

7. Letham Cycle Loop



Access Information

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

Train: No

Cycle: On road
Sustrans route 76 nearby

Parking:
Car park Letham cottages

Distance:
5.5 miles [8.6 km]

Path information:
Surfaced pavements, road side and field edges.

Facilities: None.

The village of Letham has played its part in the history and development of the parish. The layout of the village today is set out as two parts Letham Terrace and Letham Cottages. The cottages are set out in three rows encompassing a green space in the middle and were homes for miners in

the early 20th Century.

Club's tomb
It is said that Club's tomb was built by a local farmer James Club of Westfield Airth who wanted to be buried alongside his dog in this mausoleum. He died in 1757, but there is no record to say he was buried there. This is a listed building.

Finding your way

START: Car park situated on the North West corner of Letham Cottages.

- 1 Leave the car park and follow the metal sign to Letham terraces. When you reach the end of the path turn left and follow the pavement alongside the houses.
- 2 When you reach the end of the row take the road to the right which is sign posted to Moss Road.
- 3 Continue along the country road until you come to Linkfield Farm.

Take care as this is a working farm. Keep to the track and follow the wooden sign posts along a stone track.

- 4 The track curves alongside a strip of woodland and when you come to a junction turn right which will take you to Moss Road.
- 5 When you reach Moss Road turn right and head along the country road towards North Doll. Take care as this road is quite a fast road for cars with no footpath. Follow the road for approximately 400m until you come to the crossroads turn right signposted Airth. Follow this flat country road watch out for Club's Tomb which is situated close to the field edge on the right hand side just beyond the small bridge. In the summer months it can be difficult to spot with the vegetation that grows on the roof of the



tomb. Continue along the road until you come out onto the A905 which passes through Airth.

- 6 Turn right then right again at the old weigh bridge. This will take you uphill with some amazing views of the Firth of Forth as you go. At the top of the hill to your left you can see the Airth Parish Church. Continue your walk on along the top of the hill.
- 10 The track is a concreted driveway to Agricolae House. From this point the track becomes muddy and pot holed.
- 11 You will pass the Game Keepers Cottage and come out into a prestigious estate on the original site of
- 12 Approximately half way along this road on the right hand side is the original Mercat Cross, known as the Headless Cross. Follow the road down past Airth Castle and the ruin of the Medieval Church and just before the main entrance from the A905 turn right. Follow the whin path along the bottom of Airth Castle. From here you will be able to see the original structure, later additions and parts of the old church.
- 13 Follow this community woodland path to the very end and this will bring you on to a private road where you turn left.
- 14 The bridge crossing
- 15 Follow the road to the end and turn right at the junction walking towards Letham Terraces. Just before the first house on your left is the path which will take you back to the car park at Letham Cottages.

Buildings of interest (details on pages 4-7)

- A Club's Tomb
- B Airth Parish Church
- C Headless Cross
- D Airth Castle
- E Medieval Church

the Pow Burn is called Abbeytown Bridge. It was the original link between Falkirk and Airth until 1723.

Source: *Walk, Ride and Cycle in and around Airth Parish*

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