

Longniddry to Haddington along the Railway Walk



Start: Longniddry Rail Station

Finish: Haddington

Distance: 6.6 Km / 4 Miles (one way)

Time: 2 – 2 ½ hours

Terrain: Well surfaced wide and level path

Directions: From Longniddry Rail station head east along the B1377 and cross the road to follow the signs for the Railway Walk. Follow the signs and pass the dog kennels to join the Railway Walk. Continue for 7Km / 4 ½ miles to the end of the Railway Walk at the bridge at Alderston Road, Haddington. From here turn right to descend to West Road (B6471). Turn left here and follow the road for a further kilometre to the centre of Haddington.

Points of Interest: 1. Former Railway Line This branch line was opened in 1846 and carried passengers and farm produce from Haddington and the surrounding area to Edinburgh. The passenger service was closed in 1949 due to increased use of buses and cars, with freight trains continuing until the closure of the line in 1968.

2. Lots of wildlife watching opportunities Hedgerows and woodland along the route offer shelter to a great diversity of wildlife and many rare wild flowers.

3. Redhouse Castle 15th century tower house that can be seen from the Railway Walk.

4. Hopetoun Monument This monument (visible from the walk) was dedicated to John Hope, the 4th Earl of Hopetoun (1765-1823) and built in 1824. It stands on top of Byres Hill from where panoramic views can be seen of the county.

Public Transport: Regular bus and rail service to Longniddry. Regular bus service to Haddington.

Local Services: Shops, eating places and public toilets in Longniddry and Haddington.

