

BENEATH THE THREE BRIDGES

(17.4 MILES, 28KM)

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ROUTE DETAILS



LEVEL Intermediate ▲▲

DESCRIPTION Minor roads, gravel canal towpath and cycle paths. Confidence in traffic required in Queensferry.

TIME 2 – 3 hours

VIEWPOINTS / ATTRACTIONS

- A** HOUSE OF THE BINNS
EH49 7NA
- B** BLACKNESS CASTLE
EH49 7NH
- C** HOPETOUN HOUSE
EH30 9RW
- D** FORTH BRIDGES VIEWPOINT
EH30 9TA

ROUTE PROFILE

Total Ascent 259m Highest Point 96m



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Suburban roads quickly give way to rural lanes as you climb up from the Firth of Forth and enter the grounds of Dundas Castle. Continue in a westerly direction along quiet lanes before passing under the busy M9, where a track on the right leads you to the Union Canal.

Follow the towpath west for 4.5 miles to Philpstoun, and then head north to Blackness, and the dramatic Blackness Castle. The route now heads east following the NCN76 through the grounds of Hopetoun House, and along the estuary foreshore.

Enjoy increasingly spectacular views of the three bridges as you cycle beneath their massive structures before arriving in South Queensferry, just a short ride from your start point at Dalmeny Station.

For those wanting less time in the saddle, the route can be shortened to 10.3 miles (16.5 km) by following the shortcut indicated on the map.

ROUTE LEVEL CLASSIFICATIONS

Introductory ▲

DISTANCE <15 KM
TERRAIN FEW TO NO HILLS

Intermediate ▲▲

DISTANCE 15-35 KM
TERRAIN SOME HILLS

Challenging ▲▲▲

DISTANCE >35 KM
TERRAIN HILLY

THE DISTANCES MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM THE CLASSIFICATION DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF HILLS AND THE NATURE OF THE ROUTE

FRIENDLY STOPS

THE LOBSTER POT

18 The Square, Blackness, EH49 7NL
01506 830086



THE STABLES KITCHEN

Hopetoun House, South Queensferry,
EH30 9RW
0131 331 2451



MANNA HOUSE BAKERY & PATISSERIE

45-46 High St, Queensferry, EH30 9PP
0131 331 1661



THE RAILBRIDGE

4 Newhalls Rd, South Queensferry,
EH30 9TA
0131 331 1996

