

WL23 Whitburn Town Path

Start, route and finish

This 2.4 mile (3.8km) path goes through the heart of the town's residential area. It starts at the west end of the town on Polkemmet Road. It heads east running parallel with Hunter Grove and The Avenue to eventually cross the Longridge Road near the Parish Kirk. It continues eastwards, going along the northern side of Blaeberryhill Park, before crossing Blaeberryhill Road and initially continues east. It then skirts around the Glenburn Gardens and Glenisa Court housing areas and weaves its way along the north side of the Bickerton Lowland Crofts, crosses Hen's Nest Road and eventually meets WL19 East Whitburn to Stoneyburn path.

Surfaces and features

The urban section of this path between Polkemmet Road and Blaeberryhill Road is generally a 1.5 metre wide lit tarmac path. East from there it is generally a 1.5 metre wide whindust path. There are gates at either side of Hen's Nest Road.

The experience

The section between Polkemmet Road and Blaeberryhill Road is urban in nature, with the path heavily used for walking and cycling to work, shops, school etc. East of Blaeberryhill Road the path is on the edge of, or passing through an area of Community Woodland managed by the Woodland Trust where recreational use is more important.

Opportunities and constraints

The whindust path has been upgraded by the Woodland Trust over recent years. The tarmac path is generally good although its width has led to complaints about children using it to cycle to school. However, it is not envisaged that any upgrading will be required in the period of this plan. There is the opportunity to connect the west end of this route into the "Heartlands" redevelopment of the former Polkemmet Mine which will transform this sector of Whitburn into a new residential area. This core path will become a key link with the "Heartlands" path network.



WL38 Blaeberry Circular

Start, route and finish

This is a 0.7 mile (1.1km) path that provides a circular path by using a short section of WL23 the Whitburn Town Path. It starts by leaving WL23 near Briar Gardens and heads south along the western edge of Blaeberry Park between it and Croftmalloch Primary School. It then heads east across the park and then goes north to rejoin WL23 at Eppiestane Road. There is also a cul de sac spur which heads south to finish at Blaeberry Road near Gleneagles Court.

Surfaces and features

The sections of path to the west and east of the open space are 1.5 metres wide lit tarmac paths. The southern section of path, which is less than a metre wide, can be wet and muddy.

The experience

A pleasant area of open space with plenty of woodland strips in the midst of a residential area.

Opportunities and constraints

The south section of path will be upgraded to a 1.5 metres wide whinstone path within the plan period.



