Midlothian Walking Festival is organised by Midlothian Ranger Service. We would like to pass our very best thanks to our 15 event leaders who have made no charge for their contributions and have spent many an hour devising great routes that bring Midlothian’s beautiful countryside to you. More walks can be found in Midlothian Council’s free ‘Explore Midlothian Guide’, which is available from the Ranger Service or at www.midlothian.gov.uk.

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Dalkeith-Carberry Estate – 10.30am-4pm • 8miles
This walk will take in the beautiful wooded Estate of Dalkeith including views of Dalkeith Palace and the rivers North and South Esk. We then enter Carberry Estate with its policy parklands and wooded glades before returning via Queen Mary’s Mount and the sequoia walk.

Mon 15th

Carcant Circular – 10am-2pm • 8.5miles
A hill and valley walk which will begin by following the Sheoestanes Burn to Heriot Cleugh. We then descend via the White Cleugh, skirting Carcant Hill before following the Heckle Burn to Wull Muir. We return via quiet roads and farm tracks to Heriot, surrounded by the far northern stretches of the Moorfoot Hills.

Carrington to Gladhouse – 9.30am-5pm • 12miles
The walk starts in the village of Carrington and heads out over open country to Gladhouse Reservoir, Midlothian’s largest body of water. The route follows farm tracks and takes in some stunning views of Edgelaw Reservoir and the Fullerton Valley, with a backdrop of the Pentland and Moorfoot Hills.

Dalkeith Estate to Musselburgh Return – 10.30am-2.30pm • 10miles
A guided Ranger tour will begin by taking in the Dalkeith Estate, and its famous ancient oak woodlands to join the meeting of the North and South Esk Rivers. We leave the Estate and continue to Musselburgh along the River Esk Walkway. We will return by taking the same route back to Dalkeith Country Park.

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Booking essential for all events

To book a place or for further information please contact Midlothian Ranger Service on 01875 821990

Festival Programme Details at: www.midlothian.gov.uk

Midlothian Walking Festival

Friday 12 to Monday 15 August 2011

Discover Midlothian’s beautiful countryside in four days of led walks, cycle and horse rides. Suitable for all ages – all events are FREE!

Friday 12
- Rotterstone Glen to Castlelaw Circuit
- Newtongrange to Vogrie Return
- The North Esk Way 1: Carlops to Penicuik Estate
- The Pentlands Circular

Saturday 13
- Fala to Fountainhall
- Prestonpans to Dalkeith
- Moorfoot Edge Cycle Ride
- The North Esk Way 2: Penicuik Estate to Roslin Glen
- Cousland to Pencaitland Railway Circular

Sunday 14
- BHS Tyne Esk Horse Trail
- Silverburn Circular
- The North Esk Way 3: Roslin to Musselburgh
- Vogrie Crichton Circular
- Dalkeith-Carberry Estate

Monday 15
- Carcant Circular
- Pentlands to Carlops Circular
- Carrington to Gladhouse
- Dalkeith Estate to Musselburgh Return

All start points should be accessible by bus. Traveline can be contacted on 0871 200 2233.
The festival aims to provide opportunities to discover Midlothian's beautiful countryside in four days of led walks, cycles and horse rides. The routes are suitable for all ages and are free. The information on this page contains basic descriptions of the routes.

To book a place or for further information please contact Midlothian Ranger Service on 01875 821 990. For all events booking is essential and all bookings must be confirmed by Friday 5 August.

**Fri 12th**

**Flotterstone Glen to Castlelaw Circuit** - 10am-3pm • 7 miles
This Pentland classic travels through Flotterstone Glen and heads west towards Harbour Hill via the Maidens Cleugh. After a lunch stop at Bonaly Reservoir we will skirt around the hills of Capelaw and Castlelaw before returning to base.

**Newtongrange to Vogrie Return** - 9.30am-4.30pm • 11 miles
A circular route starting in the former mining village of Newtongrange. We will head uphill to the Camp Wood, a high ridge with commanding views over Midlothian and the Firth before striking out towards Vogrie Country Park and the secluded Tyne Valley. We return via the villages of Dewarton and Edgehead to descend to the start.

**The North Esk Way 1:**
**Carlops to Penicuik Estate** - 9am-5pm • 10 miles
From Carlops we walk up to the North Esk Reservoir, the source of the river and now a nature reserve. We follow ancient paths to rejoin the river at Newhall and then follow the north bank to Penicuik Estate by crossing open moorland and fields.

**The Pentlands Circular** - 9am-3.15pm • 10.5 miles
From Hillend this walk skirts the north eastern edges of the Pentland Hills before heading past Castlelaw souterrain and over the hill pass to Bonaly Reservoir. We head back via Swanston, formerly the home of Robert Louis Stevenson, before returning via Hillend Country Park.

**Sat 13th**

**Fala to Fountainhall** - 9.30am-4.30pm • 12 miles
We begin by crossing Fala Moor, with spectacular views over to the Pentland Hills and the Firth before ascending Brotherstone Hill for lunch. Next stop is Hartsdie Hill, from where we head out over open countryside to Clints Hill before a final descent to the valley of The Toddle Burn and the nearby Fountainhall.

**Prestonpans to Dalkeith** - 9.45am-3pm • 6 miles
This walk begins at Prestonpans and follows the John Muir Way along the shoreline to Musselburgh Harbour, taking in views of Edinburgh and across the Firth to Fife. We continue along the River Esk walkway, passing the villages of Inveresk and Whitecraig and through the beautiful grounds of Dalkeith Country Park.

**Moorfoot Edge Cycle Ride** - 10am-3pm • 22 miles
We will set off from the village of Rosewell to take in the reservoirs of Edgelaw and Gladhouse at the edge of the Moorfoot Hills. Cyclists continue to Esperton and stop for a picnic lunch in Middleton before heading back via Carrington to Rosewell.

**The North Esk Way 2:**
**Penicuik Estate To Roslin Glen** - 9.30am-4.30pm • 8 miles
This walk will start with a tour of Penicuik Estate before heading off to Valleyfield Pond and the start of the Penicuik to Dalkeith Walkway. This former railway line takes us to Roslin Glen Country Park, with its historical gunpowder mills on the River North Esk. We will finish by passing the famous Chapel and Castle in the Village of Roslin.

**Cousland to Pencaitland Railway Circular** - 11.30am-2.30pm • 5.5 miles
We start in the lovely village of Cousland and head to the Hadfadda Valley and the newly opened countryside path at Pardivan. We return along the Pencaitland railway walk via Chalkieside to Cousland.

**Sun 14th**

**BHS Tyne Esk Horse Trail** - 9.30am-1pm • 10 miles
Starting at Vogrie Country Park this will be a sedate horse ride on quiet tracks and roads, passing through the villages of Dewerton, Edgehead, Ford and Crichton - with stunning views of Crichton Castle and the Tyne Valley.

**Silverburn Circular** - 10am-3.30pm • 8.5 miles
This walk starts by heading out over hill country via Eastside Farm and the Red Road to Bavelaw where we head east to the Green Cleugh. The return brings us to the Howe, before climbing Scalid Law which is the highest point in the Pentlands. We finish by ascending the quiet flanks of South Black Hill, before returning to Silverburn village hall, where tea and cake can be purchased.

**The North Esk Way 3:**
**Roslin to Musselburgh** - 10am-6pm • 11 miles
Starting from the Roslin Village, we continue following the North Esk Valley to Polton Village and Springfield Mill Wildlife Reserve. We will then wend our way through the historic grounds of Mavisbank House and Dalkeith Palace before heading towards Musselburgh, where the North Esk completes its journey to the sea.

**Vogrie Crichton Circular** - 9.30am-4pm • 10 miles
This circular walk starts at Vogrie Country Park and takes in some of Midlothian’s most spectacular countryside and historic landmarks. Starting at Vogrie House the route follows the Tyne Water to Borthwick Castle via Mountskip Farm, across open fields and tracks. Crichton Castle is the next stop with its commanding views of the Tyne Valley. The final leg is via Crichton village to Vogrie for refreshments.