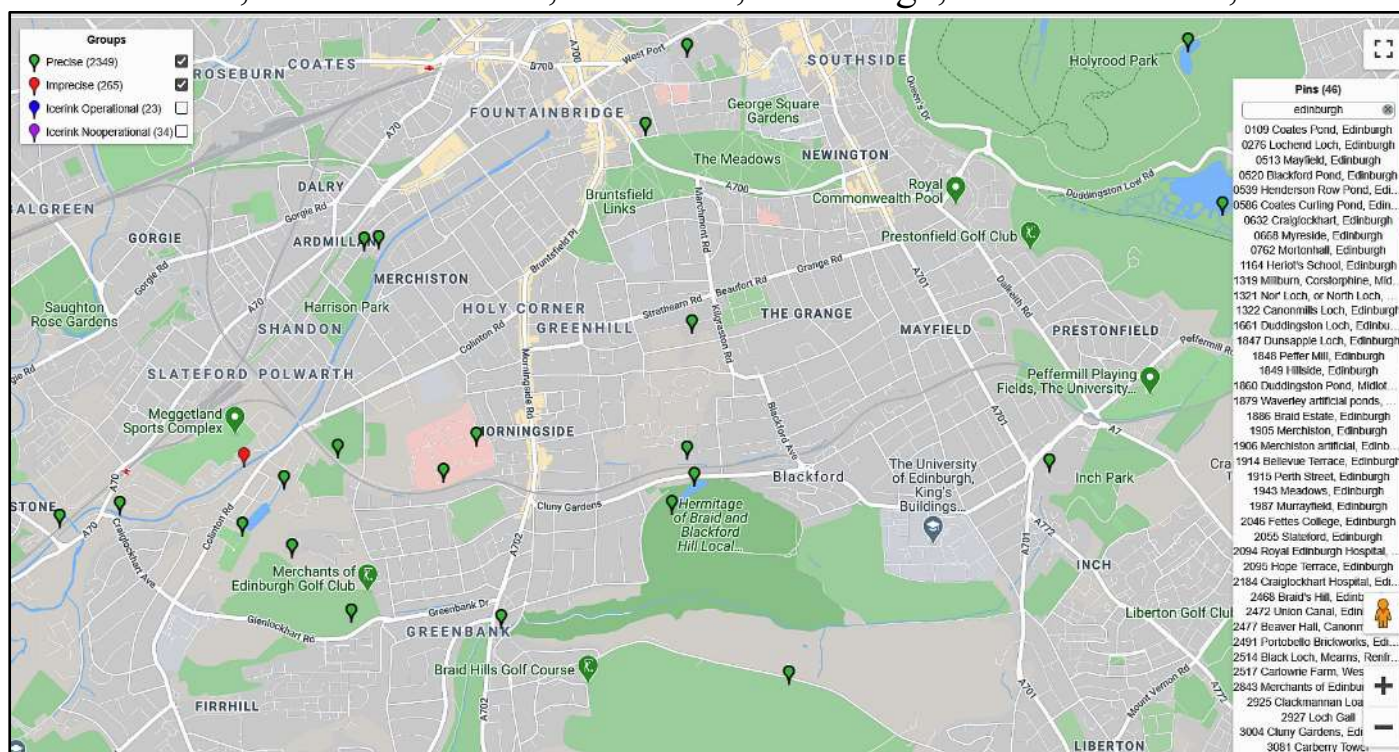


South Edinburgh COVID-19 bubble: a sweep past 16 curling ponds - 6 mile walk visiting sixteen old curling localities

Start: Blackford Pond Gazebo, Cluny Dr., Braid Av., Cluny Av., Morningside Rd., Millar Cres., Royal Ed., Community Garden, Myreside railway path, Craiglockhart Ter., Craiglockhart Pond, Leisure Centre, Craiglockhart Wood, Grounds of Craig House, East Craiglockhart Hill (250ft ascent, mainly on steps), Comiston Dr., Greenbank Cres., Braid Rd., Hermitage, Blackford Pond, End.



The map (above) and images below come from www.historicalcurlingplaces.org which is the website of the team researching old curling places across the country. The place numbers relate to those in their database. Otherwise historical map clippings come from the NLS site and were derived using Digimap (an online map and data delivery service operated by EDINA at the University of Edinburgh).

Local ponds

2095 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh. Curling pond marked on Bartholomew's map of 1891.

0520 Blackford Pond, Edinburgh. Curling pond marked on Bartholomew's map of 1893.

1886 Braid Estate, Edinburgh. Curling pond marked on OS 6inch map of 1909.

3111 Royal Edinburgh Hospital, rectangular pond. Curling pond marked on OS town plan of 1893.

2094 Royal Edinburgh Hospital, oval curling pond 250 ft long; maps of 1898 & 1909.

0668 Myreside, Edinburgh. Curling ponds marked on OS 25inch map of 1908.

2016 Union Canal, Edinburgh. Location near here identified in the Caledonian Mercury in February 1855.

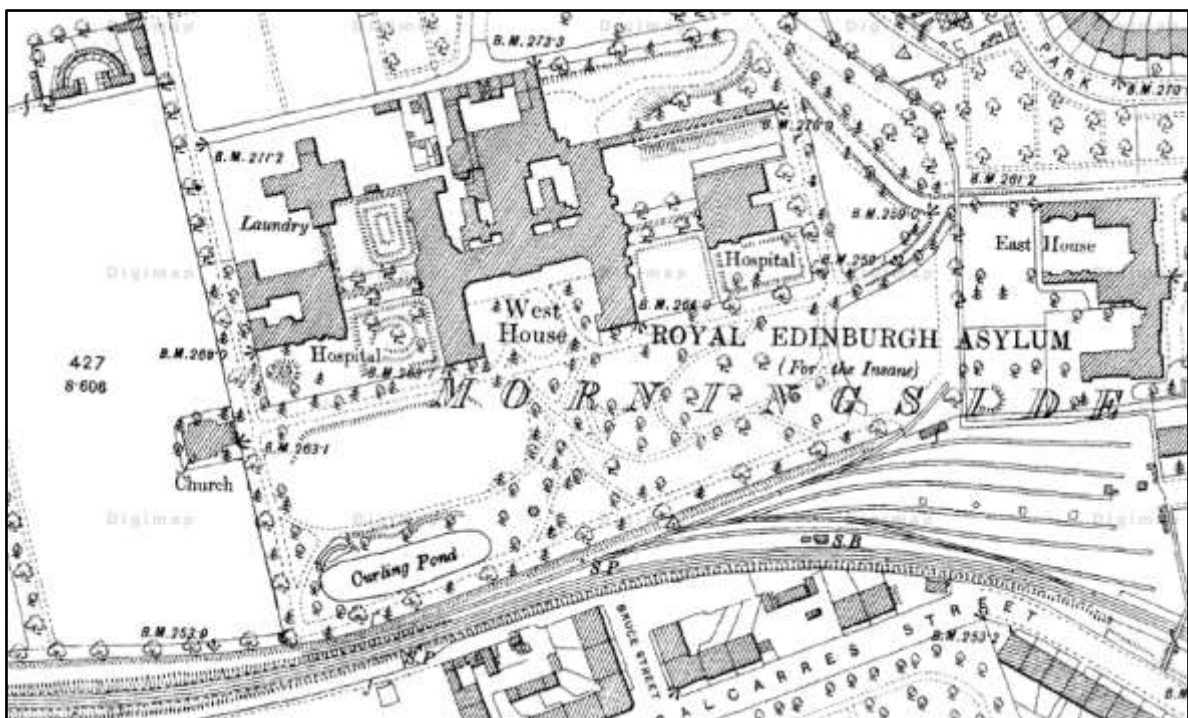
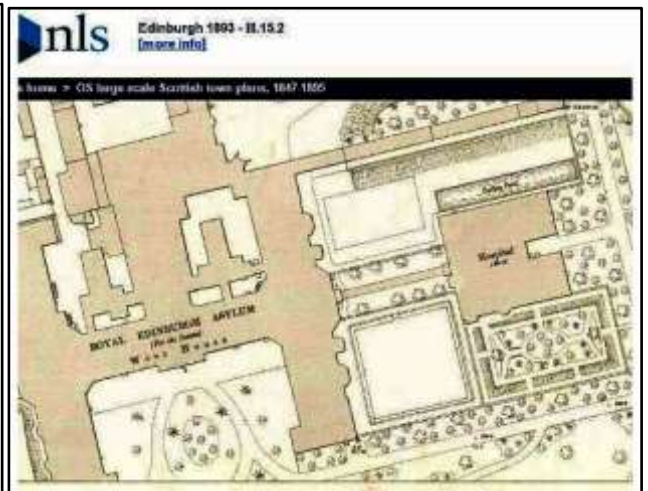
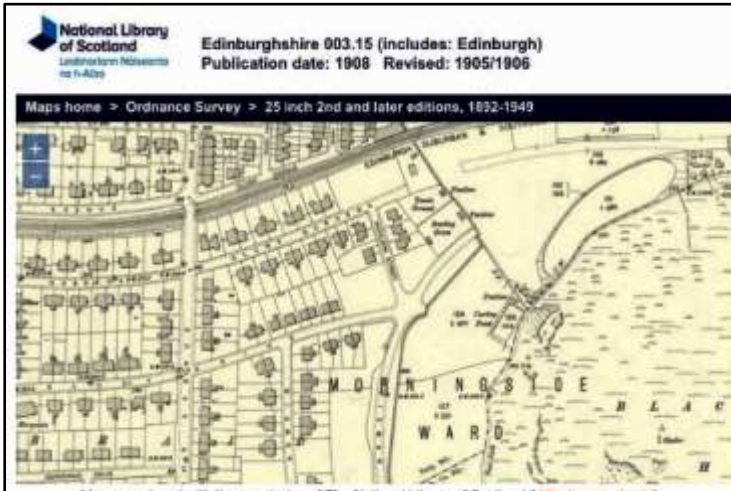
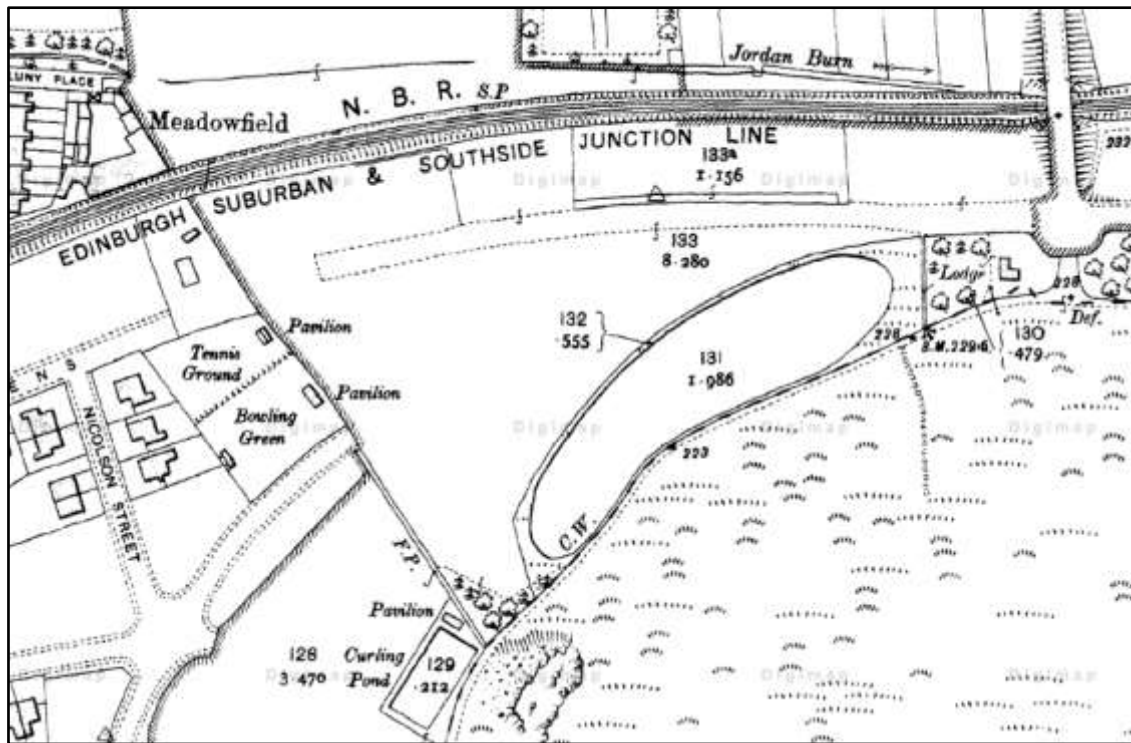
1879 Waverley artificial pond on concrete base. Waverley Curling Club formed 1901.

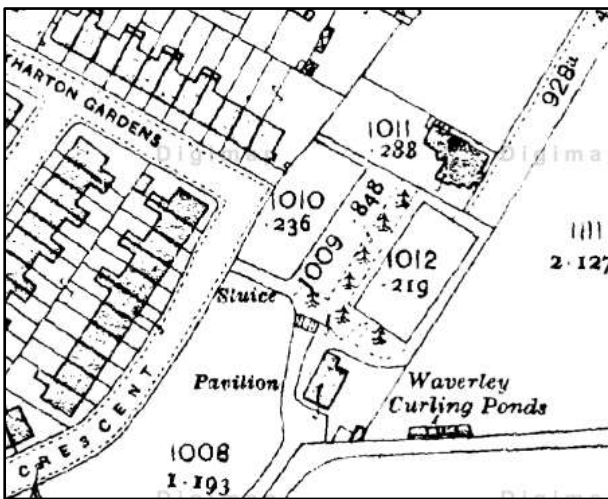
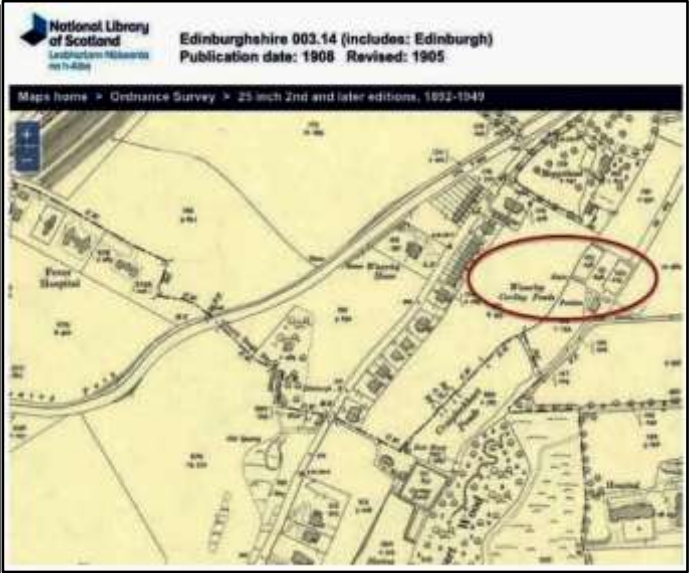
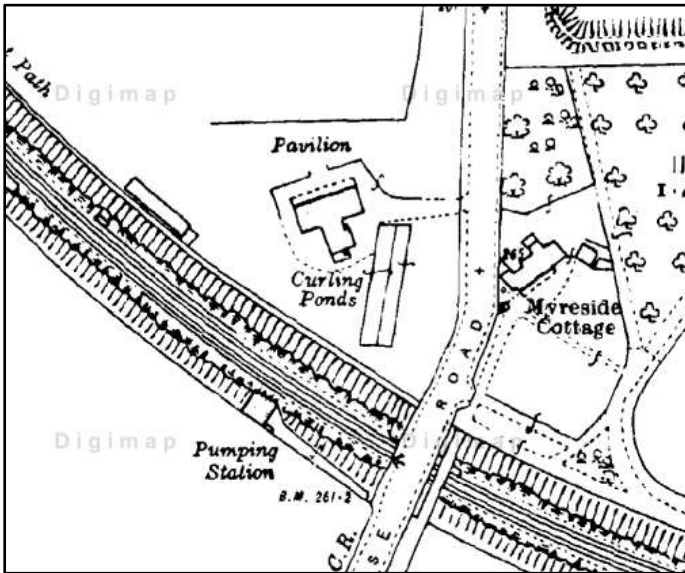
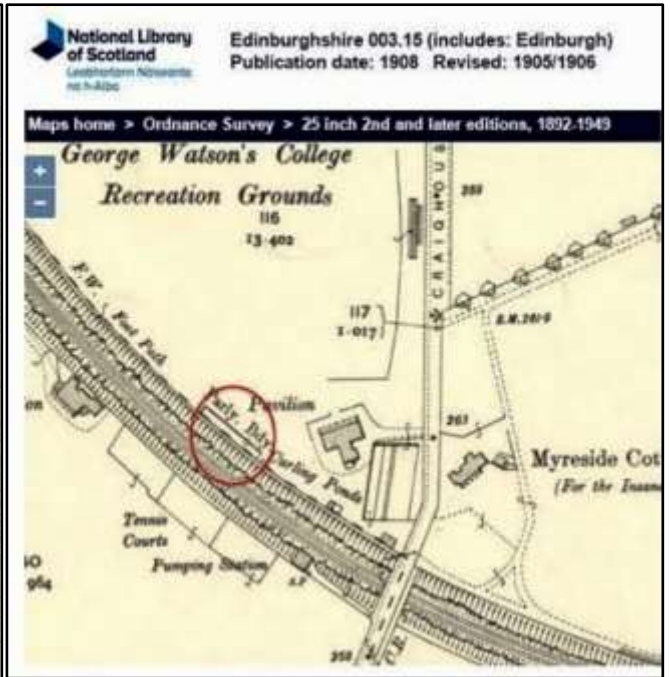
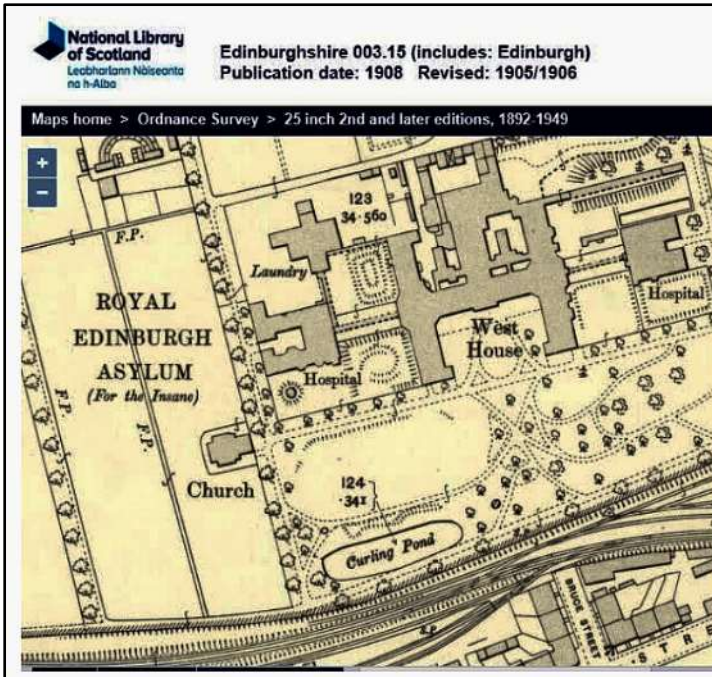
0632 Craiglockhart. Curling ponds in deep glacial valley of Megget Burn. Curling Club formed 1887.

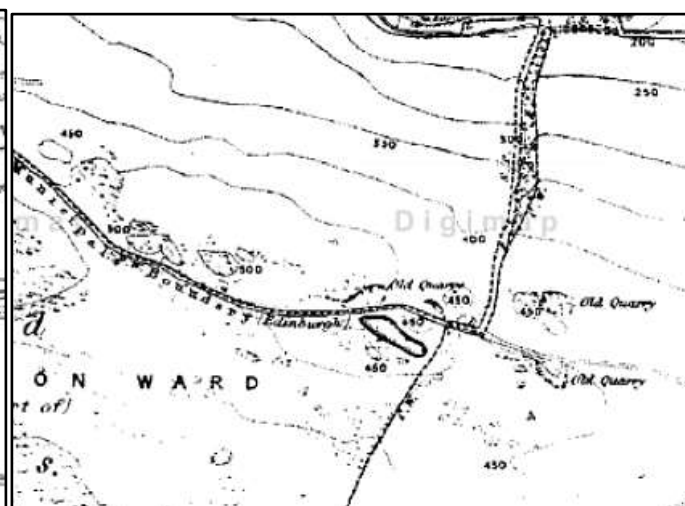
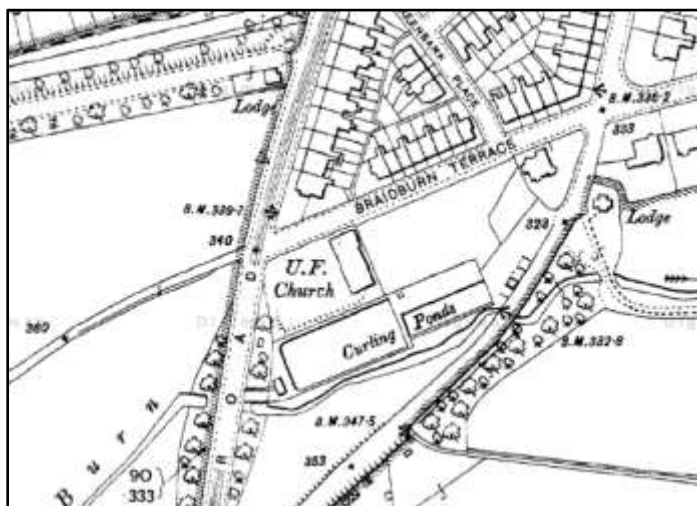
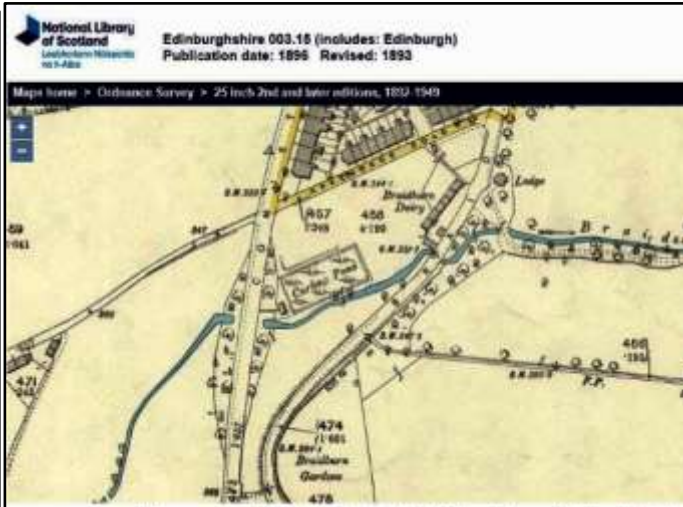
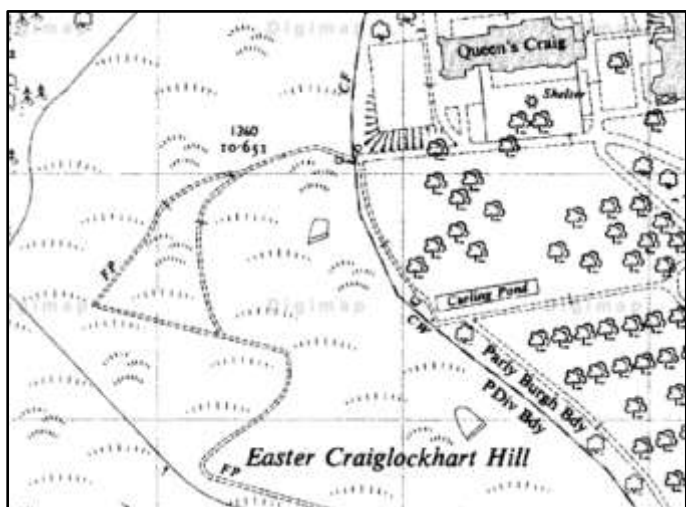
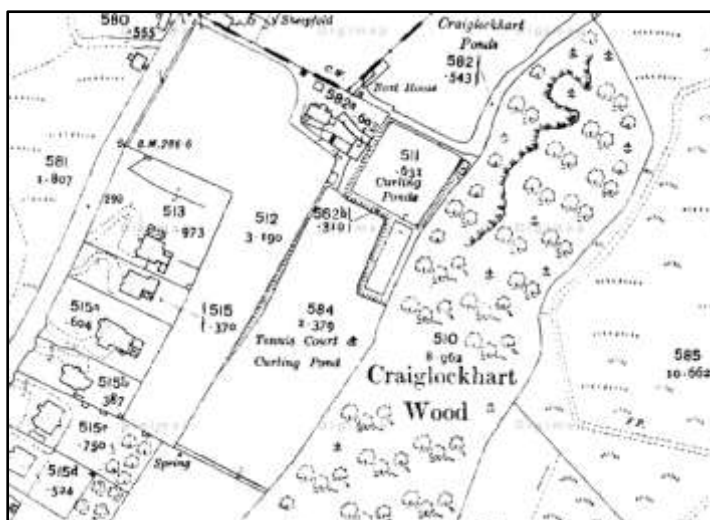
2184 Craiglockhart Hospital. Rectangular curling pond in grounds of New Craig House; Map 1909 & 1938.

0762 Greenbank Curling Pond, Braid Road, Braid Estate Edinburgh. Curling pond on OS 6inch map of 1908.

2468 Braid's Hill, Edinburgh. Location identified in the Scotsman in January 1844.







Edinburgh's old curling ponds. (Full list see www.historicalcurlingplaces.org)

In the late 19th and early 20th century there were more than 50 locations within the city, on natural ponds (e.g. Duddingston Loch), artificial ponds (e.g. now engulfed Cameron Toll Shopping Centre) and cement (Waverley) or tarmac rinks (Myreside).

0109 Coates Pond, Edinburgh
0276 Lochend Loch, Edinburgh
0513 Mayfield, Edinburgh
0520 Blackford Pond, Edinburgh
0539 Henderson Row Pond, Edinburgh
0586 Coates Curling Pond, Edinburgh
0632 Craiglockhart, Edinburgh
0668 Myreside, Edinburgh
0762 Mortonhall, Edinburgh
1164 Heriot's School, Edinburgh
1319 Millburn, Corstorphine, Midlothian
1321 Nor' Loch, or North Loch, Edinburgh
1322 Canonmills Loch, Edinburgh
1661 Duddingston Loch, Edinburgh
1847 Dunsappie Loch, Edinburgh
1848 Peffer Mill, Edinburgh
1849 Hillside, Edinburgh
1860 Duddingston Pond, Midlothian
1879 Waverley artificial ponds, Edinburgh
1886 Braid Estate, Edinburgh
1905 Merchiston, Edinburgh
1906 Merchiston artificial, Edinburgh
1914 Bellevue Terrace, Edinburgh
1915 Perth Street, Edinburgh
1943 Meadows, Edinburgh
1987 Murrayfield, Edinburgh
2046 Fettes College, Edinburgh
2055 Slateford, Edinburgh
2094 Royal Edinburgh Hospital, oval pond
2095 Hope Terrace, Edinburgh
2184 Craiglockhart Hospital, Edinburgh
2468 Braid's Hill, Edinburgh
2472 Union Canal, Edinburgh
2477 Beaver Hall, Canonmills, Edinburgh
2843 Merchants of Edinburgh Golf Club
3004 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh
3111 Royal Edinburgh Hospital, rectangular pond
2016 Union Canal, Edinburgh

Braid Road, Greenbank Curling Pond.



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Description Braid Road, Greenbank Curling Pond. General view. Caption: 'Greenbank Curling Pond 1899'

Date c. 1899

Scope and Content The Greenbank Curling Pond, Braid Road, Morningside, Edinburgh The Braid estate, one of the large estates that surrounded the old village of Morningside, was a rural area of open fields and countryside that stretched south from the Jordan Burn, the southern boundary of the city of Edinburgh. The curling pond, now the site of the Mortonhall Tennis Club, stood behind a low wall close to the bridge over the Braid Burn, and opposite the entrance to the Hermitage of Braid, the old mansion house of the Braid estate, in Braid Road. In the 19th century curling was a popular winter activity on local ponds, and had an enthusiastic following. Curling matches were held regularly at Greenbank, and Blackford Pond was the home of the thriving Waverley Curling Club, established in 1848. Source: RCAHMS contribution to SCRAN.

CURLING AT BLACKFORD POND Bygone Edinburgh 2014



Title Curling at Blackford Pond, Date 1900.

Description In January 1900, Edinburgh experienced snow storms and a hard frost. The sport of curling became possible in several places including Blackford Pond shown in this photograph. The houses lie along the Mortonhall Road / Blackford Gate ridge. Arthur's Seat can be glimpsed in the background.