



Castle of Old Wick, a Norse stronghold, reputedly the oldest castle in Scotland

Castle of Old Wick



Interesting sites on this route include the outdoor swimming pool - the Trinkie, an MOD firing range, the Pulteneytown distillery lade and the Castle of Old Wick. This route offers spectacular views of the sea cliffs and across the outer Moray Firth. You can view nesting sea bird cities to the south, with many fishing parties of auks, gulls and fulmars streaming past from late spring through the summer months.



The Trinkie is a favoured summer bathing spot

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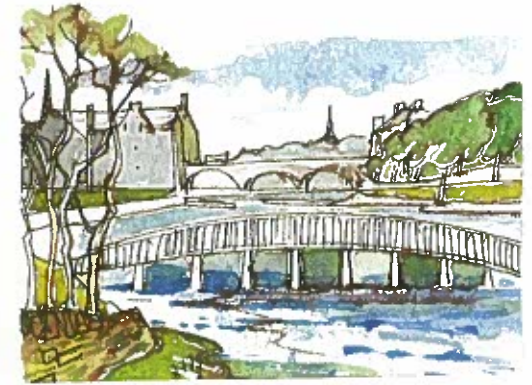
Take care!

The spectacular coastal and riverside routes offer impressive scenery and views however great care should be taken as paths can be very close to the cliff edge and are often unfenced. Cliff routes are not recommended during inclement weather and are not considered suitable for young children or those unsure of foot. Deep water, flooding and ice may all be encountered at various times throughout the year. Please be responsible and take care when enjoying the Wick paths.

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PATHS IN AND AROUND WICK



Wick river provides an ideal habitat for wading birds

Wick Riverside



The area blends urban parkland with rose garden, fountain and recreational park with a wilder water-logged adventure out of the town following the course of the river through the reed-bed.

The promoted route currently ends at the base of a flight of stone steps. The Kinderspiel Bridge which you pass on the route unfortunately does not link with a formal path on the south bank necessitating returning by the same route.

The more adventurous and well prepared walker may however continue upstream to locate the old battle site at Altimarlach (commemorated with a stone cross) which offers good views of the surrounding area.



The water vole (Ratty from Wind-in-the-Willows) is one of the rarest mammals in Scotland



The Tower Monument commemorates battles prior to the First World War

Wick North Head



This route takes you past one of Wick's two outdoor swimming pools - the North Baths, a WWII pill box and the Tower Monument. Look out for the odd snoozing seal hauled out on the rocks at low tide or otters hunting among the seaweed in the outer harbour. The route follows mainly gravelled paths and parking is available at the North Baths or the harbour.



Black headed gulls, shag and common seal are frequently seen on the shoreline

Wick South Head

(Upper and lower routes)

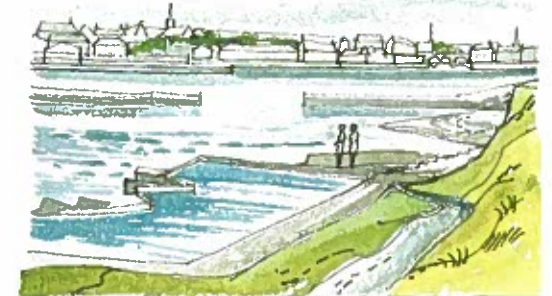


The option exists to follow either the upper or lower routes to the South Head. The lower route takes you past the old lifeboat shed, the remains of Stevenson's ill-fated breakwater and through two old quarries which supplied the stone for many of Wick's buildings. The upper route offers a better view of the harbour. Why not enjoy both and make it a round trip?

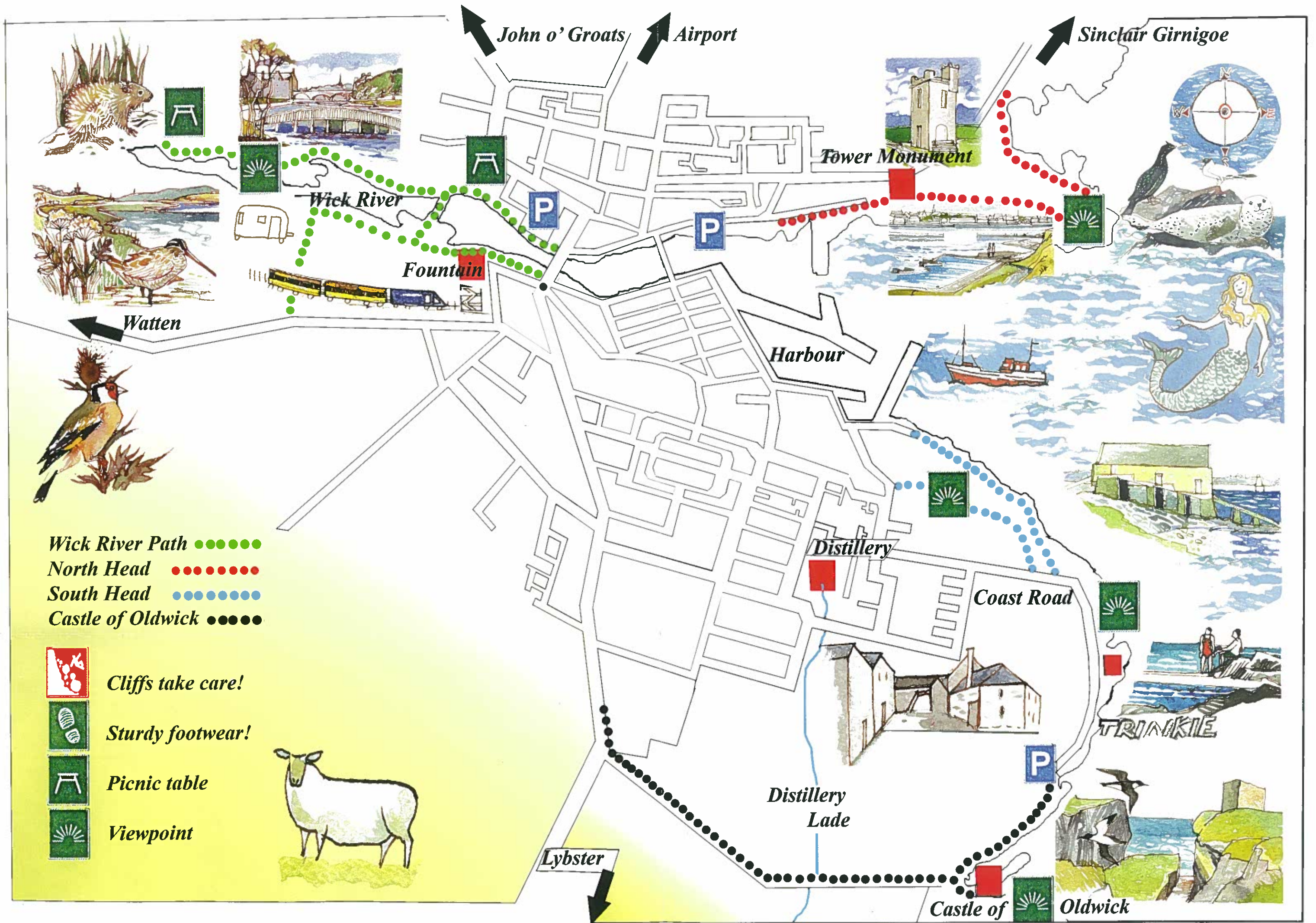


The old lifeboat shed sits on the Salmon Rock

By using the streets in the town as a link you will have the opportunity to view the interesting historical buildings in the area, particularly in Pulteneytown. This area is of national significance and forms Thomas Telford's more mature work as town planner, being modelled on Bath and predating the second New Town of Edinburgh.



The North Baths; Wick's other outdoor swimming pool



John o' Groats Airport

Sinclair Girnigoe

Tower Monument

Wick River

Fountain

Harbour

Distillery

Coast Road

Distillery Lade

Castle of Oldwick

Watten

Lybster

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- Wick River Path ●●●●●
- North Head ●●●●●
- South Head ●●●●●
- Castle of Oldwick ●●●●●

-  Cliffs take care!
-  Sturdy footwear!
-  Picnic table
-  Viewpoint

