

6. Foreshore Path: Bo'ness Harbour to Kinneil Nature Reserve

Access Information

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

Cycle: Sustrans Route 76 is approximately 500m from the start of this route.

Train: SRPS Train Station to Kinneil Nature Reserve and Birkhill Clay Mine.

Parking: Bo'ness Town Centre, Snab Lane and SRPS Bo'ness Station.

Distance

■ ■ ■ Suggested route - Boness to Snab Lane via Nature Reserve: 3 km (2 miles) Return to Bo'ness: 5km (3 miles)

■ ■ ■ Alternative paths available.

Path information

Predominantly flat route along good surfaced paths. Railway crossings are wheelchair accessible and there are some seats along the path and around the Nature Reserve. The inner loop of the Nature Reserve is on good surfaced paths. However, the outer loop is unsurfaced and can be uneven and wet at times.

Facilities

Toilets, shops, cafes and parking available in Bo'ness Town Centre.



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A short easy-to-follow route along the foreshore. Take in the industrial and natural heritage of the area from the historic harbour to the Nature Reserve at Kinneil.

Finding Your Way

START: Car park at Bo'ness Town Centre.

The path from the car park takes you across a wheelchair-friendly crossing over the Scottish Railway Preservation Society's railway line.

- 1 Follow the surfaced path toward the harbour. The path to the right takes you to the SRPS Railway Station. Turn left to follow the surfaced path along the foreshore to Kinneil Nature Reserve.
- 2 When you reach the Nature Reserve

you can follow the surfaced inner loop round the reserve, or for better views and a chance to enjoy the birdlife take the unsurfaced outer loop. Please bear in mind that this area is home to breeding birds, so try to minimise disturbance.

There are several alternatives for your route now:

Option 1

You can follow the surfaced path back over the railway to the car park and bus stop at Snab Lane.

Option 2

If you would like to continue into Kinneil Estate, cross the road and continue up Snab Lane until you meet Snab Brae. Carry on up Snab Brae and you will see the driveway and



path that takes you to Kinneil House.

Option 3

Alternatively, you can retrace your steps from Kinneil Nature Reserve back to the Town Centre. Heading back toward the harbour area you can enjoy the views of Bo'ness Town.

From the harbour - which is to be redeveloped - either continue along the foreshore path past the industrial buildings to link up with the Carriden Woods and Blackness foreshore routes, or return toward Bo'ness via one of the surfaced paths taking you back across the railway to the SRPS station, the car park, or into Bo'ness Town itself.

Bo'ness Harbour

Bo'ness was officially recognised as a port in 1601, with the Customs & Excise office moved from Blackness to Bo'ness in the 1700's. This then served as the main port on the North Sea for merchants from Glasgow and other west coast towns until Grangemouth became pre-eminent.

Some 250 years later Bo'ness felt the "economic pinch" and became redundant with the harbour officially closed in 1959.

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