

Tranent to Cockenzie

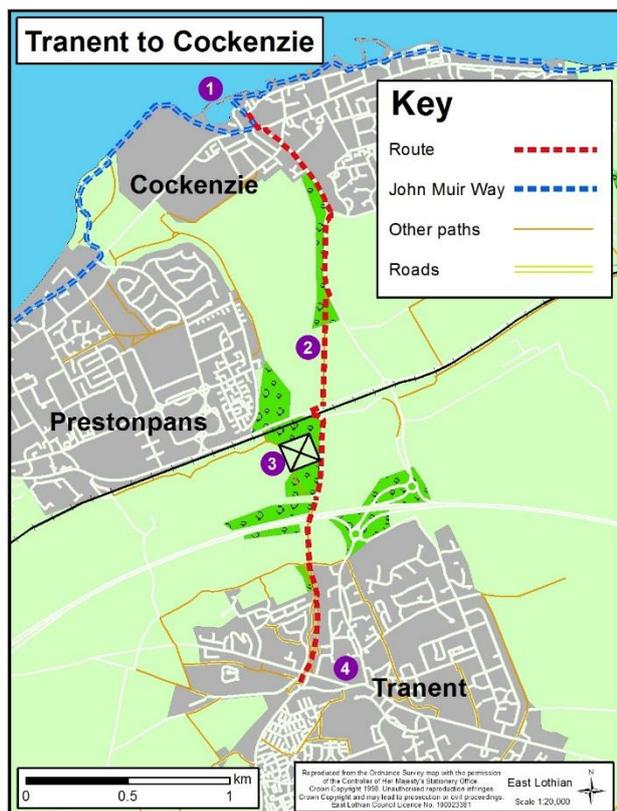
Start: New Row, Tranent
Finish: Cockenzie Harbour
Distance: 3½ km / 2 miles
Time: 1 hour
Terrain: Tarmac and whindust paths and pavements.

Description: This walk follows some of the route of the old Waggonway that once ran from Tranent to Cockenzie.



Directions: At the western end of the High Street in Tranent continue along Bridge Street and take the left fork into New Row. In about 200 metres at the little roundabout turn right up Birsley Road and you will see the path, almost immediately on your right, signposted with a “Bridleway” sign. Follow the path, known as The Heugh, under a bridge and in about 750 metres you will pass under the A1. The path emerges at the side of Meadowmill Sports Centre car park. Cross the road and continue along the pavement. Look out for Meadowmill Bing on your left. This is well worth a detour to the top if you are feeling energetic. Take care at the junction of this road, as there is no pavement where the road crosses over a railway bridge. Cut across the grass by the monument for the Battle of Prestonpans and cross the main road. Follow the pavement to the right for about 60 metres and then turn left down a well signposted whindust track. Half way down this track are two carved stone Battle Memorial Tables, commissioned by the Battle of Prestonpans Heritage Trust, to commemorate those who fought and died during the battle in 1745. At the bottom of the track, carefully cross the road to the pavement on the other side. Continue straight on at the roundabout and follow the pavement into Cockenzie and then the path along the side of the park. Cross the main road, turn left and then right following

the John Muir Way and Waggonway signs to Cockenzie Harbour.



Points of interest:

- 1. Cockenzie Harbour** – built in 1680 for the transportation of salt and coal.
- 2. The Waggonway** – possibly the first waggonway in Scotland, it was built in 1722 to transport coal to the salt pans on the coast.
- 3. Meadowmill Bing** – This old coal bing has been relandscaped into a viewing platform with information panels about the Battle of Prestonpans.
- 4. Tranent** – one of the oldest towns in East Lothian, with its church dating from the 1400s. There is a long tradition of coal mining around Tranent.

Public transport: There are regular bus services to Cockenzie and Tranent.

Local Services: Tranent is well served with shops and restaurants. Cockenzie has a number of shops.