



Tranent has been associated with coal mining since the early 13th century, when the Lord of Tranent granted mines and a quarry to the monks of Newbattle. However, its origins are much older, as suggested by its Iron Age name, meaning "Village on the ravine". The medieval core of Tranent extends from the mercat cross, now a war memorial, north along Church Street and east along the High Street.

The surrounding area is steeped in history and includes the site of Scotland's first railway, the 16th century Tranent Tower, the Old Parish Church and the site of the Battle of Prestonpans.

## TRANENT

Some of the tracks may become muddy after wet weather so please wear appropriate shoes and take waterproof clothing on the longer routes. Please take care along the roads as traffic can drive very fast along some sections

Many of the paths around Tranent are a legacy of the coal mining in the area. Some are disused railways, whilst others were used by miners to get to the coal pits. There is a great variety of wildlife such as hares, buzzards and yellowhammers to be seen around Tranent, as well as magnificent views to the Firth of Forth.



This leaflet is designed to highlight the different routes that there are in and around Tranent, leading to other communities and longer distance paths. The routes have been colour coded to show off-road paths, road-side pavements and quiet roads.

## WALKS AROUND TRANENT

## WALK MORE – FEEL THE DIFFERENCE

The British Heart Foundation recommends we take 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day on 5 or more days a week to benefit our health.

Did you know that walking regularly can

- keep your heart strong
- help to reduce your weight
- help you to sleep better
- help to reduce stress
- reduce your blood pressure
- make you feel good



Try to make walking part of your normal day.

## WALKIN' TRANENT

Would you like to walk more for exercise or pleasure? Need the motivation of a regular group?

For more information please call East Lothian's *Paths To Health Co-ordinator* on **01620 827608** or Email: [aadams@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:aadams@eastlothian.gov.uk).



## NORTH SEA TRAIL

The **John Muir Way** forms the East Lothian section of the transnational **North Sea Trail**, linking 26 partner areas from 7 countries around the North Sea. The project aims to establish a network of pathways connecting heritage sites, and promoting business development through tourism. The project is funded through the EU Interreg IIIB Programme. For further information, click on [www.northseatrail.org](http://www.northseatrail.org) where you can learn more about the culture and heritage along the Trail, such as: *The Natural World; Buildings & Architecture; Working Life; Historical Routes; and Culture & Traditions.*



## SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

Know the Code before you go ...  
Enjoy Scotland's outdoors – responsibly!

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- take responsibility for your own actions;
- respect the interests of other people;
- care for the environment.

Find out more by visiting: [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com) or phoning your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



## MORE INFORMATION

Further information about walks around Tranent can be obtained by phoning East Lothian Council on **01620 827419**.

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. This leaflet may be available in large print, audio and community languages on request. Please contact **01620 827199** or [www.eastlothian.gov.uk](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk)



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport information can be obtained from the Traveline by phoning **0870 608 2 608**.

# Walks around TRANENT







## PLACES OF INTEREST

- ➊ **Battle of Prestonpans** Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army defeated the government troops in 1745.
- ➋ **Tranent Wagonway** Horse drawn railway carrying coal from the pits around Tranent to Cockenzie harbour. The first railway in Scotland, built in 1722.
- ➌ **Fa'side Castle** First built in the 14th century. Comprehensively restored in 1982.
- ➍ **Tranent Tower** Dating from at least the 16th century. It is believed that there may be an underground passage from here to Fa'side Castle

- ➎ **Jackie Crookston** The statue of Jackie Crookston in the Civic Square commemorates the Massacre of Tranent in 1797.
- ➏ **Dooocot** The doocot was built in the late 16th century.
- ➐ **Tranent Parish Church** Built on the foundations of a 15th century church, although the present church was erected in 1800.
- ➑ **Bankton House** Home of Colonel Gardiner, who was killed at the Battle of Prestonpans and buried in Tranent churchyard.
- ➒ **Preston Tower** 15th century tower house built for the Hamiltons of Preston.

- ➓ **Longniddry Bents** A great location to spot sea birds and spring-time wild flowers.
- ➑ **The Hough** The ravine that may have given Tranent its Iron Age name. Monks mined coal here in the 12th century. Railway built in 1800s. Open-air school here in the 1900s.

The residents of Tranent are traditionally known as "Belters". The origins of this are a little lost in time, but it is thought that the name derives from a tannery that used to be in the town. Here leather belts were manufactured for use on agricultural machinery by the belters!