Introduction
A walk through a landscape dominated by historic castles and the dramatic evidence of erupting volcanoes over 300 million years ago, glaciers, and the mining of coal and lime.

Route details– Red line on map marks route.
Start from Vogrie House and follow a path (signposted Alderdean/Tyne Valley) 200m to crossroads. Follow sign (Middle Walk) downhill with steps (100m) to junction with Middle Walk. Turn right and continue down steps 100m and over slab causeway to junction with River Tyne. Do not cross the bridge, but turn right upstream (signposted Crichton 1.3m) to a bridge (100m). Cross bridge and head up steps, turning right through woods to a grassy track. Proceed along path about 1.5km through limestone working to arrive at tarmac Colegate road. Turn right on for 100m and, just before the bridge, turn left onto path (curvilinear sign with green arrow) towards woods and up a steep bank to a stile (100m). Proceed along path on hillside lined by beeches passing two kissing gates and up steps – from here you can see Borthwick Castle to the south - to Crichton Kirk. From Crichton Kirk head south along broad track to Crichton Castle (500m), then onto grassy track 150m past stables on the left, and descend steep track 100m to burn. Cross plank bridge and continue along track for 100m to another burn and cross bridge with ropes. From here onwards the walk frequently goes through fields used by farm animals, sheep, horses and cattle, even bulls. Here dogs should be kept on a short lead as per the Countryside Code. Then head upstream through woods and up a steep slope. At foot of hill double back to the left towards Gore Water and walk downstream through a woods. At foot of hill double back to the left towards Gore Water and walk downstream through woods. At foot of hill double back to the left towards Gore Water and walk downstream through woods. At foot of hill double back to the left towards Gore Water and walk downstream through woods.

Key Points of Interest
Vogrie Country Park
Crichton and Borthwick Castles
The Gore Valley
Panorama of extinct volcanoes
to railway station (3.5 km). Then go north up Main Street to junction with Hunter Square (200m), then onto road and track past (500m) to junction with Barleyknowe Road. Turn left and then right onto track (signposted Camp Wood ½ mile). Proceed uphill along track to T-junction and double bend (1 km). Turn right along tarmac road for 50 m and then on to the track (signposted Newlandrig 2.6 km), which continues uphill through scrubland and woods for 1km to corner of Camp Wood (below) with metal gate. Turn right downhill (signposted Newlandrig) along wood for 500 m. Turn left at end and arrive at metal gate after 100m. Turn right and continue downhill 900 m along wood and fence for 900 m to road junction with brick buildings on right. Continue downhill on track (signposted Newlandrig ½ mile) to arrive in village on B6372. Turn left for a few metres up main road, then right and through gate onto track through wood parallel to B6372 to Vogrie Park (1 km). Follow signs to Vogrie House (500m).

For information on the geology of this walk go to http://www.edinburghgeolsoc.org/downloads/GeologyWalk-Crichton.pdf To EDIT http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/