

## WL36 Dechmont Law Link

### Start, route and finish

This 1.3 mile (2.1km) path, plus a 0.1 mile (160m) spur south to Deans Community High School, provide a link between WL28 Nell Burn Path and WL31 Loan Path. It heads east from the Nell Burn Path between Woodlands Park to the north and Beechwood Park to the south passing through first open space parkland and the rough grassland to the south of the summit of Dechmont Law. It then joins the private road that serves the covered reservoir to the east of the Law to eventually meet the residential area of Deer Park. After following a path between flats and houses it follows the road which links Knightsridge House with the A899 but stops at the intersection with the Loan Path.

### Surfaces and features

The path is variable in width and surface. The western section to the south of Dechmont Law and the spur to Deans Community High School are unsurfaced and liable to be muddy when there has been wet weather. Once the path joins the access road to the covered reservoir it is on tarmac, either by path or by road, through to its junction with the Loan Path.

### The experience

The western section from Nell Burn Path to the eastern end of the access road to the reservoir is in open space or countryside with good views to the south across Livingston to the Pentland Hills and to Edinburgh to the east. These views are improved by taking one of a number of paths that lead to the Law's summit. The eastern section is becoming more urbanised with the current development of residential flats.

### Opportunities and constraints

The unsurfaced sections of path in the vicinity of Dechmont Law are scheduled for upgrading within the plan period. The private road that goes from Knightsridge House to the A899 is becoming increasingly busy and residential and commercial premises are built. The road is traffic calmed and there is a wide grass verge to the south of the road.

