

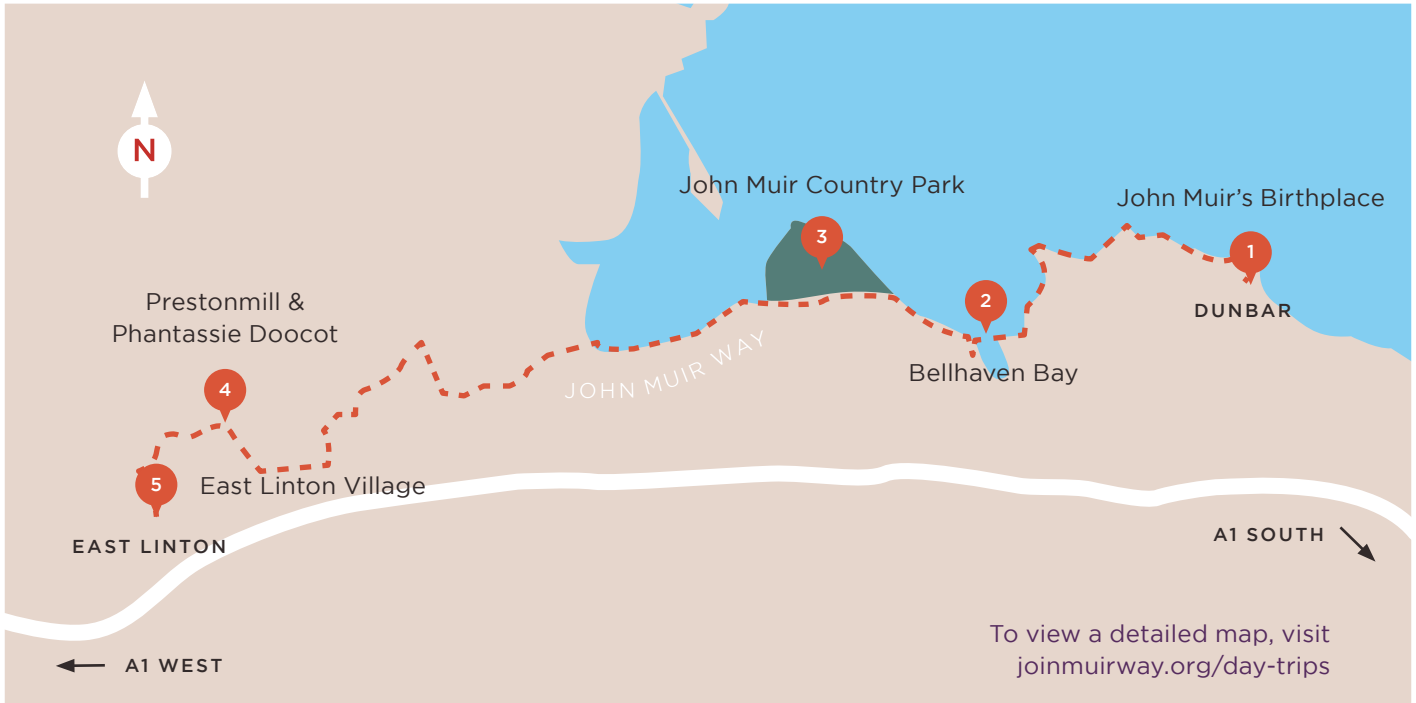
# Dunbar to East Linton

**ROUTE TYPE:** Walk

**DISTANCE:** 8 miles/13 km one way

**AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE:** 3 Hours

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:** ■■■□□ Medium distance, some rough terrain



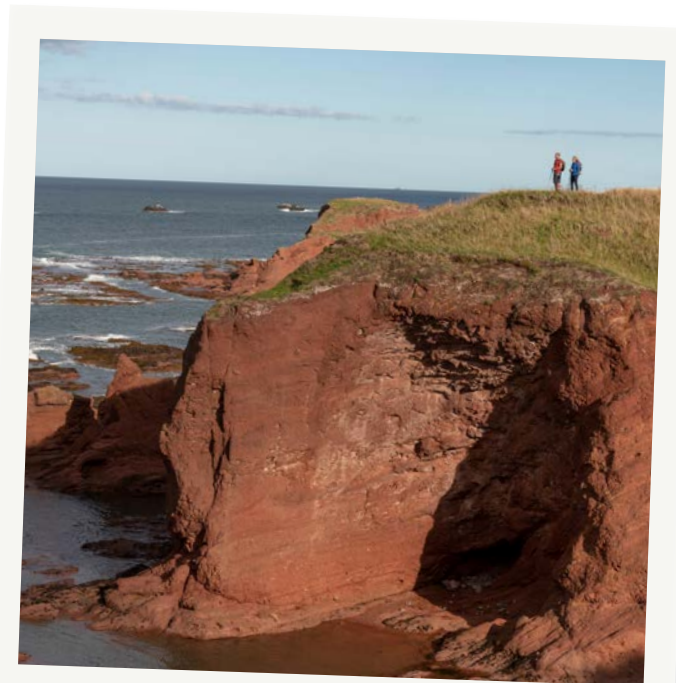
## THE ROUTE

This small section of the John Muir Way coast to coast boasts some of the finest views. Leaving from John Muir's Birthplace, your first treat is the clifftop walk with its many steps and sea stacks.

You will soon arrive at Belhaven Bay, passing the 'bridge to nowhere', which is cut off at high tide. Entering John Muir Country Park reveals a whole new landscape of forest and views across the vast mudflats.

Continuing along the John Muir Way, cross the River Tyne and visit East Lothian's last working watermill at Prestonmill where there's also a distinctive dovecot.

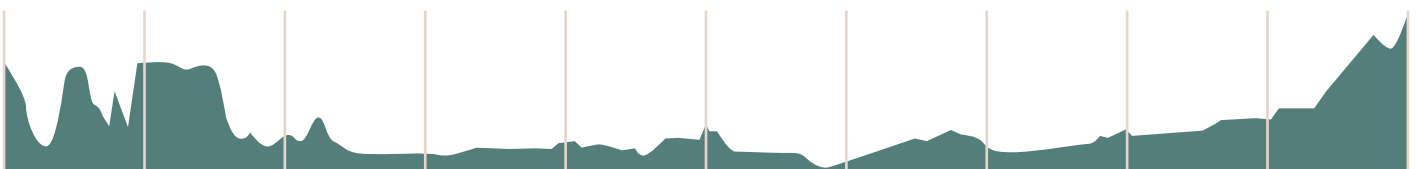
A short walk from there takes you into picturesque East Linton, where you can rest by the fountain and treat yourself to an ice cream, lunch or coffee before taking the bus back to Dunbar. For a longer challenge, continue along the John Muir Way all the way to North Berwick or return to Dunbar on foot.



*Clifftop walk, Dunbar*

## ELEVATION PROFILE

Total ascent 72m / Highest point 29m



## PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 **JOHN MUIR'S BIRTHPLACE**  
Pioneering conservationist, writer, explorer, botanist, geologist and inventor. Discover the many sides to John Muir in this museum located in the house where he grew up.
- 2 **BELLHAVEN BAY**  
This extensive beach is home to salt marsh and sand dune habitats as well as being a great place to paddle or learn to surf. Look out for the 'bridge to nowhere' that's cut off at high tide.
- 3 **JOHN MUIR COUNTRY PARK**  
Explore this park in John Muir's back yard, which offers several woodland and beach walks and is home to a wide variety of birds, plants, butterflies and moths.



Prestonmill



John Muir Country Park

- 4 **PRESTONMILL & PHANTASSIE DOOCOT**  
With its distinctive Dutch-style conical roof, this was East Lothian's last working water mill and featured in the TV series Outlander. Nearby is the beehive-shaped Phantassie Doocot.
- 5 **EAST LINTON VILLAGE**  
Just a few hundred metres south of the trail is the quiet village of East Linton with its picturesque fountain, flower displays and several places to rest up and refuel at the end of your

**THE INSIDE TRACK**

This trip can be tackled as a one-way walk if you take the bus back to Dunbar, or a longer return walk for those who have the energy. Set aside time to wander along the beaches on the way and explore East Linton and Dunbar's craft shops and eateries.

## TERRAIN

This trip follows the waymarked John Muir Way walking route. The majority is along footpaths on a mixture of surfaces, including some loose and sandy sections. While there is not much elevation change along the path, it does include the clifftop walk leaving Dunbar, which has many steps. We have therefore graded the route medium difficulty.

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## GETTING THERE

**BY RAIL:** There is a rail service between Edinburgh Waverley and Dunbar.

**BY BUS:** There is a local service linking North Berwick and Dunbar as well as the X7 Edinburgh-Dunbar bus route.

**BY CAR:** In Dunbar there is some on-street parking and a car park at the swimming pool.

Plan your trip and find more routes at:  
[johnmuirway.org/day-trips](http://johnmuirway.org/day-trips)