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Discover 9 wonderful miles from Dalkeith to Penicuik

This 9 mile route follows National Route 1 and Regional Route 73 and takes you on a pleasant country ramble between two Lothian towns. From **Dalkeith Country Park**, the route goes through the centre of Dalkeith and then turns onto the old Waverley railway line and follows mainly traffic-free paths through Bonnyrigg and Rosewell to Penicuik. The whole route is a haven for wildflowers and wildlife, so keep your eyes open. As you head out of Dalkeith you pass the remains of the once fine Eskbank and Dalkeith Railway Station, which closed in 1969.

West of Rosewell, the route crosses open country, with fine views of the Pentland Hills and Moorfoot Hills to either side. To the north-west, you can also see the large barn-like structure that currently protects historic **Rosslyn Chapel**, built in 1446 and famed for its carvings and associations with Templars and with the best selling novel - The Da Vinci Code. Further along the track, past the old Rosslyn Castle station, there is access to the **Roslin Glen Country Park**, where footpaths lead to Rosslyn Chapel, Rosslyn Castle and the remains of what was once Scotland's largest gunpowder works. You have to carry your bike down steps to reach the park.

The cycle route continues along the old railway line (closed in 1951), through woodland, farmland, and tunnels towards Penicuik. You can take one of several footpaths that lead into the centre of Penicuik or continue to the end of the track near the A701.

NOTE: The track between Bonnyrigg and Penicuik can be muddy, so wear appropriate clothing and footwear!

Accommodation:

Youth Hostel - Edinburgh www.syha.org.uk

Caravan Club - Roslin and Edinburgh
www.caravanclub.co.uk

This route starts on the **Coast and Castles Cycle Route**. To buy the Coast and Castles map, visit the Sustrans shop: www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk

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Dalkeith to Penicuik

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Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

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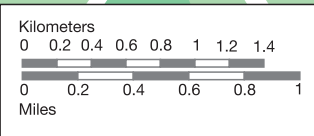
- take responsibility for your own actions;
- respect the interests of other people;
- care for the environment.

Find out more by visiting www.outdooraccess-scotland.com or phoning your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



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- Traffic-free sections
- On road sections
- Link path
- Access point
- Take care section (Busy road)
- Take care
- Tourist attraction
- Public house / Shop
- Cafe / Post office
- Bike shop / Toilet
- Parking / Golf course
- Tourist information



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