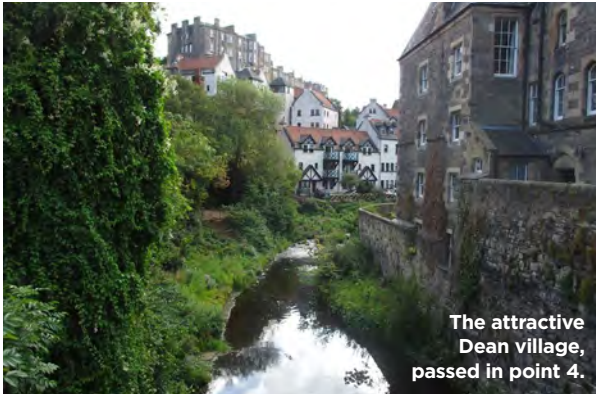




24 EDINBURGH WATER OF LEITH

▶ Distance: 9½ miles/15.25km ▶ Time: 4½ hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The attractive Dean village, passed in point 4.

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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Edinburgh Quay canal basin, Fountainbridge, EH3 9QG, grid ref NT246728

Is it for me? Easy to shorten or extend. Mostly well-signed, level paths. Short stretches by roads; some steep flights of steps. If gates to art gallery are closed (after 6pm/sunset), continue along river and follow signs
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Edinburgh
Refreshments Plenty of options on route, especially in Stockbridge, Leith and art gallery.
Public toilets Water of Leith visitors centre
Public transport Lots of options. Bus 35 links both ends and stops near visitors' centre. Haymarket & Slateford stations are close to points 1 and 2
Maps OS Explorer 350; Landranger 66



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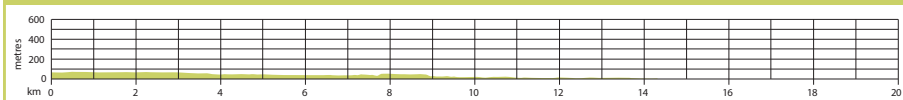
Stroll along Edinburgh's waterside walkways, past galleries and gardens, combining parts of the Union Canal towpath and Water of Leith. The canal banks are thick with seasonal flowers while the river that runs to the docks at Leith flows through some lovely rocky valleys.

1 Start
From canal basin, set off with water on L and keep going for 2 miles. Eventually, soon after aqueduct over main road and before Slateford aqueduct, turn R down steps onto Water of Leith walkway (nearby Visitors Centre is L).

2 2 miles/3km
Turn R under railway viaduct and keep going with river on L around long loop. After ¾ mile, cross footbridge and continue with water now on R. Cross main road and go along tarmac path beyond. Turn L at sign for Saughton Sports Complex, R into park and straight along avenue. Go on over road and take signed path L of bridge. Continue beside river under railway.

3 4 miles/6km
Cross R over metal footbridge and keep near water, with Murrayfield Stadium on R. Turn L on Roseburn Place, L again into Roseburn Gardens. Cross Roseburn Terrace and continue up Roseburn Cliff.

GRADIENT PROFILE



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WATER OF LEITH▶ OS Explorer map 350 ▶ Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop

DON'T MISS...



St Bernard's Well, near point 5, has a neoclassical Rotunda and a statue of the goddess of health. Keep an eye out for otters nearby!

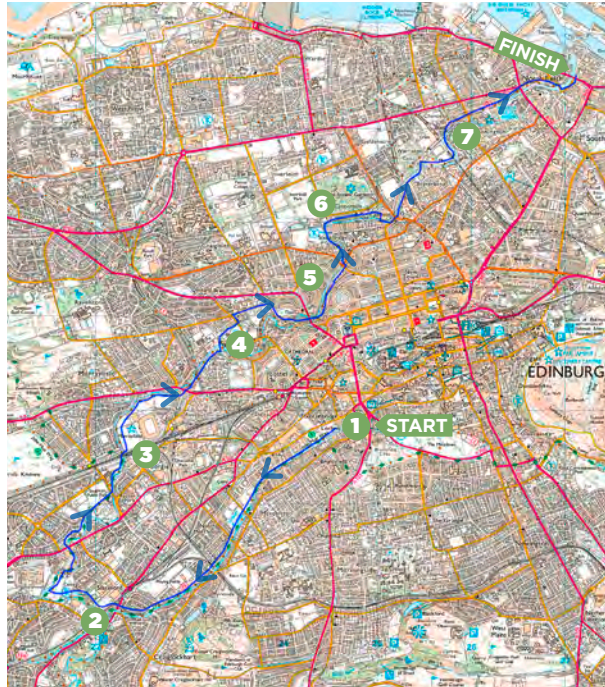
Turn L at sign down steps onto riverbank and continue with water on L. Just before weir, turn L over bridge and through arch marked Modern Art Gallery. Go up steps and L through car park.

4 5½ miles/9km

With gallery and ponds on R, follow drive down and turn L onto Belford Road. Turn R on Ravelston Terrace, R again onto Dean Path. Soon after house 63, turn R through stone archway and down steps with Water of Leith sign and L onto riverside walkway. Where path ends at Dean village, turn L, R and R again over bridge and L down Miller Row to rejoin walkway. Continue, with water on L, past two wells.

5 6½ miles/10.5km

Go through arch onto road and continue along Saunders Street. At Stockbridge, cross bridge L, take steps down at Water of Leith sign and continue along river. At Falshaw Bridge, follow signs L on road and turn sharp R into



Aboretum Avenue. Follow road R. Keep straight through stone gateposts when road bends L towards Botanic Garden.

6 7 miles/11.25km

Cross second (black/brown) footbridge and continue on far side of river. Climb steps ahead and turn L onto Brandon Terrace, past clock. Cross road ahead, turn R and immediately L down Warriston Road. Follow road under viaduct, L over bridge and R along riverside walkway again. Keep on along line of trees. Follow path L and R through tunnel.

7 8½ miles/13.5km

Keep straight along walkway, under three road bridges, then along river again. At Sandport Place, turn R over bridge and continue with water on L. Turn L over next bridge onto Commercial Street for bus back to start (or point 2). **CW**

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