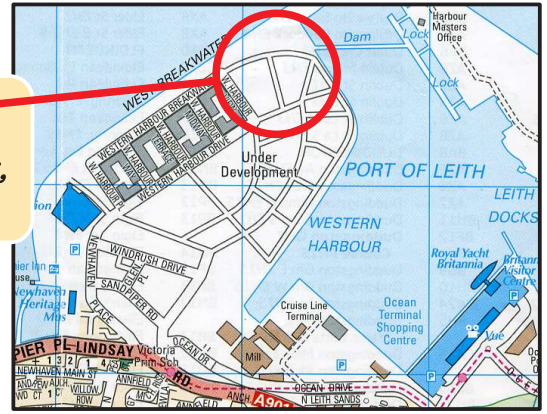


My favourite place by bike

Location:

GR: 262778 Western Harbour Drive / W.H. View, Edinburgh EH6



Directions: From Lindsay Rd at Newhaven, either:

1) Turn off beside Newhaven Harbour – proceed towards lighthouse and turn north onto stone-dust path beside hotel. Follow past Sports Club and join tarmac path along top of sea wall to where railings end. Carry on through short gap to join white stone-dust path headings towards docks entrance.

2) Turn north on Newhaven Place or follow Ocean Drive/ Sandpiper Rd to Western Harbour Drive and continue to far end (there's a dual-use footway but traffic is very light and the road has fewer ups and downs!). Turn left on W.H.View – at far end turn left for short distance and take ramp down to promenade level.



Attractive features:

- Stress-free access; even the road route has very little traffic
- Very low noise levels and not too many people on site
- Open views in several directions – eg. Britannia, Fife, etc
- Reclaimed land yet to be developed provides birdlife habitat
- Because roads are raised above general landfill levels, some informal ponds have formed, attracting ducks, gulls, etc.
- Interesting ship movements – if you're lucky!
- Grassy areas/benches for resting on
- Seeing the area slowly transformed (although not since recession!)
- A calming and relaxing feel similar to the countryside, but quickly accessible from where I live and work

