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Castle & Whisky Experience from Waverley (cycle)

Route Summary

Cycle route from Edinburgh Waverley railway station to the Scotch Whisky Experience on Castle Hill, Edinburgh Castle, and the National War Museum (located within the Castle).

Route Overview

Category: Road Cycling

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Rough

Date Published: 22nd June 2015

Difficulty: Hard

Length: 0.630 km / 0.39 mi

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Description

A very short – but steeply uphill – route. Cycle lane provided on Market Street, and advanced stop line provided at junction with The Mound. Remainder of route brief but steeply uphill & cobbled. Only the most fit

& committed of cyclists would want to cycle this section. Probably also not suitable for cycling in summer months due to conflict with pedestrian (tourist) flows. Best to get off & push!

Waypoints

Start of route

(55.95174; -3.19019)

Head up the South Ramp out of Waverley Railway Station.

No cycling in the Station!

(55.95163; -3.19090)

Network Rail, in its infinite wisdom, has decided that cyclists pose a grave risk to life and limb. So the ramps into the station remain closed to all except a handful of delivery vehicles while rail travellers are crowded on to the narrow walkways. Overall, a pretty grim welcome to Edinburgh for rail travellers.

Waverley Bridge

(55.95152; -3.19162)

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Turn left on to Waverley Bridge.

Market Street

(55.95090; -3.19136)

At the roundabout, turn right to head up Market Street.

Market Street cycle lane

(55.95066; -3.19223)

Head up the cycle lane.

Top of Market Street

(55.95017; -3.19466)

Head straight across at the lights. There is an advanced stop line at this junction.

Mound Place

(55.94997; -3.19483)

Continue up the hill, now on cobbles.

Ramsay Lane

(55.94950; -3.19608)

Very steep here, only the fittest of cyclists will want to try to cycle this. Plus given the volume of pedestrian traffic during the tourist season, it'd often be better to get off and push here anyway.

The Scotch Whisky Experience

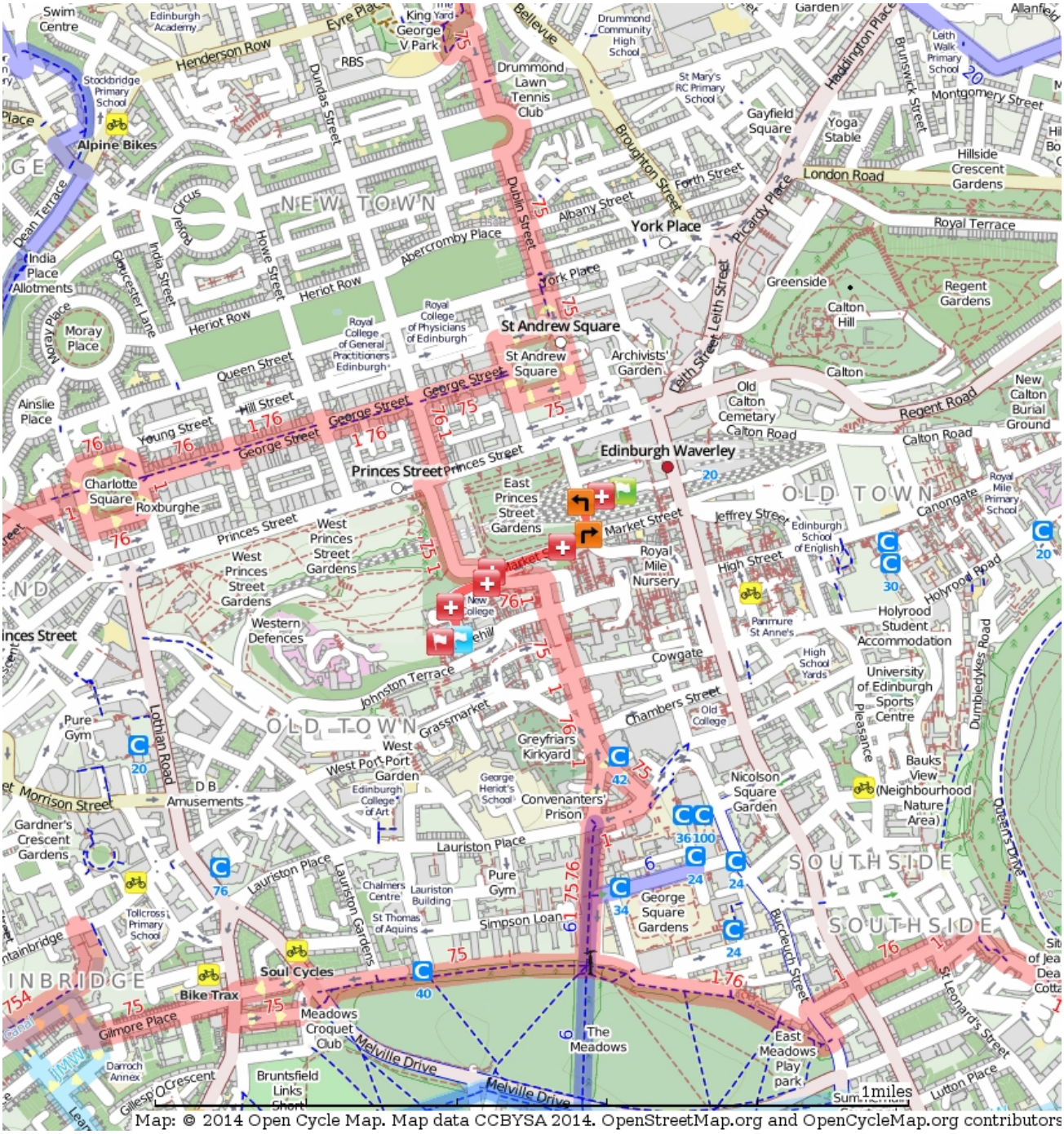
(55.94887; -3.19575)

If visiting the Scotch Whisky Experience, the entrance is here.

End of route

(55.94883; -3.19642)

The route ends at the Castle Esplanade. Unfortunately, there is no cycle parking while cycling on the Esplanade is, apparently, banned.



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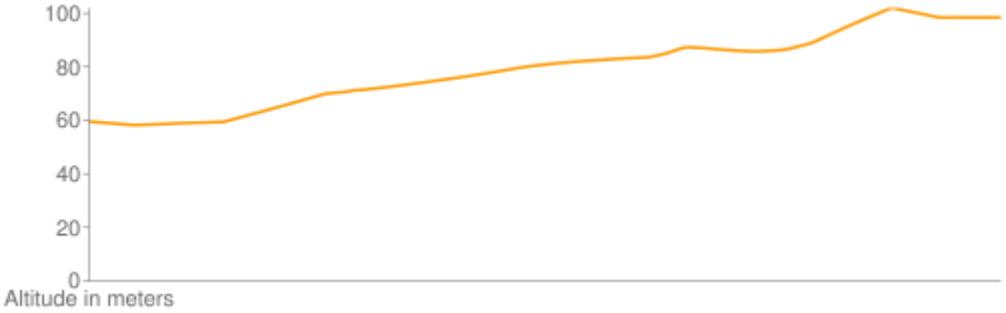

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