

Gullane Circular

Start & Finish: Gullane Bents Car Park

Distance: 7.5 Km / 5 Miles

Time: 2 - 2 ½ hours

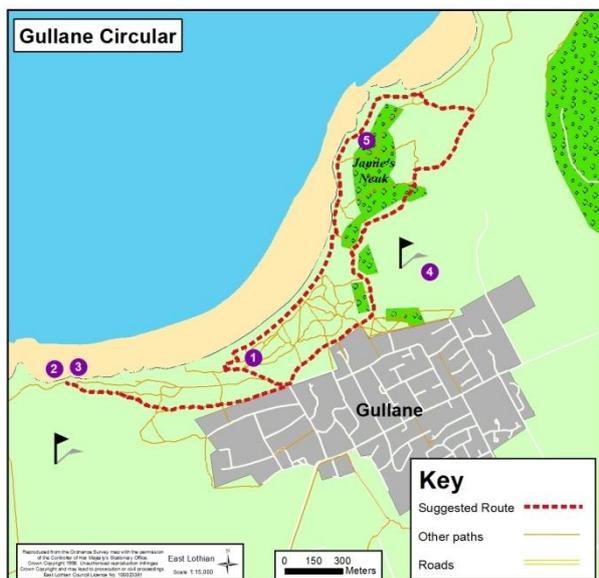
Terrain: Grassy paths and tracks, sandy beach

Directions: Cross the car park to the south –west corner and walk through the



narrow ‘vennel’ path leading to Hill Road. Turn right to the top of the road and go through the metal gate, where there is a waymarked trail across Gullane Hill and the golf course. Continue on this as the path descends to a junction with another path signed for “Gullane Point” (W) and “Gullane Bents” (E). Take the first of these options out to the rocky promontory. After taking in the fine views of Gullane Point retrace your steps back to the signposts, this time following the route for “Gullane Bents” back to the car park. The walk can be shortened at this point, however for a longer walk continue on the mown-grass path out of the car park to Marine Terrace. Take the waymarked trail from Marine Terrace, and after approximately 1K bear to the right at a junction of paths. The path eventually goes through a wood before meeting a wide track, which you should turn left onto to round a small prominence. Continue on this track past the ruins of a building by a stone wall, and head towards the Black Rocks and the beach. Continue along the path by the beach until you reach the path leading back to the car park.

Points of Interest: **1. Gullane Bents** – much of the dune area has been replanted with sea buckthorn to combat the constant threat of erosion. Large flocks of fieldfares can be seen feeding on this in winter. Wild flowers such as viper’s bugloss can be seen in the nutrient poor soils.



2. Tank traps Defensive relics of WWII

3. Good views Out over Gullane Point and the Firth of Forth

4. Muirfield Golf Course Host to the Open Championship

5. St Patrick’s Chapel Known to have been in existence in the early part of the 16th century

Public Transport: Regular bus service to Gullane on the Edinburgh – North Berwick coastal route.

Local Services: There are shops, cafes, restaurants and public toilets in Gullane.