



## Description

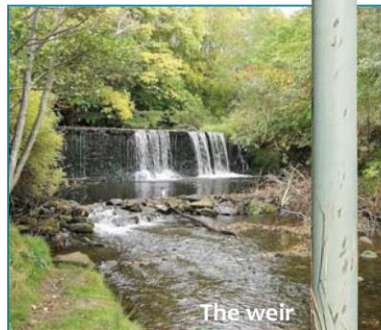
The Gorebridge Circular route was instigated by Gorebridge and District Environmental Group (GADEG). You will be walking on paths through fields and woodland, seeing some impressive views of Midlothian. There are some hills on the way and stout boots are essential, especially if it's been wet. There are often cows in the fields. The route is signed with Gorebridge Circular Walk signs and little green arrows. There are several points of interest along the route including Aldersyde house, the former home of author Annie S. Swan at Robertsons Bank.

Path from Greenhall

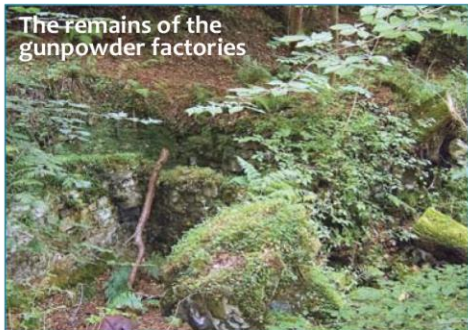


An iron gate

Sign for Gorebridge Circular and Borthwick



The weir



The remains of the  
gunpowder factories



## The Route

- 1 From the station turn left down the hill, cross Lady Brae and walk over the bridge up Powdermill Brae. As you reach the bus stop, cross the road with care and head up the lane signed "Gorebridge Circular" beside the bus stop.
- 2 At the top of the lane bear right then left along John Bernard Way. Take the lane between the houses and continue until you come to the park, turn right and walk in front of the pavilion. Cross the field at a slight diagonal, keeping to the right of the football pitch. Go through the gap in the wall at the far side of the field (signed).
- 3 Walk into the field and turn right, walking down hill to the wood. The path down to the riverside is steep and needs care as it is often very muddy. There are steps and railings to help. The remains of the gunpowder factories appear on your left along the path.
- 4 Climb up the path till it meets the A7, follow the path to the right and cross Shanks Bridge.\* Once over the bridge, there is a low metal barrier on the right, walk round this and follow the path uphill, bearing right to go down under the A7. Take care here as the path is very steep.  
\*Alternative : to avoid the steep slope, cross the road here and climb the path at the other side, turning right at the top and then left down the steps to join the path by the Gore Water. Turn right at the bottom.
- 5 Ignore paths to the right and continue on the path which follows the Gore Water until a Y junction, bear right here and continue until the road is reached at Trotter's Bridge. Head uphill and under the bridge, following the road as it bears right and heads to the A7. Cross with care and turn left.
- 6 Cross at the roundabout\*\*, look out for the signed path to the right by the cottages. Walk up the very narrow path with Gore Glen Primary School fence on your right, then cross the road and continue straight ahead. Look out for the wee green arrows and follow the paths up the hill till you reach Hunterfield Road.

**\*\*Alternative:** at the roundabout head uphill along the path with Gore Glen School on your left and continue up to the playpark, head left to join Hunterfield Road.

- 7 Cross the road with care and turn left, walk downhill past Newtonloan Court until you see the path signed to the right. Follow the grassy path uphill to the road at Greenhall. Cross here and take the signed grassy path to the right of St Andrews Primary School.
- 8 Follow the path to the end, ignoring paths to the right. At the junction, turn right and follow the signed paths up the hill through the wood. Cross the stile and carry on till you reach a fence. Turn right here and walk through the fields keeping close to the fence, till you reach Barleyknowe Road. Cross the road and turn left up the hill. Walk along Barleyknowe Road, crossing Lady Brae (short cut here, turn right down the hill and then right again up to the station).
- 9 The road leaves the town and enters open countryside, look out for the signed path to the right down the field. The path crosses 2 fields and comes out at the road by the croft. Turn left here, through the gates and walk along the side of the field up the hill passing trees on your right. Just past the last tree, go through the kissing gate, turn left and walk along the field edge, through the gate to join a road. Turn right.
- 10 Continue on the road and take the next left, heading down the hill, past the cottages and over the railway bridge. Keep on this road as it bears hard right and continues downhill. Before you reach the bridge over the Gore Water, take the signed path to the right and walk through the fields, passing through 2 gates, keeping the water on your left. As you reach the houses ahead, bear diagonally right to the kissing gate and go through.
- 11 Turn left and follow the path till it reaches the bridge on your left, turn left here over the bridge and walk up Robertson Bank. At the top turn right and walk down the hill, cross Lady Brae and walk back to the station.

