



Women's Achievement Trail

Distance: 1 mile
Time: 25 minutes
Grade: 2



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Directions

Start outside the north entrance of the Wellgate Centre. Cross over the road at the traffic lights and walk up Victoria Road until you reach Wellington Street. Turn left and walk up Wellington Street, then take the first road on your right. Walk along to the end of South George Street and turn right. Walk down to the end of William Street until you get back to Victoria Road. Cross over the road and continue straight ahead down Den's Brae. Turn right at the end of Den's Brae and walk along King Street. Follow the path round to the underpass and then follow the Cowgate back to the south entrance of the Wellgate Centre. Walk past the centre and turn right, following the path back round to the start.

Points of interest

- Mary Soutar or Brooksbank (1897-1978) started to work in the mills at the age of 12. She stood up to her bosses and led a march of mill girls, which won them a 15% rise.
- Bella Mitchell or Keyzer (1922-1992) learnt her trade in Bonar Long's factory in the bottom flat of Baxter's Mill. She then became one of the first women welders in the Caledon Shipyard in WWII.
- Mary Slessor (1848-1915) worked in Baxter's Mill, worshipped at Wishart Church and taught Sunday School in the Queen Street mission.