

West End Wander

Distance: 3.4 miles

Time: 1 hour and 10 minutes

Grade: 3

Comment: Fairly steep walk up from Bellfield Street to Balgay Park

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Directions

Start outside the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art on Perth Road. Cross over the road, turn left and walk down Roseangle, which is the street on your right-hand side.

Walk to the bottom of Roseangle and follow the road round to the right onto Magdalen Yard Road and onto Magdalen Green. Walk through the park to just past the bandstand. Turn right here and walk up Shepherd's Loan. At the top of Shepherd's Loan cross Perth Road and Hawkhill and walk up Blackness Avenue.

Continue up Blackness Avenue right to the top where it veers to the right and cross over Blackness Road onto Balgay Road. At the corner of Balgay Road and Blackness Road walk into Victoria Park and take the path up the side of the park following Balgay Road. The path exits the park on Scott Street, continue across Balgay Road and down to the bottom Scott Street. Turn right into Milnbank Road. At the end of Milnbank Road turn right into Edward Street, keep walking ahead, first into Larch Street and then join a small path next to the Fire Station, this will exit on Blackness Road. Cross Blackness Road and walk down Bellfield Street past the Whitehall Theatre.

Cross Hawkhill at the traffic lights, turn left then walk down the path on the right onto Old Hawkhill to the Institute of Sport and Exercise. Turn right into Balfour Street and walk through the university campus to Airlie Place continue until you reach Perth Road turn right and walk back to the College of Art along Perth Road and your start point.

Points of interest

- There used to be a flock of sheep kept on Magdalen Green.
- Until the Dundee to Perth Railway was built, the river came up to Magdalen Green.
- William McGonagall, the 'world's best worst poet', occupied a house on Step Row. He wrote about the new Tay Rail Bridge . "which is most beautiful to be seen Near by Dundee and the Bonnie Magdalen Green"
- The name 'Hawkhill' refers to the original hunting area.
- The Edward Street Mill was built in 1851 as part of the Logie Works and has the oldest complete power loom factory in the city.
- Look out for the ceramic panels by Keith Donnelly on Bellfield Street.

