

Mortonhall Stroll Route

GETTING THERE: The nearest bus stop (11, 400) is Mortonhall Gate. The 11 runs from Western Harbour passing through Pilrig, Princes Street, Lothian Rd. and Morningside. Alternatively catch 'any of the 7s' (7, 37, 47), or even an X62, up the Bridges to Kaimes crossroads. At Kaimes cross, and walk west along the pavement to Mortonhall.

FOOTWEAR: Waterproof shoes or light boots. The stroll is along dog-walkers' paths, in shelter belts and field edges and then through the arboretum. Expect to stumble over the occasional tree root and, despite a carefully planned route, to encounter some mud.

ROUTE: A clockwise, circular (2km) route.

- On exiting Mortonhall Garden Centre café turn right and right again through the side carpark. Straight ahead enter the shelterbelt paralleling Frogston Road East. Keep ahead on dog-walker's footpath. Pass various building remains of the old postwar camp [1].
- On reaching a field, continue ahead on a footpath along the field boundary. Go right (north) on reaching field corner. Bases of huts of old army camp can be discerned in field to left [2]. Drop down to find a bridge (slightly to left) at next field corner.
- Cross over Stenhouse Burn [3] and enter Estate Woodland. Follow paths beneath mature trees of the Arboretum [4] to exit woodland (at 11 o'clock).
- Briefly take track (possibly old main driveway [5]) left to walled garden [6] and cottage housing former kennels [7].



- Return along track. Soon, before Main House [8], find a way to go right and re-enter woodland.
- Bear left to pass behind the House. Exit into overflow carpark. Cross carpark.
- Turn right to follow tarmaced road back to the starting point.

Better (semi-interactive & zoomable) map available on plotaroute: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2520128>

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