

WL3 Linlithgow Loch Circular

Start, route and finish

A 2.3 mile (3.7km) long circular path that can be accessed at a number of points.

Surfaces and features

The western and southern shore sections are tarmaced and in places quite narrow. The south eastern section links the Peel with the A803 and then follows the roadside pavement to rejoin the loch at Fiddler's Croft. The northern shore is generally whindust. The eastern side, through Fiddler's Croft, is currently unsurfaced and can be muddy at times.

There are kissing gates at the entrance to Fiddler's Croft. There are information boards and interpretive boards at points around the loch.

The experience

The southern path through the Peel is often very busy during the summer and at weekends. The northern shore provides stunning views of Linlithgow Palace, the town and the Bathgate Hills beyond. The loch is popular with visitors, birdwatchers and photographers throughout the year.

Opportunities and constraints

The majority of this path passes over a Scheduled Ancient Monument and the northern shore is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Therefore, any improvements will need to be carefully designed. Historic Scotland, with council support, plans to undertake some widening of the north shore path with some associated drainage and vegetation management. It is planned to undertake work in 2008 to upgrade the Fiddler's Croft section to provide users with a better path and reduce pressure across the area as people currently try to find a dry route through.



WL7 Fisher's Brae

Start, route and finish

This path heads north from the B8028. Only the initial 100 metres is in West Lothian before it crosses into Falkirk District. The path finishes on the southern outskirts of Boness in Falkirk District.

Surfaces and features

A recently upgraded stone path – work undertaken by Falkirk Council.

The experience

An historic route which is now well used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and is popular with residents of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge.

Opportunities and constraints

The southern end of the paths is on a narrow road which is busy at peak times. Consideration may need to be given to establish roadside path to give a safe link to Linlithgow Bridge but any work may be beyond the period of this first plan.



WL35 Linlithgow Loch to Union Canal Link

Start, route and finish

This series of paths and pavements starts from the western end of Linlithgow Loch passing through Linlithgow Bridge to join the canal near to Linlithgow Golf Club. This path is 1.6 miles (2.6km) long and links WL3 with WL2b.

Surfaces and features

The path is variable in width and surface. Although generally paved or tarmaced there is a section from the railway line underpass to Mains Road which is an ash track.

The experience

Generally an urban route and therefore popular for providing short cuts to public transport, shops, work and school. However, with the loch and canal being the most attractive and accessible areas around Linlithgow, people use it for walking and cycling for pleasure and health.

Opportunities and constraints

It is variable in width and surface. More signposting is required and the surface upgraded in places and this will be done within the plan period.

