

## Selected sites and walks with botanical interest in Midlothian (VC 83)

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This list is intended to assist visitors to find places where they might enjoy a walk if they are interested in wild plants. Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

**Useful maps:** O.S. Explorer Maps (1:25,000 scale); Edinburgh A-Z Street Atlas.

In the list below, the O.S. grid references are for the main kilometre squares which include the site or walk, to facilitate location on the map. Further details can often be found on websites, e.g. [www.snh.gov.uk](http://www.snh.gov.uk) (for SSSIs), [www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk) (for SWT reserves), [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk) (for Straiton Pond and Vogrie Country Park), [www.pentlandhills.org](http://www.pentlandhills.org) (for Pentland Hills RP), [www.dalkeithcountrypark.co.uk](http://www.dalkeithcountrypark.co.uk) (for Dalkeith Country Park) and [www.waterofleith.org.uk](http://www.waterofleith.org.uk) (for the Water of Leith Walkway).

**Abbreviations:** approx., approximately; RP, Regional Park; SAC, Special Area of Conservation; SSSI, Site of Special Scientific Interest; SWT, Scottish Wildlife Trust.



Cramond Island at low tide,  
approached by a causeway



Salisbury Crags in a moody sky,  
Holyrood Park (Arthur's Seat Volcano SSSI)

### Coastal sites:

- Cramond Island (NT1978) and R. Almond, Cramond (NT1876)
- Fisherrow Sands, Fisherrow Links and mouth of R. Esk (NT3373, NT3473)
- Musselburgh Lagoons, Musselburgh Links and Levenhall Links (NT3473, NT3573)

### Sites within the City of Edinburgh:

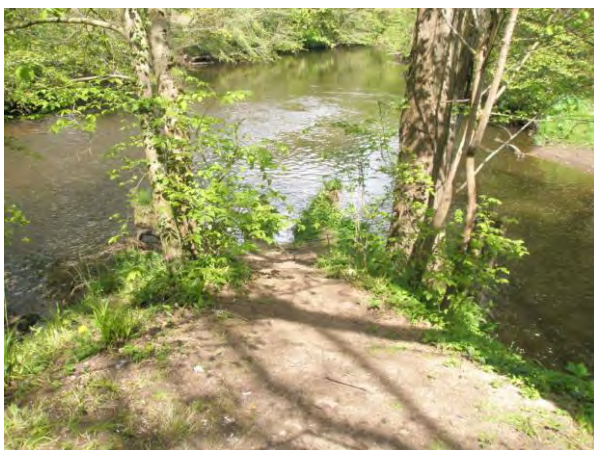
- Holyrood Park (Arthur's Seat Volcano SSSI) (NT2673, NT2772, NT2773, NT2873)
- Duddingston Loch SSSI, including Bawsinch Nature Reserve (SWT) (NT2872)
- Blackford Hill, Blackford Pond, Blackford Glen and disused quarries, and Hermitage of Braid (NT2570, NT2670)
- Corstorphine Hill (NT2073, NT2074)
- Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells, beside Water of Leith (NT2170, NT2169)
- Union Canal, Slateford to Kingsknowe along tow-path (NT2170)

**Sites outside the city bypass (A 720), but by no more than 3 miles (approx.):**

- Union Canal, Hermiston to Ratho along tow-path (NT1770 to NT1470)
- Water of Leith Walkway, Juniper Green to Balerno (NT1666 to NT1968)
- Pentland Hills RP, above Bonaly (NT2167) and Swanston (NT2366)
- Straiton Pond, Local Nature Reserve (NT2866)
- Roslin Glen and Hewan Bank SSSIs (NT2863, NT2864)
- Dalkeith Country Park, including Dalkeith Oakwood SSSI (NT3367, NT3368)
- River Esk Walkway, Inveresk to Musselburgh (NT3471, NT3472)

**Sites more than 3 miles outside the city bypass:**

- Cobbinshaw Reservoir and Cobbinshaw Moss SSSIs (NT0157, NT0356)
- Bawdy Moss and The Pike (Craigengar SSSI and SAC) (NT0754)
- Hermand Birchwood SSSI and SWT Reserve (NT0361, NT0362)
- Linhouse Valley SSSI and Linhouse Glen SWT Reserve (NT0764)
- Calder Wood SSSI (NT0766, NT0767)
- Harlaw and Threipmuir Reservoirs and Black Springs (NT1763, NT1764, NT1864), Pentland Hills RP
- Bavelaw Marsh, Balerno Common SSSI (Red Moss SWT reserve) and Redford Wood (NT1563, NT1663), Pentland Hills RP
- Flotterstone to Logan Burn waterfalls (Habbe's Howe - Logan Burn SSSI) past Glencorse and Loganlea Reservoirs (NT2363 to NT1861), Pentland Hills RP
- Penicuik House Estate (NT2158, NT2259)
- Edgelaw Reservoir and woods (NT2958, NT3058); Carrington woods (NT3159)
- Gore Glen (NT3361)
- Vogrie Country Park (NT3763, NT3862, NT3863)
- Crichton Glen SSSI (NT3761, NT3760)
- Gladhouse Reservoir SSSI (NT2953, NT3053, NT3054)
- Gladhouse to Dundreich up valley of R. South Esk, reaching Dundreich Plateau SSSI (NT2952 to NT2948)
- Blackhope to Blackhope Scar up valley of Blackhope Water (Moorfoot Hills SSSI and SAC) (NT3351 to NT3249)



Meeting of the Waters,  
Dalkeith Country Park



Hawkster Gill Burn, Moorfoot Hills  
(edge of Dundreich Plateau SSSI)

