

3 Bo'ness Town Centre Trail C Boats n' Trains Loop



Access Information

Bus: For further information on bus times, numbers, routes, etc call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.org.uk

Train: No

Cycle: Sustrans Route 76.

Parking: Car Parks at Seaview Place and Union Street.

Distance

■: Suggested route - 2 km (1 miles)
■: Alternative paths available.

Path information
Surfaced paths and pavements.

Facilities Toilets, shops, cafes and parking available in Bo'ness town centre.

This route takes you out of the historic town centre and round the 400 year old harbour where exciting proposals could see the harbour again used for leisure craft. You will then pass Bo'ness Station, start point for a trip on a steam train with Scottish Railway Preservation Society.

Finding Your Way

START: Car park at Union Street

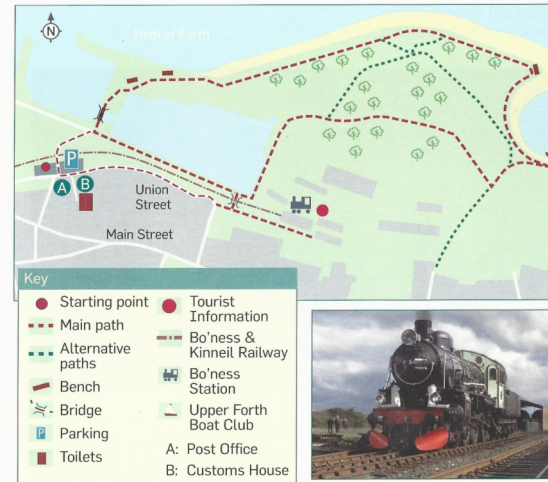
1 Follow the path over the wheelchair-friendly railway crossing as it veers to your right toward the dock and harbour area. Take a look to your right and you should have a good view of the Post Office building and Customs House.

2 Cross the bridge and

follow the path round the dock. Continue along the foreshore path until you reach some benches where you can rest and enjoy the views of the Forth bridges. When you reach the path to the Upper Forth Boat Club turn right to double back on yourself and follow the signs back to the docks.

3 At the docks turn left and follow the path. Either cross the bridge over the Railway to visit SRPS on your left, or head right along Union Street back past Custom House and the Post Office to the car park.

Alternatively, follow the path alongside the docks back to the Union Street car park.



A Very Short History of Bo'ness!

A producer of coal and salt, Bo'ness developed as a port in the late 16th century and, in its hey day, was ranked the second largest Port in Scotland after Leith. However, the opening of the Forth and Clyde Canal in 1792 which terminated at Grangemouth put paid to Bo'ness' ambition as Glasgow's east coast port.

Many of the buildings in the town are characterised by red

pantile roofs, the tiles of which were imported from the Netherlands as ballast for returning coal ships.

Grangepans takes its name from one of the town's earliest industries, the saltpans belonging to Grange estate. At its height, there were 16 pans employing 30 salters. Production finally came to an end in the 1890's.

Ref: Richard Jaques (2001)
Falkirk and District. An Illustrated Architectural Guide.

Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway

The Scottish Railway Preservation Society keeps history alive through the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway. As well as the Scottish Railway Exhibition at Bo'ness Station, you can experience the power and joy of steam with a "Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine", easter egg specials, Diesel galas, Santa steam trains and Black Bun Specials.

Source: *Discover the path networks in and around Bo'ness and Blackness*

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