

Old Leith Docks: Route

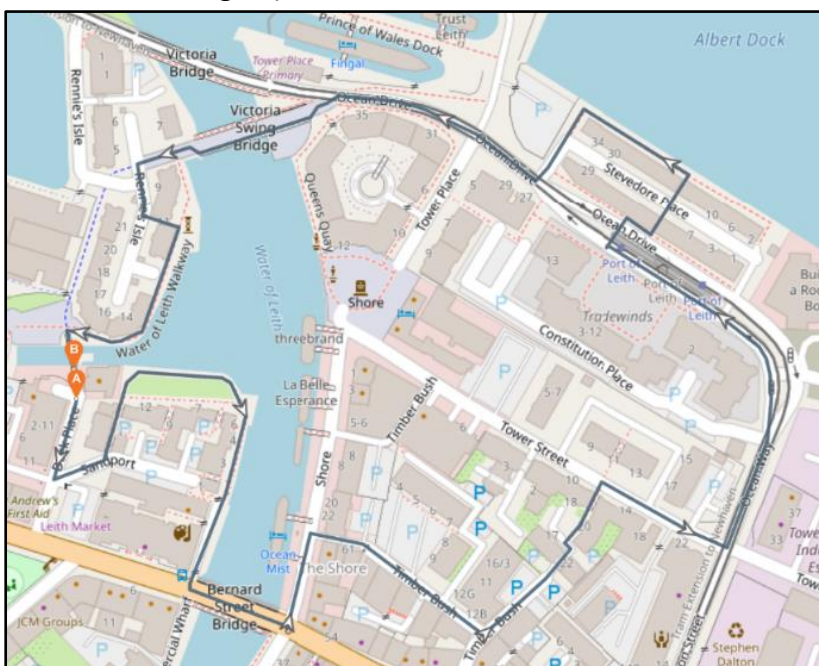
GETTING THERE: The stroll starts and ends on Rennie's Bridge at Teuchters Landing in Leith. Teuchters is easy to find, although slightly off the beaten track. Simplest, and most straightforward, is to take the 16 bus down Leith Walk, e.g. from Princes St. The 16 stops very close to Teuchters. 20 mins. after leaving Princes St., and having zigzagged through Leith, the bus turns sharp left at The Shore to cross over the Water of Leith using the Bernard St. Bridge. Immediately after crossing, alight at the Asda (the bus stop is formally called Victoria Quay). Walk back a few paces. Use the pedestrian crossing. Turn down Dock Pl. (next to the Old Custom House). Teuchters lies a few tens of paces straight ahead.

More pleasant (but with a ½ km walk) is to take the tram (towards Newhaven) e.g., catch one on Princes St. (bottom of The Mound). Alight (after 15 mins) at the tram stop called 'The Shore'. Walk ahead a few paces. Turn left along the busy Bernard Street. The road narrows. Keep ahead. After 300 yds., once over the Bernard St. Bridge, turn 2nd right down Dock Pl., at the far side of the Old Custom House.

FOOTWEAR: Warning: there are many setts, cobbles, and uneven flagstones, so wear good, flat shoes.

ROUTE: A 1-mile anticlockwise circuit.

- Leave Teuchters **[A]** to walk south 50m. **[1]**. At Dock Pl., turn sharp left into Sandport. Find archway on left. Pass through to waterfront.
- Go right along old quayside **[2]**. Turn right up the Water of Leith. Keep straight ahead, passing without difficulty (despite some steps and gateways), to walk alongside the water to the Old Custom House **[3]**.
- At Commercial St., turn left over the Bernard St. Bridge **[3]**. Once across turn left. Observe the old quayside steps **[4]**, used by George IV, opposite the Ship Inn.
- Immediately to the Inn's left enter Timber Bush **[5]** through archway. Ahead and right, follow lane, passing old warehouses. In 100m at T-junction turn left. When setts end, pass under archway beneath housing. Further ahead pass through a second archway to emerge onto Tower St **[6]**.
- Turn right, then left, along Ocean Way to follow the tram tracks. Through the old dock entrance gates (Constitution St.), keep left still following the tram tracks. Just beyond tram stop, on Ocean Drive, cross to pass through narrow alley. Keep ahead over Stevedore Pl. and through housing to reach railings and the old Albert Dock **[7]**.
- Turn left and left again. The old Ports Office **[8]** is opposite. Turn right to follow tram tracks once again. Pass 'The Fingal' (with views across to the massive future docklands development site).



- Cross over to take the old swing bridge **[9]** to Rennie's Isle. Wind left, and left a second time, through a new archway, to reach the waterfront at the carved boulder **[10]**.
- Turn right to follow quayside (beware of poorly designed ramp) back to Rennie's Bridge and the starting point at Teuchters' Landing **[B,11]**.

Better (semi-interactive and zoomable) version of map available at:

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2520484>

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