



Time to Walk Fauldhouse

A guide to walks in and around the village
to suit all ages and abilities.





Please follow the Forest Code

- **GUARD** against all risks of fire.
- **PROTECT** trees, plants and wildlife.
- **LEAVE** things as you find them; take nothing away.
- **KEEP** dogs under proper control.
- **AVOID** damaging buildings, fences, hedges, walls and signs.
- **LEAVE** no litter.
- **COME** prepared for likely extremes of weather.
- **WANDER** within your capabilities.
- **TAKE** notice of all warning signs.

Thank you.

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust is delighted to bring you 'Time to Walk'. This community led walking routes booklet brings together local knowledge and experience to share some of the great walks in and around the village of Fauldhouse. A big thank you to members of the FABTimebank who have suggested and tested the routes.

Walking is a great way to improve your physical fitness and general wellbeing. It's free and can be very sociable. If you would like to join one of the local walking groups, pop into our office, The Hub, for current details of active groups. Three shorter routes (Medal Routes) of 15, 30 and 60 minutes length are also available as a leaflet from The Hub or via the Ramblers Scotland website. We hope you enjoy these walking routes and encourage others to join you.

Fauldhouse Community Development Trust, October 2014.



All walks start and finish at:

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Forestry Commission Path

Route 1

“A pleasant circuit in the forest with good views over Fauldhouse towards the Pentlands.”

Distance: 3.6 km

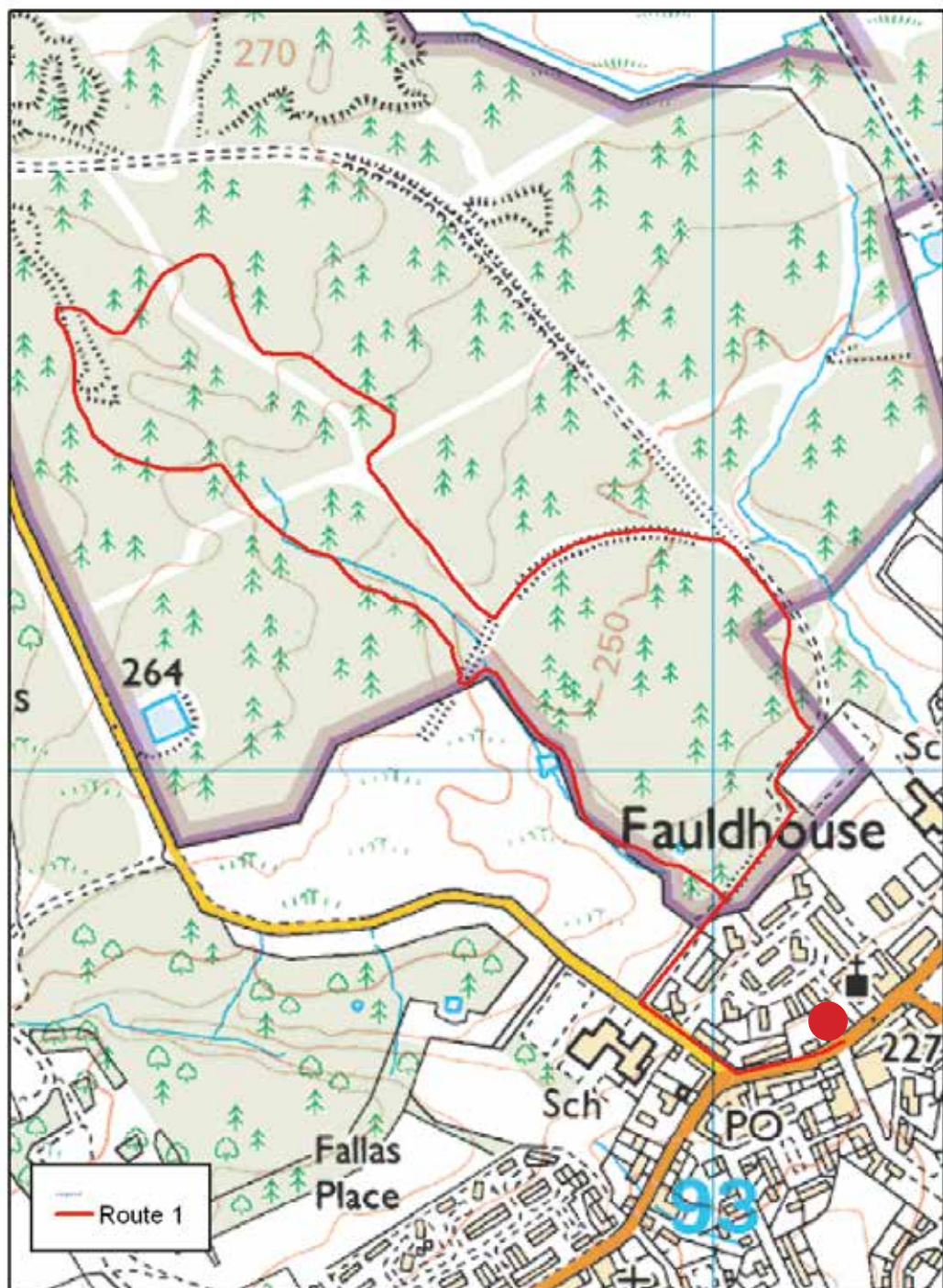
Time: 55 mins

Terrain: Good path all the way, no steps and no steep gradients. Suitable for cycling.



Exiting The Hub, turn right and walk towards the roundabout and turn right up Harthill Road. Cross over Church Place and then take the track to the right opposite Falla Hill Primary School passing the pigeon lofts on your left. The cycle path loop heads in to the left where there is a 'start' sign. The circuit is well signed and brings you back to the back of the Partnership Centre where you can rejoin the track and finish back at The Hub.

Large areas of forest were damaged by storms and work is ongoing to replant this area.



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Route 2

“A great wee walk on its own or the forest circuit can be an extension to some of the other routes.”

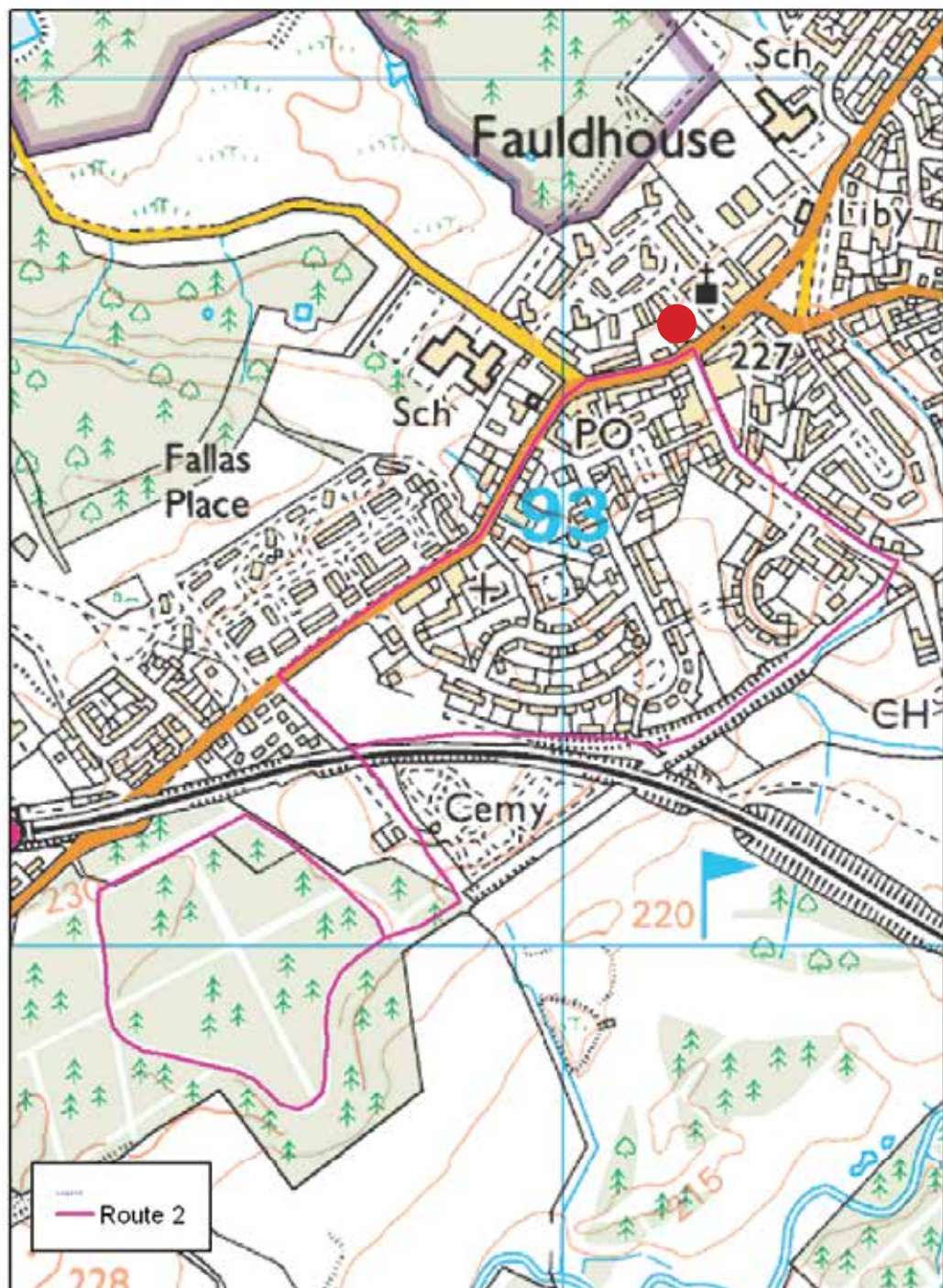
Distance: 3.2 km

Time: 50 mins

Terrain: Well made path all the way, no steep gradients.



Exiting The Hub, turn right and head through the village on Main Street. Turn left into Cemetery Road and follow the road under the railway. After the cemetery car park enter the woodland through a wooden gate on the right and follow the well-made path around the circuit of the forest. There are wooden benches along this route and some wild flowers are beginning to establish themselves along the path. Return under the railway bridge and then take the path on the right connecting on to the old railway path. Where the path reaches Bridge Street, turn left and return up the hill to The Hub, passing the War Memorial.



Route 2

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Eastfield Corner

Route 3

“A circuit that takes in the eastern boundary of the village.”

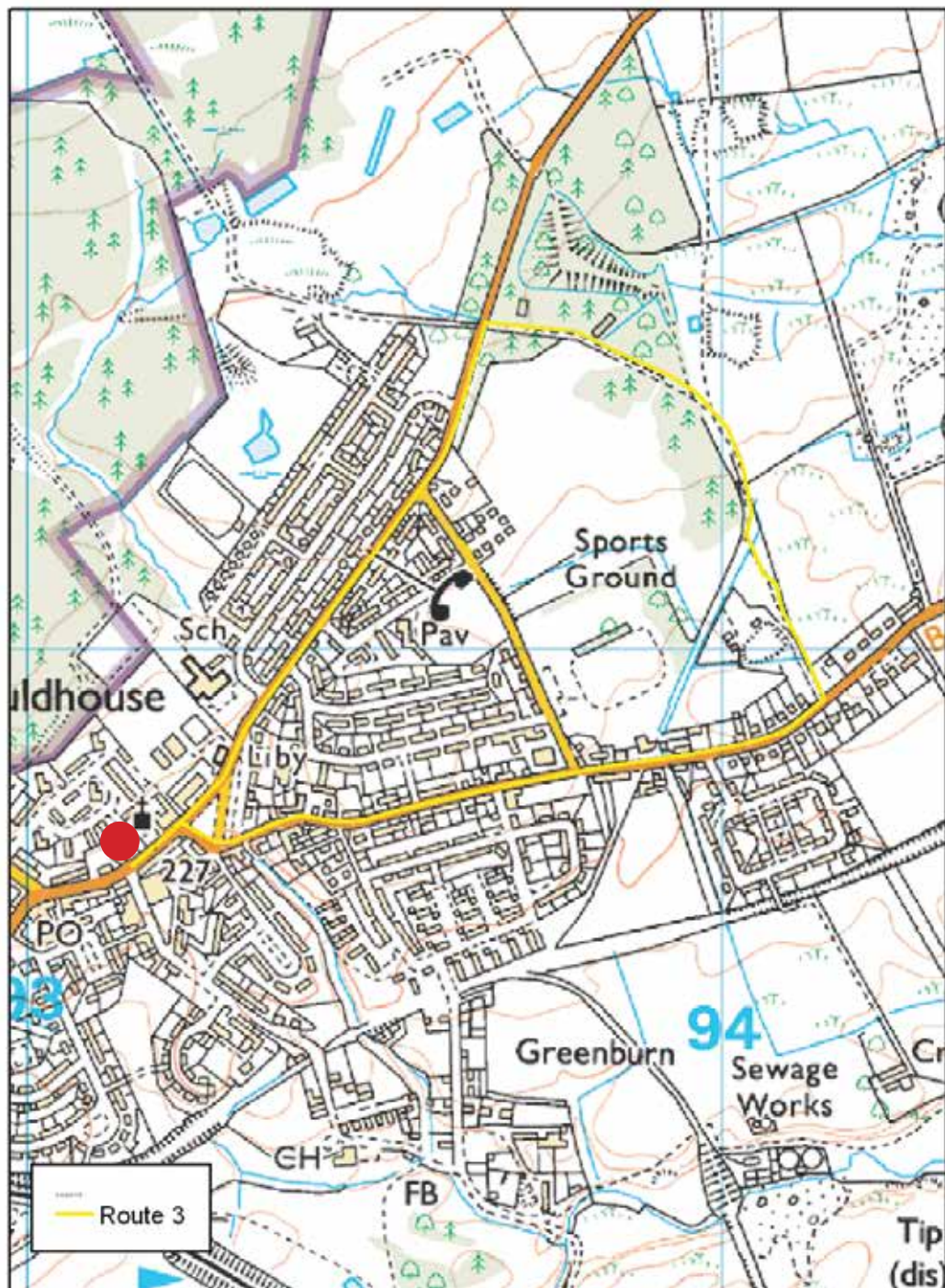
Distance: 2.8 km

Time: 45 mins

Terrain: Rough footpath, potentially wet and muddy.



Exiting The Hub, turn left and cross over the road, passing the village green area and head up Sheephousehill. Having passed the turning for Eastfield Road on your left, look for the red letter box and dog waste bin (dog walkers take note!) and take the footpath that heads left. From this side of the village there are good views over the fields to the Five Sisters bings and beyond to Edinburgh. Look out for wild raspberries and rosehips. On reaching Lanrigg Road, turn left and back into the village passing St John's Primary School and the Partnership Centre before completing the circuit back at The Hub.



Breich Water Loop

Route 4

“A walk around the southern edge of Fauldhouse with several variations possible.”

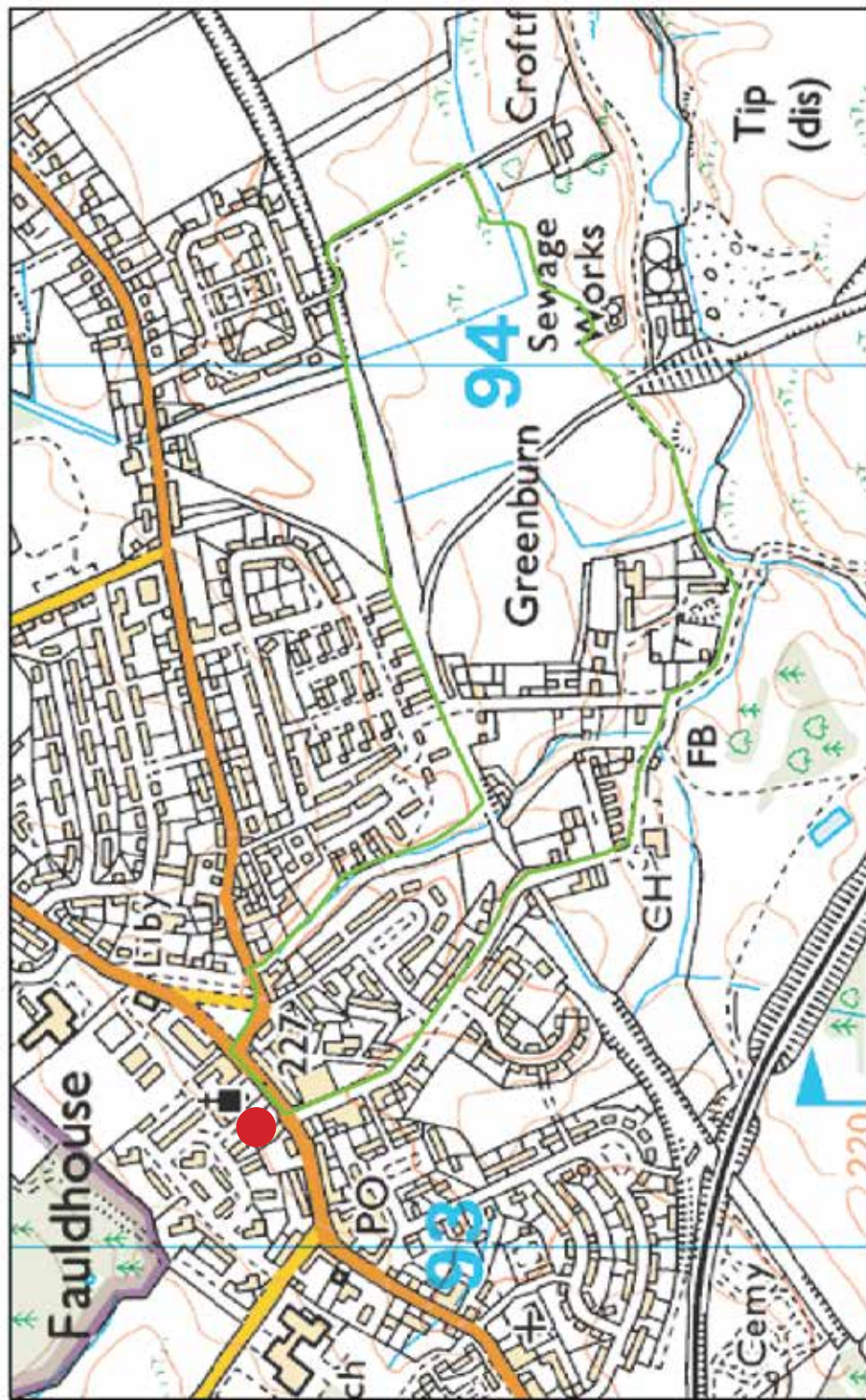
Distance: 2.9 km

Time: 45 mins

Terrain: Rough footpath in places, potentially muddy and some steps.



From The Hub, cross over Main Street and head down Bridge Street passing the War Memorial on your left. Follow the road round as it passes the Club House and Golf Course on the right. Then take the small road to the left, skirting the edge of the village. You will pass the sewage works on the right and then follow the path through the Croftfoot Woodland which has a sign and kissing gates on the way. The grassy path is narrow in places and sometimes muddy as it passes through the pleasant woodland area. Turn left when the path meets the track to the house and on reaching the old railway path descend the rough steps to the path and turn left. Just before the path crosses the stream, turn right and follow the path upstream to Sheephousehill then turn left and return to The Hub.



Levenseat Hill

Route 5

“A stunning viewpoint over central Scotland, with some industrial features, old and new.”

Distance: 8.4 km

Time: 2 hrs there and back

Terrain: Rough ground, narrow footpaths and rough track, steep ascent.



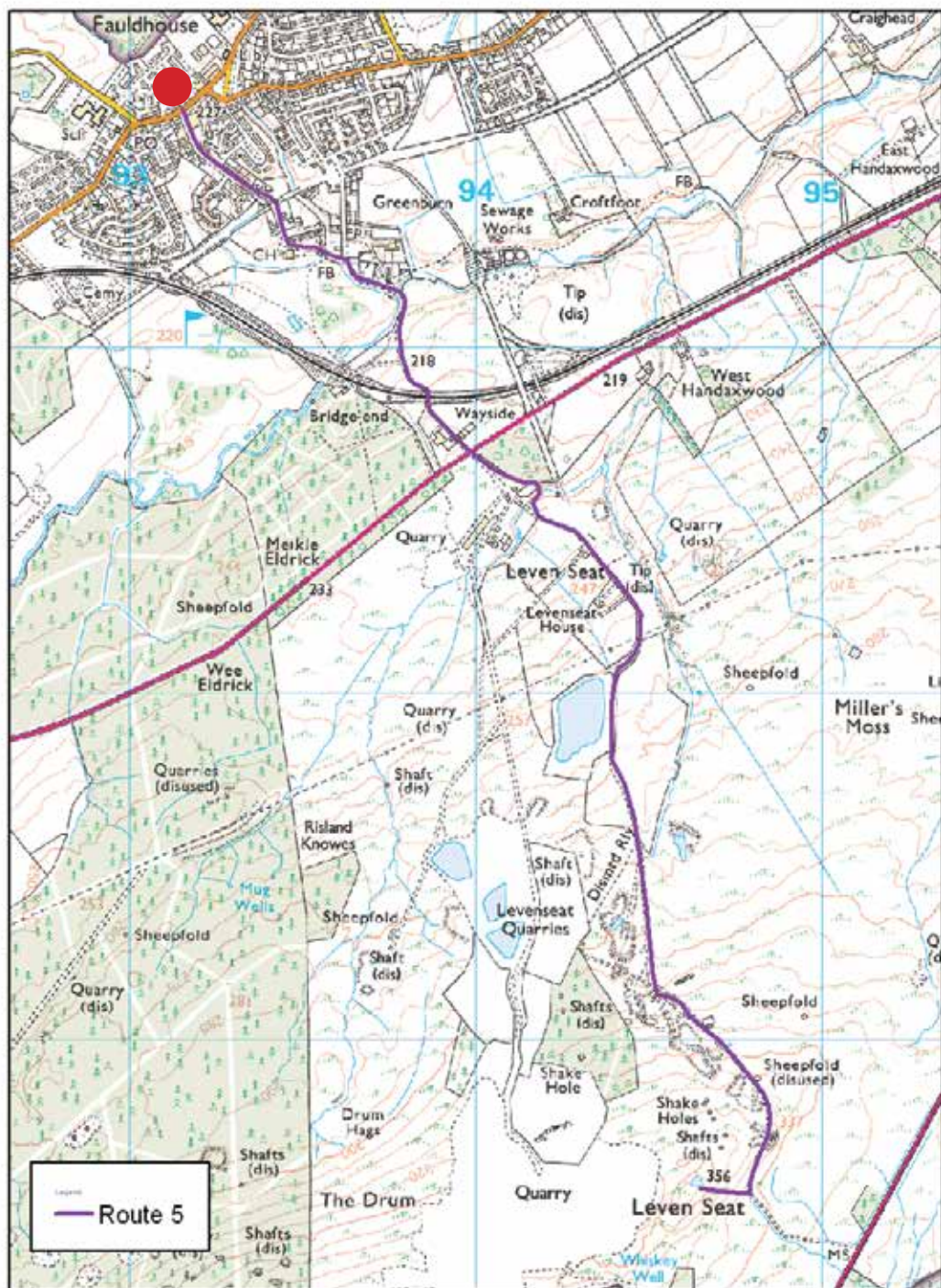
Starting at The Hub cross over Main Street, follow down Bridge Street and then pass the Golf Club on your right heading over the footbridge on an unsurfaced road.

Cross the main A71 road carefully then take the small footpath to the left of the sand quarry entrance. This slightly overgrown path winds around the boundary of the site and then takes you onto a track on the open hillside at the other side of the quarry. Having passed Levenseat House, the track goes past the quarry works lagoon on the right (danger – do not enter the water or sand bank area) and heads in a steady climb upwards. The track doesn't go right to the trig point on the top, but on a clear

day it is possible head over rough heathery ground to visit the trig point, keeping to the higher ground and avoiding any sunken areas (shake holes). Retrace the route back to The Hub.

On a clear day there is a great panorama of the Trossachs, Ochils, Pentlands and Tinto Hill to the South. The other feature you will see evidence of is the landfill site near the summit, obscuring views due west.

Note that livestock are around and dogs should be kept on leads.



Longridge Loop

Route 6 — — —

“A good circular jaunt through pleasant countryside.”

Distance: 5.3 km

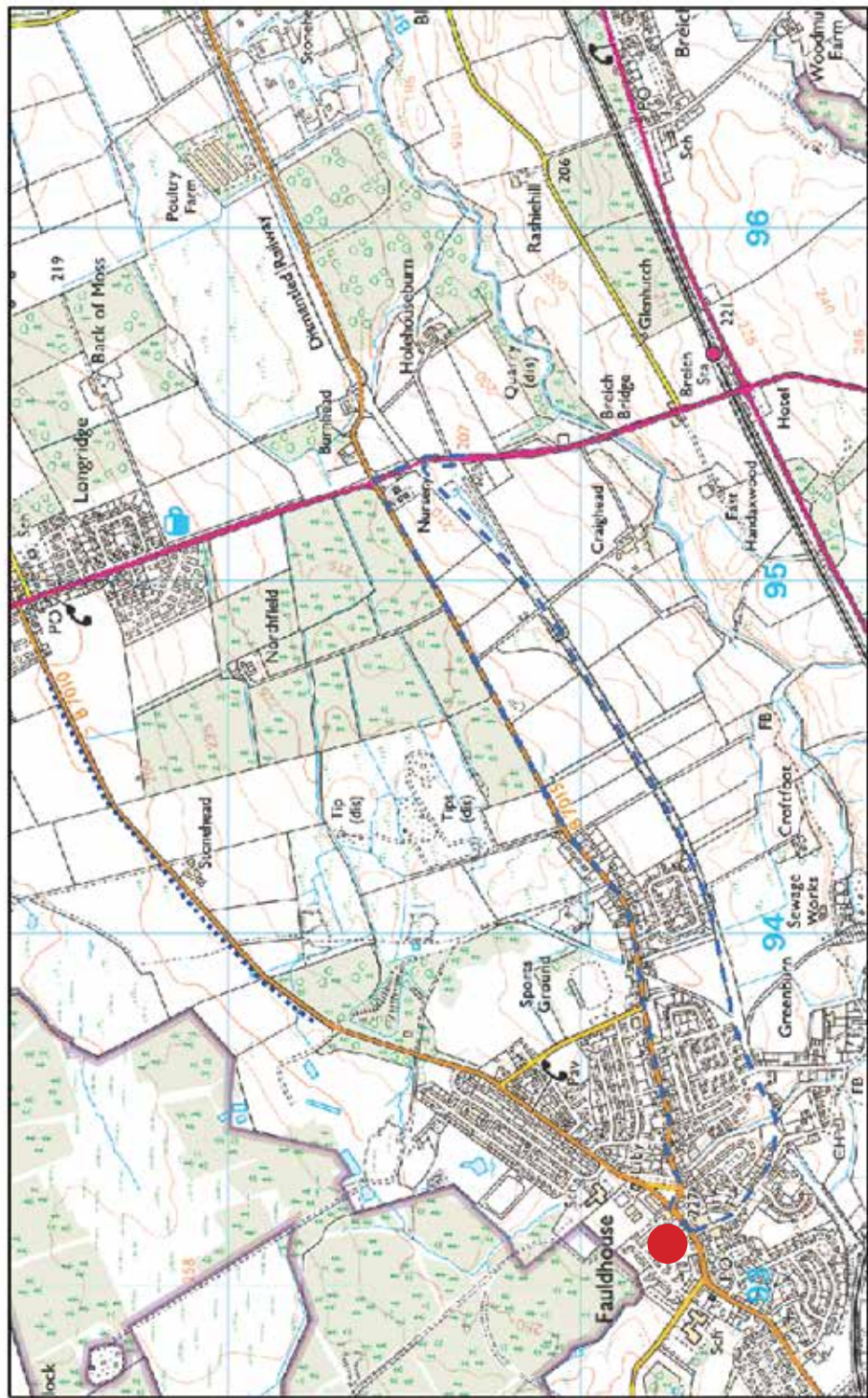
Time: 1 hr 20 mins

Terrain: Footpaths and pavements, narrow in places, usually dry.



Exiting The Hub turn left, pass the village green area and walk up Sheephousehill until you reach the end of the village and the pavement continues all the way to the traffic lights on the Longridge road. Turn right and follow the pavement down until you reach a large house from where the old railway footpath path is signed. This path doubles back a bit and is narrow at the Longridge end – not suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs, but widens out after around 500m. The path continues in a very straight line with embankments on either side, creating a sheltered tunnel for many wild flowers. Passing the bottom of Croftfoot Drive there is a memorial to a young boy, Joseph Townsley, who was killed in an accident there in 2003. Continue along until the path takes a bend to cross Bridge Street. Turn right and follow up Bridge Street, past the War Memorial to return to The Hub.

There is also a new path which runs parallel to the top road to Longridge (Lanrigg Road/B7010). At the time of printing the proposed connection to the pavements of the village has not been completed, leaving a short section walking on the verge of the main road which is not safe. Once this work is complete, this will give another route to Longridge with good views to the north.



 Route 6 (b)
 Route 6


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Bings Circuit

Route 7 — — —

“Lovely countryside with mining heritage – bings and dismantled railway lines which are now paths.”

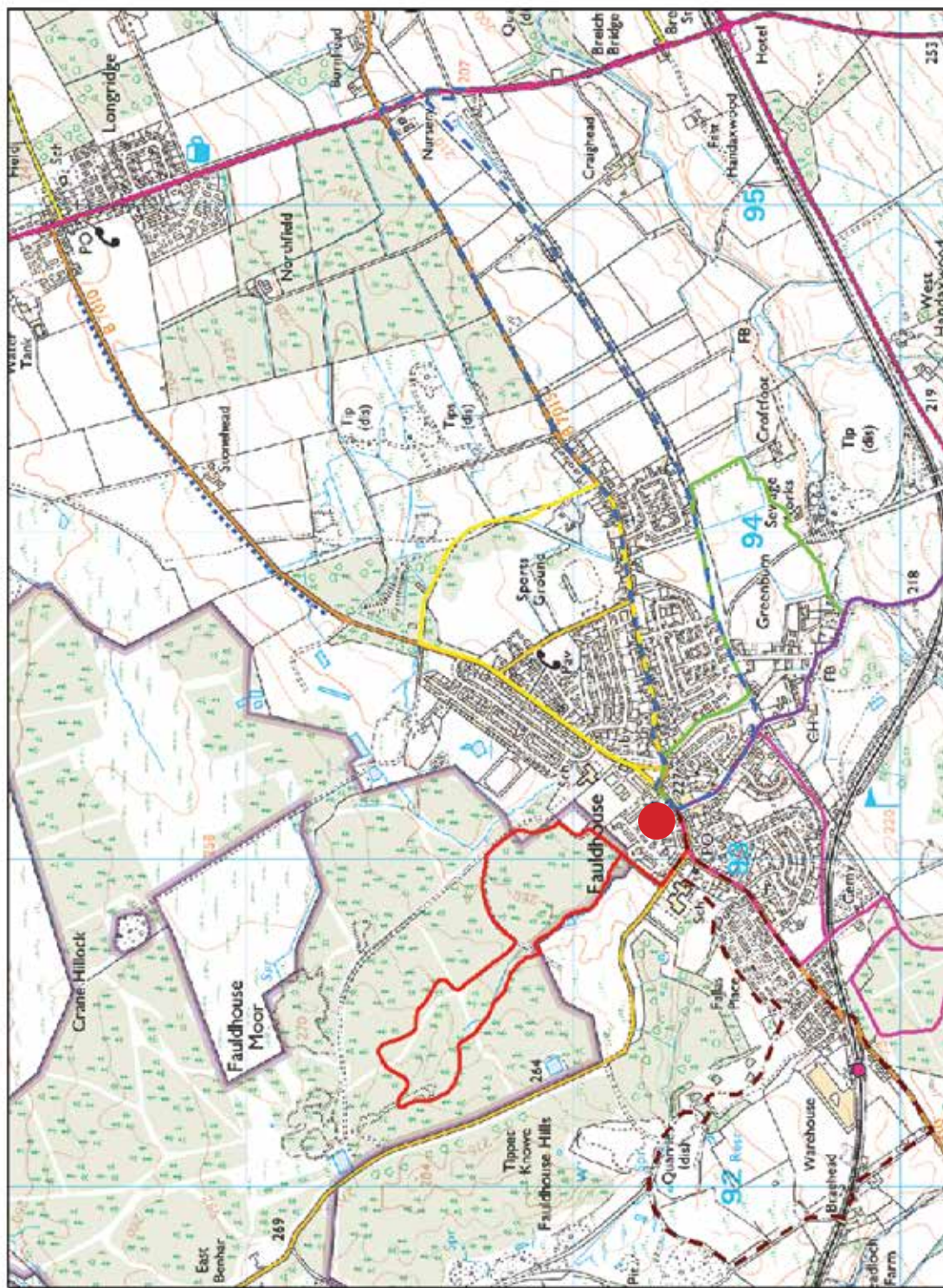
Distance: 4.1 km

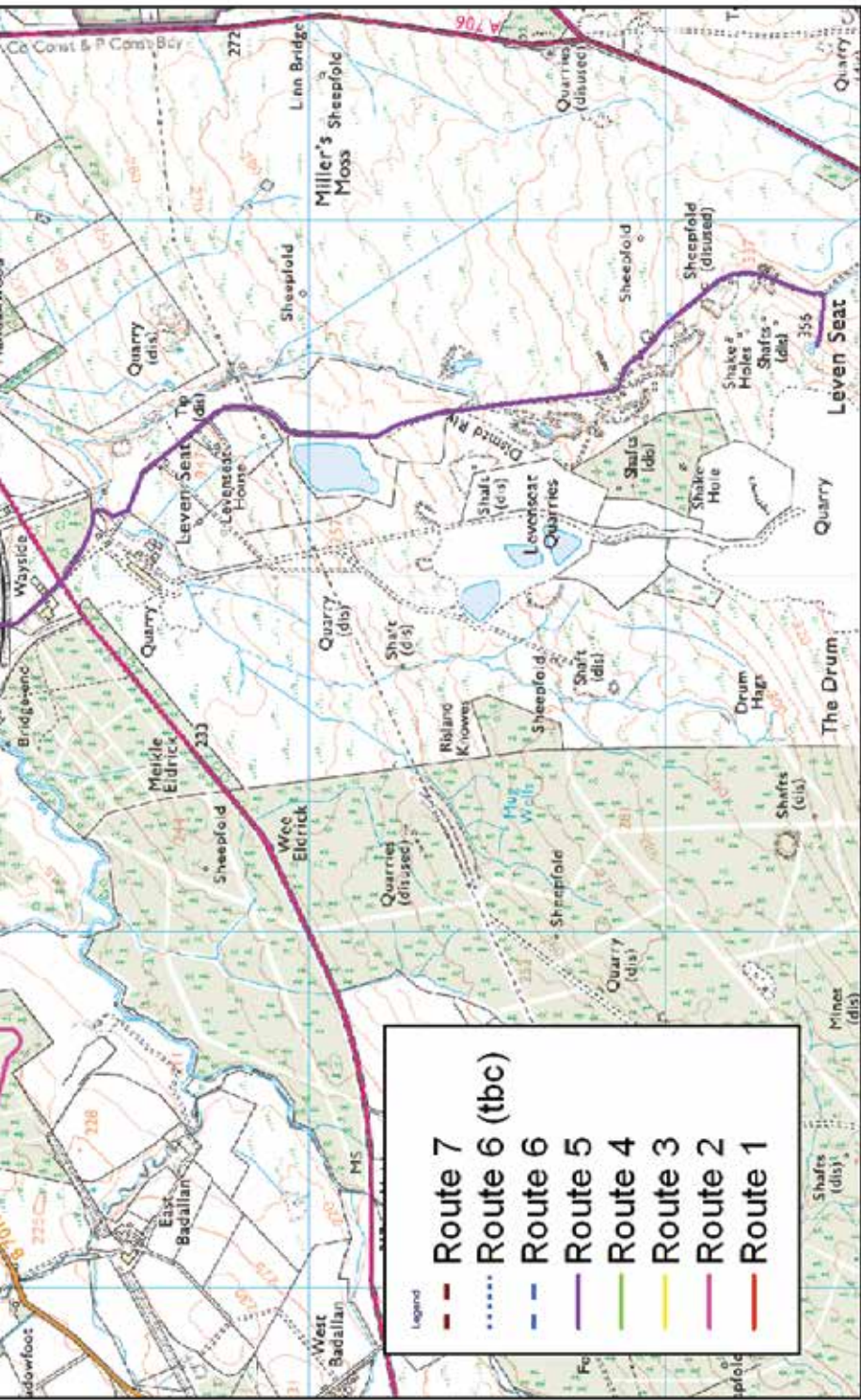
Time: 1 hr

Terrain: Rough footpaths, some puddles.



Exiting The Hub, take a right and walk the length of the village Main Street towards the Railway Station, passing under the railway bridge just before the station. Take the farm track to the right and follow up passing some cottages and then continue on the track over the railway bridge. Just before the bing turn right and skirt around the bottom of it and then pass a small pond on the left. Where the path connects with the track that follows an old mine railway spur, turn right and follow the footpath back to the edge of the village, coming out at the playpark. Follow the footpath along the village edge, coming out at Harthill Road, next to Falla Hill Primary School. Return to the Main Street and The Hub.





- Legend**
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 - Route 4 (solid green line)
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FCDT aims to secure resources and assets and catalyse projects for the benefit of all residents.

