

North Morningside

Our stroll route can be followed on Kirkwood's map of 1817. We start, and end, at the road junction at the centre of the map. Visit the Castle (left middle), stroll along the north edge of Mr Gibson's property (bottom left), cross Morningside Road (central axis) to pass by the Tomb and Old Quarry (top right).



Plan of the City of Edinburgh and its environs. Kirkwood, 1817. (Available from [National Map Library](#).)

Robert Louis Stevenson on Morningside developments:

Stevenson, in his 'Edinburgh: Picturesque Notes', was very dismissive of the ever-increasing signs of suburban creep and sprawl in this area. "Day by day, one new villa, one new object of offence, is added to another; all around Newington and Morningside, the dimmest structures keep springing up like mushrooms; the pleasant hills are loaded with them, each impudently squatted in its garden, each roofed and carrying chimneys like a house. And yet a glance of an eye discovers their true character. They are not houses; for they were not designed with a view to human habitation, and the internal arrangements are, as they tell me, fantastically unsuited to the needs of man."

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