



The farm employs a variety of different conservation schemes and for this reason you are likely to see a wide variety of wildlife including roe deer, brown hares, skylarks and buzzards.

thousands of years. The current house dates from the early 19th century, although remains of prehistoric settlements show that this area has been inhabited for several centuries. It is thought that the name comes from Eaglescairnie has been a small independent estate for not to damage any crops or disturb livestock.

Starting at the market cross cut across the square to Station Road and continue along the road into the woods until you see a sign to the right. Follow the edge of the field around two sides of Fawn Wood until you see a wooden sign to "There"! Follow the hedge line, through a gate and down a rough path to a bridge. Once on the other side the main path is signposted running around the farm. There is also a network of paths around the farm offering a variety of different walks. Please be careful not to damage any crops or disturb livestock.

3 kilometres / 2 miles ... and beyond!  
 Much of this route is along unmade paths and field margins, so it can be muddy after wet weather. Waterproof boots are recommended.  
 The route is signposted and marked with way-marker posts with a red stripe.

## EAGLESCAIRNIE FARM WALKS

## GIFFORD

The picturesque village of Gifford is located 4 miles south of Haddington on the Gifford Water. The village dates from the late 17th century and was originally built to replace the village of Bothans, which was demolished to make way for the walled park around Yester House.

Originally built to accommodate the estate workers, the village now has two hotels and a variety of small shops.

More information about the history of the village can be found on the board on the corner of Main Street and High Street or in "Gifford, a Brief History and Guide" available locally.

This leaflet describes three walks around the village and surrounding countryside. There are several more informal walks in the area as well as longer walks and cycle routes across the Lammermuir Hills and on quiet roads.

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## MORE INFORMATION

More information about walks around East Lothian can be obtained by phoning East Lothian Council 01620 827671.

Printable copies of this and other leaflets are available on [www.eastlothian.gov.uk](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk). Any comments or suggestions about this leaflet or the walks can be left on the feedback form on the web site.

Bolton Church dates from 1806 but there were at least two earlier churches built on the same site. The mother, brother and sister of Robert Burns are buried in the churchyard.

The route leaves the village along the B6369 towards Haddington. After crossing Sandyford Burn turn left and follow the path around the field and along the river. Dippers and herons are often spotted on the river here. Once through the woodland the route crosses a grass field and above Colstoun Old Mill and crosses another track to the kissing gate. Follow the hedgerow to the next gate and continue along the path through the woods and then follow the track to Bolton.

4 kilometres / 2 2/3 miles – each way  
 A walk from Gifford to Bolton along the old right of way. Once you leave the village the first 1.2 kilometres is along a reasonably level windust surface. Please take care when walking along the path at the side of the road as cars travel deceptively fast along this section.  
 The remaining part of the route continues through fields and along earth tracks. Waterproof shoes are recommended for this section.  
 The route is signposted and marked with way-marker posts with a blue stripe.

## PEDLARS WAY

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Turn right along The Wynd and continue diagonally across the grass and along the back of the houses towards the end of Walden Terrace. The route then returns down Duns Road towards the Main Street, passing Yester Church, which dates from 1710. More information about the village can be seen on the board on the wall across the road from the Market Cross.

Bleachfield, which was used to dry linen as part of the original trees planted in 1680. On the right of the road is Avenue. Many of the lime trees lining the route are the starting near the market cross at the corner of High Street and Main Street the walk crosses the grass towards The Bleachfield, which was used to dry linen as part of the bleaching process at a nearby linen mill.

1 kilometre / 2/3 mile  
 An easy circular walk around the village, all of which is on pavements or tarmac roads.  
 Before reaching the gate lodges for Yester House turn left and return along the High Street where some of the oldest houses in the village can be seen. The walled area on the left is the Pound, where cattle and sheep used to be kept prior to being taken to market.

## VILLAGE WALK



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