

Temple Circular

Distance : 9.5 miles/15.5km – approximately 4.5-5.5 hours
(shorter route 7miles/12km, 3-4 hours)



Description

Temple was named for The Knights Templar who were based here from the 12th century until they were suppressed in the 14th century. In 1312 the land at Temple was given to the Knights of St John in Jerusalem and the residents of Temple gave them a tenth of their income.

The Route

1 From the station turn left downhill, crossing Lady Brae and continue up Powdermill Brae to reach the A7. Turn left and walk along the pavements until you pass the Council depot on your left, looking out for the road to the right. Cross with care and follow the road as it rises gently. Take the first road on the right.

2 Continue on this quiet country road as it undulates through woods and open countryside. Please stop and admire the wonderful views of the Pentlands and Edinburgh along the way!

3 At Castleton Farm*, turn left and cross the bridge, continuing until you reach the junction where you turn right.

*Alternative short cut here – turn right at Castleton Farm and right again at the Temple road junction. This road leads back to the A7 at the Gorebridge junction. (12kms, 7 miles)

4 Continue along this road past Outerston Farm, turning right at the T junction which takes you into Temple Village. Go through the village as it heads downhill, turning right at the bottom.

5 Walk along pavements back towards Gorebridge, passing the impressive drive into Arniston House. Look out for the poignantly named bench on the right, marked Miners Rest. Continue till you reach the A7, cross with care and walk back to the station.



This circular walk is all on metalled road, mostly quiet country lanes with little traffic and few pavements so care is required. The views of Midlothian are wonderful. Spare a moment to look round the old Church grounds while you are in Temple, they are fascinating. This is also a nice cycle route.

