

# Stonelaws

●● Brown Dots



2 hours



Recommended for walkers, bikes, horses



Can be wet in places, mostly quiet country roads back to East Linton

A long route with varied terrain suitable for walkers, bikes and horses. Walk north through the village away from the fountain and Square. Carry on up Drylawhill, cross the road and take the signposted track on the right hand side. Follow the path along the field margin, swinging right along the burn you will cross 2 bridges. Once you have passed through the woods you will be heading to Kamehill. You will pass a cottage on the left hand side at the end of the path. Turn left and then immediately right. Take the track up the hill towards Stonelaws Farm. At the end of the track turn right on to the road. Follow this road until you come to a signpost for East Linton, turn right down the hill and continue along the road past Binning Woods. You will pass the back entrance to Smeaton

Nurseries before eventually coming to a T junction. Turn right and follow the road past Preston Mains farm on your right and Preston Mill on your left. At the next T junction you will find yourself in East Linton. Turn left to return to the Tourist Information Point.



Walking towards Newbyth House

# Hailes Castle



Green Dots



Roundtrip 1 hour 15 minutes



A flat walk recommended for walkers only.



Muddy in parts after rain, short steep flight of steps to negotiate

An attractive walk along the bank of the River Tyne returning by a small country road. Turn right from the Tourist Information Point, past the Crown Hotel and down Bridge Street. Turn right under the railway bridge. Cross the road and take the signposted lane on your left down to the riverbank. The path, easily followed, runs through a mixture of woodland and farmland to the cottage at Hailes Mill. Cross the river using the footbridge built by the Royal Engineers, climb up to the road, turn right for a short distance to reach the ruin of Hailes Castle. Return to East Linton by the road on the south side of the river.

To extend your walk follow the track next to Hailes Cottage. This leads to Traprain Law, the site of a large Iron Age fort. At the top of Traprain you will experience splendid views across the county.

Springtime around Hailes



## Wildlife

There is a surprising range of wildlife within a short distance of East Linton due to the variety of landscapes in the area.

From the paths along the River Tyne you will usually see mallard ducks and dippers and sometimes it is possible to spot otters in the water, or if you are very lucky a blue flash as a kingfisher flies past.

There are many species of butterflies to be found on the walks,

Small tortoiseshell butterfly



especially along the riversides. Look out for orange tips, peacocks and ringlets, all of which are increasing in numbers in East Lothian.

The Tyne estuary is a great place to spot a number of different birds from the resident waders, such as curlew and oystercatchers to winter visitors such as whooper swans and pink-footed geese.

In the surrounding farmland brown hares make their home in the

fields, while buzzards are regularly seen flying overhead. You may also catch sight of roe deer from the paths or along the edge of woodland— look out for footprints in softer ground.

The hedgerows offer food, shelter and a means of passage for many small mammals and birds. In the autumn and winter flocks of fieldfares make the most of the berries whilst in spring many birds will nest in or under the hedgerows.

It is always worth bearing in mind that much of this wildlife is very shy and easily disturbed. Please make sure that dogs are kept under proper control.