

Gifford to Bolton – Pedlars Way

Start: Gifford village centre
Finish: Bolton
Distance: 4km / 2²/₃ miles
Time: 1 ½ hours each way
Terrain: Paths, tracks, pavements and quiet roads.

Description: This walk follows the Colstoun Water through woodland and farm land.

Directions: Leave the village along the road-side path on the B6369 Haddington road. In about 600 metres, after crossing the Sandyford Burn, go through the gate on your left and follow the path along the river. You will go through a wooden kissing gate into a field and then another gate to follow a track through woodland. The path passes below Colstound Old Mill and then climbs up through woodland then emerges onto a farm track through arable fields down to Bolton.



Points of interest: **1. Gifford** – dating from the 17th century, the village was built to replace the village of Bothans, which was demolished to make way for a walled park around Yester House.

2. Yester Church – Yester Church was built in 1710 to replace the Kirk of Bothans which is in the grounds of Yester House. The new church contains the bell from Kirk of Bothans dating from 1492.

3. Bolton Church – Dating from 1806, but built on the foundations of an earlier church. The mother, brother and sister of Robert Burns are buried in the churchyard.

Public transport: There is an occasional bus service to Gifford and Bolton.

Local Services: Gifford has various shops, pubs, coffee shop and public toilets.

