

ROUTE 7:

Innerleithen to the Piper's Grave



A scenic there and back route that follows the Leithen Water as it climbs the 'Granites' (B709) to the Piper's Grave. It is here that an 18th century piper is said to have died while attempting to play all the way from Innerleithen to Edinburgh Castle.

Points of interest: (1) Pirn Hill Fort & sculptures; (2) Innerleithen mill lade; (3) Mountain biking at the 'Golfie'; (4) Piper's Grave.

Essentials

Start/finish: Memorial Hall, Innerleithen
Distance: 21.7km (13.5 miles)
Total ascent: 256m (843ft)
Difficulty: Medium
Time: 2.5hrs (+ stops)

Route Pointers

From the Memorial Hall in Innerleithen, follow the B709 north through the golf course, climbing to a layby where the road is guarded on each side by heathery hillside. The Piper's Grave is on the left at the start of the layby. Return the same way, enjoying the exhilarating descent!

