



# The Walkway

Discover 'a silver thread in a ribbon of green' flowing through Edinburgh

The 12 mile walkway starts in Balerno by the High School and follows the path of the old Balerno Branch Railway line to Colinton, then runs parallel to the river all the way to Leith. Ideal for family walks, the walkway is a delightful afternoon's stroll, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The walkway passes many points of interest including: Colinton Village and Dell, the Union Canal, Saughton Winter Gardens, Murrayfield Stadium, the Scottish Gallery of Modern Art, Dean Village, Stockbridge, the Royal Botanic Gardens and Leith. Designated as an

Urban Wildlife Site, the wooded river banks are host to carpets of wildflowers and many dramatic trees, including patches of ancient woodland. Home to over 80 species of bird, you can hope to see heron, dipper, goosander and kingfisher. The river holds large numbers of brown trout, plus a dozen other species of fish, and is a popular fishery (free permits available from the Centre). The route is suitable for cycling and, in parts, even horse riding. A Walkway Guide and detailed map are available from the Visitor Centre, ideally

located halfway along the walkway. The

Walkway is owned and managed

by the City of Edinburgh

Council and was completed

in 2002 courtesy of

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## The Visitor Centre

Enjoy an exciting look into the wildlife and heritage of the river in our interactive exhibition. Measure the force of water as you attempt to stop the giant water wheel, cause a flood or man the sluices. See the life of the river in the video well, and through the bioscope examine the rivers 'miniest beasties', then listen to our unique 'call of the wild wall'. The exhibition is FREE and OPEN DAILY.

The Centre also offers river & walkway information & light refreshments.

