

Lat: 55.900290
Long: -3.0469367

Public transport: Yes

Car Parking: Yes

Refreshments: Yes (Dalkeith, Lasswade, Penicuik, Gore-bridge)

Routes: JC/JK

Photos: JK

