

# Gullane Circular

**Start & finish:** Gullane Bents Car Park

**Distance:** 7.5km / 5miles

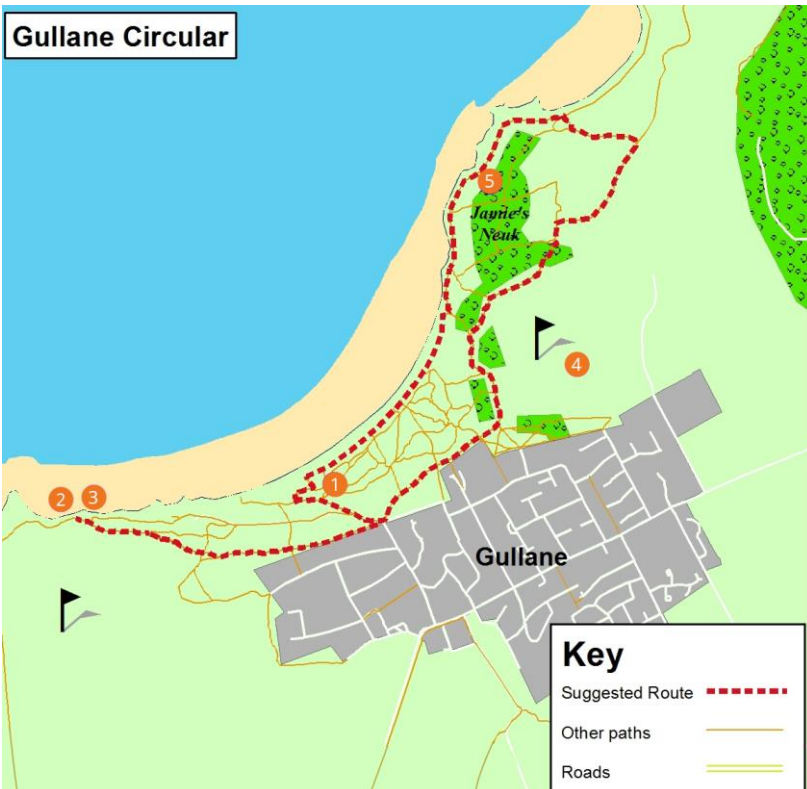
**Time:** 2 - 2 ½ hours

**Terrain:** Grassy paths and tracks, sandy beach.

**Directions:** Cross the car park to the south–west corner and walk through the narrow ‘vennel’ path leading to Hill Road. Turn right to the top of the road and go through the metal gate, where there is a waymarked trail across Gullane Hill and the golf course. Continue on this as the path descends to a junction with another path signed for “Gullane Point” and “Gullane Bents”. Take the first of these options out to the rocky promontory. After taking in the fine views of Gullane Point retrace your steps back to the signposts, this time following the route for “Gullane Bents” back to the car park. The walk can be shortened here. For the longer walk continue on the mown-grass path out of the car park to Marine Terrace. Take the waymarked trail from Marine Terrace, and after approximately 1km bear to the right at a junction of paths. The path eventually goes through a wood before meeting a wide track, which you should turn left onto to round a small prominence. Continue on this track past the ruins of a building by a stone wall and head towards the Black Rocks and the beach. Continue along the path by the beach until you reach the path leading back to the car park.

**Public transport:** Regular bus service to Gullane on the Edinburgh – North Berwick coastal route.

**Local services:** There are many independent shops, cafes and restaurants. Public toilets.



## Points of interest:

- 1. Gullane Bents** - Much of the dune area has been replanted with sea buckthorn to combat the threat of erosion. Large flocks of fieldfares can be seen feeding on this in winter. Wild flowers such as viper's bugloss can be seen in the nutrient poor soils. Great views over Gullane Point and the Firth of Forth.
- 2. Tank traps** - Defensive relics of WWII.
- 3. Gullane Point** - Great views over Gullane Point and the Firth of Forth
- 4. Muirfield Golf Course** - One of Scotland's Golf Coast's most famous courses and host to the Open Championship and the Ladies Open Championship.
- 5. St Patrick's Chapel** - Known to have been in existence in the early part of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

