

Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn

Trail data

- Distance: 9.2km
- Potential Trail Hubs: Bishopbriggs Library
- Destination Points: Cadder Church, Huntershill
- Nearby amenities: Trail passes through Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn town centres.
- Transport connections: Bishopbriggs train station, bus routes at Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Road
- Connecting routes: To Torrance
- Distance to next nearest trail: Approx 1.5km
- Recommended start point: Bishopbriggs Library
- Recommended direction: N/A

Trail length

The trail is composed of the following approximate sections:

- Cadder and Mavis Valley loop: 4.5km climbing approximately 40m.
- Bishopbriggs central and Auchinairn loop: 4.7km climbing approximately 61m.

Trail overview

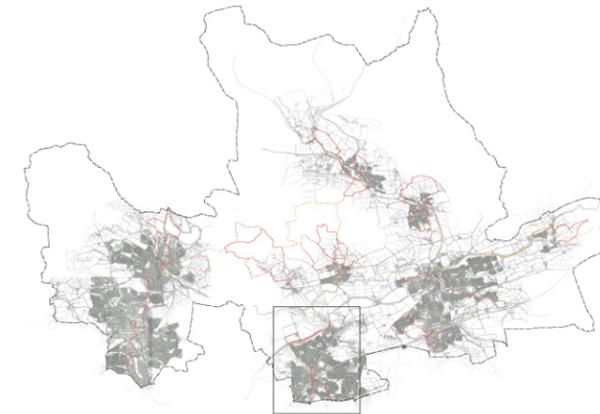
The Bishopbriggs & Auchinairn trail was originally proposed as a figure of eight loop covering Bishopbriggs Centre out to Cadder and Mavis Valley via the Thomas Muir trail and returning via suburban side streets, before embarking on a second smaller loop through Auchinairn via Springfield Road, Auchinairn Road and Crowhill Road. At the community consultation it was felt that the middle section of the trail via the Thomas Muir trail through suburban Bishopbriggs was not as interesting and the preferred option was to have two separate trails, one incorporating Cadder and Mavis Valley and another creating a much smaller figure of eight loop through central Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn. This allows the Bishopbriggs Library to act as a trail hub for information and amenities whilst the Cadder trail is within close proximity.

Notes on alternative routes

It is noted that a sports centre is currently under construction on Auchinairn Road before Crowhill Road and this may offer a better route if access is opened up past the centre and playing fields emerging at Huntershill House. This would allow the trail to avoid some busy sections of main road at Auchinairn Road and Crowhill Road and the industrial area at the junction between these roads. Further consultation is required as to the feasibility of this alternative.

Key to proposed trail map

Recommended Trail Start / Finish	
Destination point / Trail hub	
Heritage interest site	
Viewpoint	
Trail marker	
Trail interpretation point	
Lure location	
EDC boundary	
Proposed Trail route	
Additional / extension trail route	
Recommended connecting routes between trails	
Railway lines	
Railway stations	



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The following maps demonstrate the spatial strategy for the Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn trails.

The heritage and proposed trails are presented on two maps per area:

- Map 2A - Existing heritage locations
- Map 2B - Existing heritage locations plus proposed trail routes hubs, lures, interpretation, markers, viewpoints.

The heritage that has been mapped is the information which has been uncovered by the Trails and Tales team through the life of the project from desk research, site visits and community consultations. It is not an exhaustive list but a snapshot of heritage which has been communicated as important in the life of the area. Through the process of matching locations and heritage stories, many important sites have been noted on the following maps. Only heritage which has a place or site associated with it has been shown in the list and maps, however the project does have repositories of other heritage information for each area which are for now 'place-less' but may inform the production of artistic responses in other ways.

We have been as accurate as possible in defining heritage locations but some discrepancies may remain.

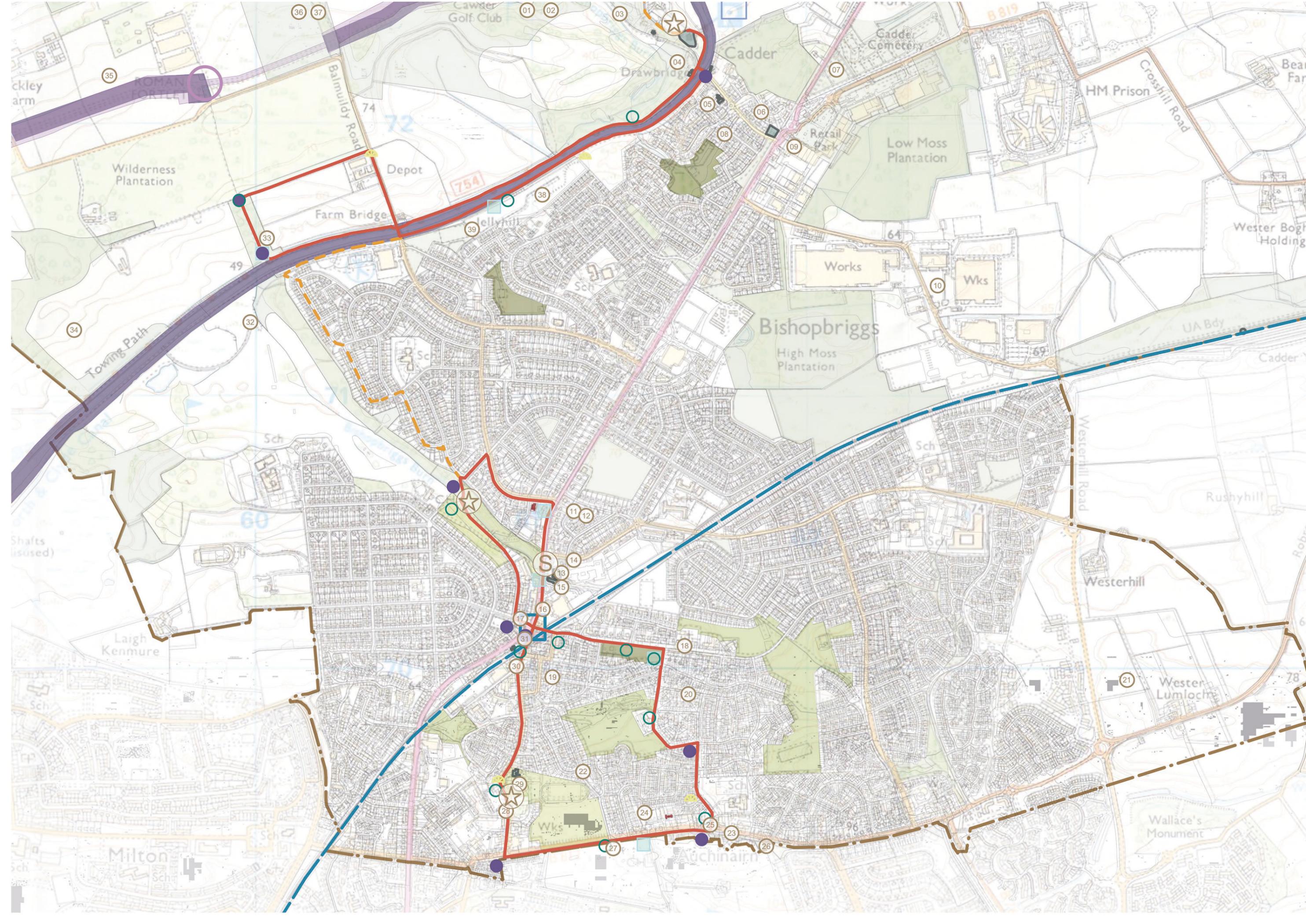
Mapped Heritage

01. Cadder House (Alice Holden Gardner, Max Aitken, John Knox)
02. Cadder Golf Course
03. Cadder Church (Sadie McLellan, Crear McCartney, Alf Webster)
04. Milton of Cadder
05. James Noble (Cadder School and session clerk)
06. William Primrose
07. Cadder cemetery (Cadder Resurrectionists)
08. Cadder garden suburb
09. Villafield Press / Blackies. Townhead works (former site of)
10. Villafield East - largest covered area contained Harper Collins
11. Water tower
12. Beeryard Farm at water tower (last hanging in this location)
13. Library (site of school bombing)
14. 1920s and 50s Housing development at bombing site
15. St Mathews Church (Gillespie, Kidd & Coia)
16. Kenmuir Cinema (former site of)
17. War memorial
18. Springfield Church
19. Emerston Road (Sister Laura baby food)
20. Character 'Lachy' who lived in the quarry at Firpark Road
21. Flying accident Lumloch farm (site of)
22. Thomas Muir Avenue
23. Auchinairn Community centre (former site of 1876 school - William Leachman and links to Thomas Muir).
24. Bowling Club
25. Auchinairn Tavern
26. Auchinairn Cenotaph
27. Paddy's Castle, Main St, Auchinairn (former site of).
28. Crowhill Road (Wire rope works, former site of)
29. Huntershill House (Thomas Muir)
30. Crow and Quinns Tavern
31. Bishopbriggs Railway station.
32. Ammunition dump at golf course
33. Mavis Valley (former site of).
34. Cadder pit disaster
35. Sand quarry
36. Fortlet at Buchley (Whiskey bonds)

37. Buchley sand quarry and conveyor belts utilised for play by children
38. Brickworks with rail link to canal
39. Jellyhill Farm house

Trail themes

Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn research has uncovered many heritage stories and one or two potential themes for the trails has been difficult to narrow down due to the diversity in heritage interest. From the consultation one particular theme which emerged was that of publishers, books, words, dictionaries, bibles and atlases from the publishing heritage of the area. Also significant and related was the fact that the library was built on the site of the WW2 bombing. However Mavis Valley, Thomas Muir Huntershill, artistic connections and entrepreneurial businesses (Sister Laura, multiple press & publishers, wire-rope industry, Huntershill Village, Alexander Turnbull's Turvalve) are also strong contenders, although perhaps already significantly represented.



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Cadder

Bishopbriggs

HM Prison

Wester Lumloch

Laigh Kenmure

Milton

Wallace's Monument

Towing Path

Farm Bridge

Works

Wks

High Moss Plantation

Low Moss Plantation

Westerhill Road

Crosshill Road

Wester Bog Holding

Rushyhill

Auchairn

Depot

Retail Park

Drawbridge

Cadder Cemetery

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Trail description

Cadder & Mavis Valley loop:

The suggested start is at Balmuirdy Road at the leisure centre. From here the trail crosses the canal bridge and turns left to descend onto the canal towpath in a westerly direction. There are interpretation panels relating to Mavis Valley at this location with directions indicated. The trail follows the canal path for a short distance until an access point on the right hand side. This access point is usually signposted to Mavis Valley but at time of writing this signage was missing. From here the trail follows this path through woodland, circling the open fields site of the valley where historical relics can be seen. The path continues through the woodland, emerging back onto Barmuirdy Road. At the road, the trail takes a right and returns to the canal bridge where the next section is suggested, again on the north bank of the canal. Turning left onto the canal path before crossing the bridge, the trail heads east towards Cadder, passing cottages, fields, and then woodland on the left hand side. This trail continues to follow the canal path past the bridge at Cadder Road and on towards Cadder Church as a destination point. The trail then returns along the same section of path for a short distance until the bridge where the trail continues across the bridge and begins the return leg to Balmuirdy Road along the opposite bank of the canal. This completes the Cadder & Mavis Valley loop, which is largely flat terrain with the exception of the Mavis Valley section and the access and egress from the canal path to the road.

Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Loop:

The suggested trail start is Bishopbriggs Library which can provide trail information and has toilets. The trail then follows the main road a short distance south towards the railway station and crosses the main road at the junction with Kenmure Avenue to pass the war memorial. The trail turns right onto Kenmure Drive and emerges at Bishopbriggs Car park where there is access to the Bishopbriggs Park beyond. The trail continues into the park for 500m or so passing play areas and seating and crosses a small bridge before climbing uphill and out of the park into the housing area at Keir Drive. The trail follows the road to reach the junction with Balmuirdy Road where it turns right and follows the road past multiple unique villas, including some of arts and crafts heritage. Balmuirdy Road concludes in a T-junction at Kirkintilloch Road and here, with views to the water tower and associated heritage site beyond, the trail turns right onto the main road to return to the library, passing Woodhall, Cadder Parish church and coffee shop. This completes the short Bishopbriggs section of the trail but the complete trail is proposed as one figure of eight trail continuing from the library towards Auchinairn. For the Auchinairn section the trail continues back to the crossroads at the railway station and this time turns left onto Springfield Road, travelling under the railway bridge. The trail continues along Springfield Road passing various smaller villas and stone terraces, to reach Springfield Parish Church. The trail then doubles back for 25m along Springfield Road to take a left onto Callieburn Road. From here the trail follows the road uphill turning right onto Beech Road at the junction. As Beech Road veers round to the left at Auchinairn Primary schools there are good views across to the Campsies to the North. The trail continues along Beech Road to the head of the road at Auchinairn Road. The trail takes a right, passing the Auchinairn Tavern and then continues along Auchinairn Road until the junction with Crowhill Road. At Crowhill Road the trail continues past Huntershill to the brow of the hill from where more vistas to the north open up. The trail continues straight down Crowhill Road, under the railway bridge and back to the starting point at either the railway station or Bishopbriggs library.



Cadder and Mavis Valley



Springfield Church



Bishopbriggs Central

