



24 MIDLOTHIAN ROSLIN & DRYDEN TOWER

▶ Distance: 4½ miles/7.25km ▶ Time: 2 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The 19th-century gothic Dryden Tower.

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The majority of people visiting the village of Roslin will immediately head for Rosslyn Chapel. Yet the surrounding landscape is home to several fascinating structures such as the Battle of Roslin Memorial, Dryden Tower and Bilston Viaduct. Add to this good paths, attractive woodland and scenic countryside and a thoroughly enjoyable walk lies ahead.

1 Start

Begin from Roslin, beside War Memorial at corner of Penicuik Road and Manse Road. Follow Manse Road

northeast away from village centre to its end after which road narrows. Watch out for traffic on this tree-lined road as it continues through quiet countryside, all the way to Battle of Roslin Memorial. Monument commemorates the victory of 8000 Scots over an English force of around 30,000 on 24th February 1303.

2 ½ mile/0.75km

Take the path to the L of memorial signposted Bilston ¼ miles and follow this northwest through lovely beech woodland. Beyond gate keep on to 3-way fork, take centre path, again for Bilston, continue above gorge to farm track, which culminates at B7006.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Car park, Penicuik Road, Roslin NT273633, EH25 9LD
Is it for me? Woodland and countryside paths and tracks, minor roads
Stiles None

PLANNING

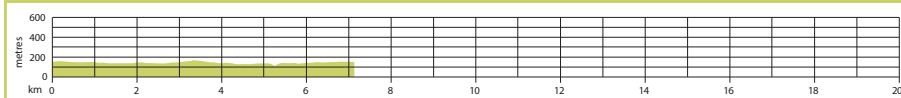
Nearest town Roslin
Refreshments The Roslin Inn, Roslin (Tel: 0131 4402384)
Public toilets None
Public transport Buses from Edinburgh and Penicuik to Roslin
Maps OS Explorer 344; Landranger 66

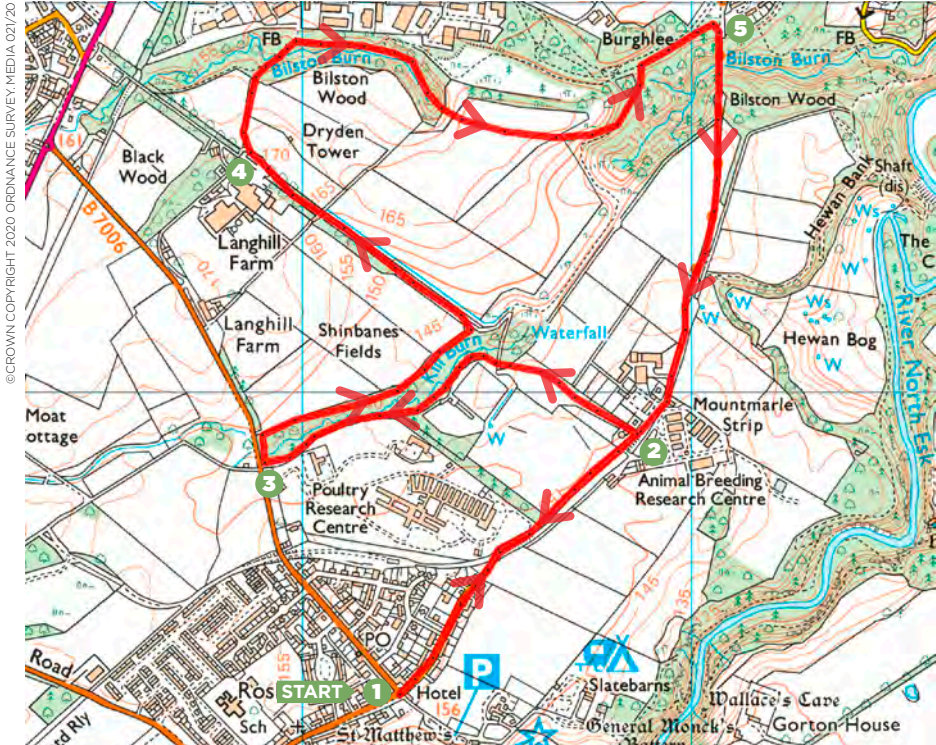
3 ¼ miles/2km

Just before B7006, turn R onto path that heads back into woodland. Cross footbridge, walk to L of burn all the way to junction. Turn L onto a fenced grassy track, climb gently through gorgeous countryside with great views of Pentland



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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

YOUR RATING

Hills and across Midlothian. Ahead is the striking outline of Dryden Tower. Once through gate, just before Langhill Farm, turn R then L through another gate after which path passes near to Dryden Tower.

4 2 miles/3.25km

Beyond farm go through two gates on either side of track after which another path (waymarked for Loanhead Railway Path $\frac{3}{4}$ mile) descends to junction. Go R for Bilston Viaduct back into woodland,

cross bridge over Bilston Burn then at junction turn R. After another 150m bear L up steep flight of steps out of woodland to small industrial site. Wide track continues east passing two paths on L. Take third path then at junction keep R. Track, which soon narrows to path, ends beside Bilston Viaduct.

5 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles/5.25km

Turn R, cross this 19th century structure, which offers superb views down into the gorge below. At viaduct's far

end turn L onto path signed for Polton, which extends to farm track. Here turn R. Once through gate, road heads past Dryden Farm to Roslin Memorial from where steps are retraced back to start. **CW**

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