

WALKS around PORTOBELLO

Description: A stroll around an estate in the care of the National Trust for Scotland, with an optional visit during the Summer months to a magnificent stately home.

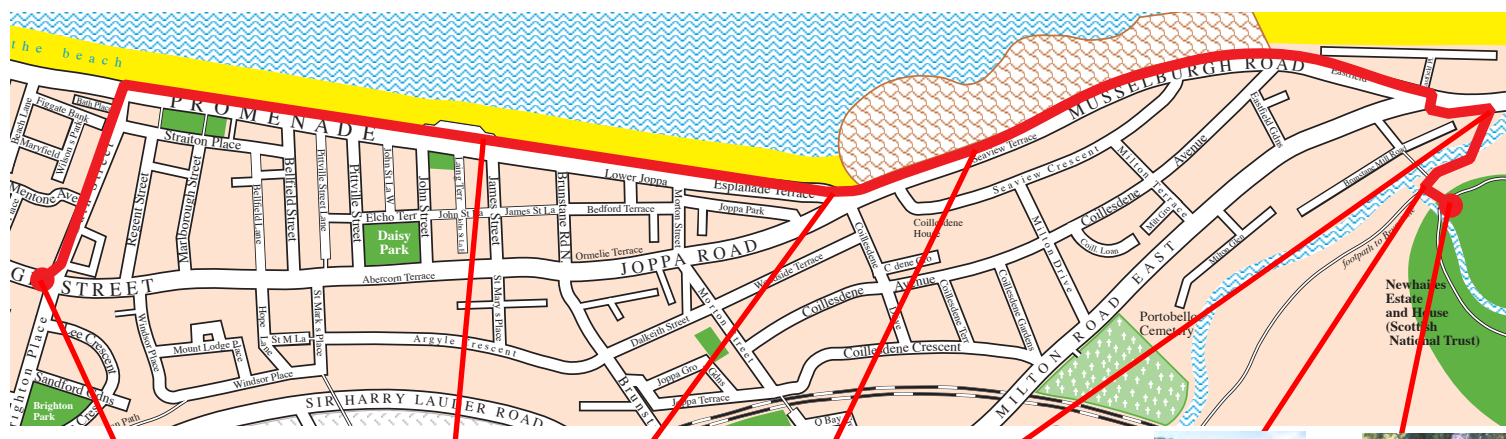
Length: ~5½ miles

Time: as a stroll: 3 hours; as a route march: 90 minutes.

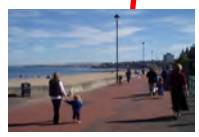
Terrain: Standard town streets with some gentle climbs, and country paths which can be muddy after rain.



Newhailes is one of the National Trust's most intriguing properties. The original house was built in the late 17th century by James Smith, one of Scotland's most experienced architects. In 1709 it became the home of the influential Dalrymple family, starting with Sir David Dalrymple who was Solicitor General for Scotland, Lord Advocate, Auditor General of the Exchequer, and a Member of both Scottish and UK Parliaments, having been a Commissioner for the Treaty of Union in 1706. The house contains an outstanding collection of works of art in their original setting and is open to the public in Summer; the surrounding estate comprises a significant designed landscape and wildlife haven which can be enjoyed throughout the year.



With your back to the Town Hall, turn right, walk to the traffic lights, cross over and walk along Bath Street until you reach the Promenade; turn right.



Walk right along the Promenade to the end (where there are toilets); keep going straight on.



Carry on past the ancient milestone and the charming row of houses at Eastfield to a major junction with traffic lights. Cross over and carry on a little further until you see the sign at the entrance to the Brunstane Burn Walkway.



Follow the Walkway over the bridge and along beside the burn until you reach a four-way crossing with a signpost. Turn left and walk up to the entrance.



The **Shell Grotto** was one of the first in Scotland; sadly its glittering internal decoration is now lost



The **Tea House** was created in the 1740s, almost uniquely on a bridge over the burn, as a place for quiet contemplation.



There are captivating scenes and views all around the Estate.



The **Earl of Stair's Monument** was erected in 1746 to emphasise Hanoverian and Unionist support.



Entrance from Portobello

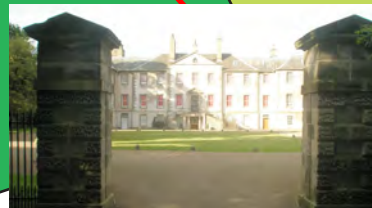


Picnic area.

Stable block, with shop, café, lecture room, offices etc.



The café and shop are open when the House is open, over the Summer.



Open-air plays and concerts are staged in front of the House.

Sheep Park

Paths
Meadow
Woodland



Helpful information is dotted attractively around the Estate.

This fabulous Estate is a paradise for wildlife and for the study of the natural world, as the variety of species recorded here in recent years testifies:

- over 250 trees and plants
- 41 species of mushrooms and toadstools
- 63 different kinds of bird
- 18 types of mammal, amphibian and reptile
- over 60 species of spider, butterfly, moth and other insects



A Chiffchaff, one of the many engaging residents of Newhailes

