

New Winton Loop

Start: Sinclair Bridge, Pencaitland
Finish: Ormiston
Distance: 5½ km / 3½ miles
Time: 2½ - 3 hours
Terrain: Mixture of tarred paths, pavement and well surfaced path. Some sections can get muddy following heavy rain.



Description: The path runs from the River Tyne at the centre of Pencaitland up quite a steep hill and joins the A6093. It then follows the road to the junction for Tranent and turns onto a path through woods. Crossing the road again it gradually climbs offering some lovely views of East Lothian before descending again and rejoining the railway walk near Ormiston.

Directions: Starting at the bridge in the centre of Pencaitland with the traffic lights, take the path heading downstream along the Tyne Water. At the crossroads of the path take the left hand tarred path up the hill. Turn right at the top of it at a bin then left and emerge back onto the A6093. Turn right here and follow the road up to the war memorial. Turn left onto the road signposted for B6355 Tranent and proceed up this. At the Red Mains road end it veers left onto a track through the wood. Follow this path till you get to the point where you have to cross the B6355. Straight across from here is another path leading you up through woods. Follow this until the sign marked 'Forest Trail', turn left onto this track as it ascends Winton Hill then back down the other side. Cross the Macmerry branch line before crossing the B6355 near New Winton and follow the path on the other side. This path leads you down to the walk along the old Macmerry branch line. Turn right onto this path and follow it back to the railway walk. From here either turn right to the car park or left towards the junction for Ormiston.

Points of interest: 1. **Pencaitland** – war memorial remembering the fallen of the two world wars.

2. **James' View** – offering views towards the Lammermuir Hills.

3. **Arthur's View** – looking across the Firth of Forth to Fife.

4. Two carved African women which act as mile markers from the Sinclair Bridge. Intended to show the distance many people have to walk on a daily basis to get clean water. Only the base of the woman at James's view remains.



Local Services: Ormiston and Pencaitland both have a pub and small shops where you can buy food.

Public Transport: A regular bus service runs through Pencaitland.