

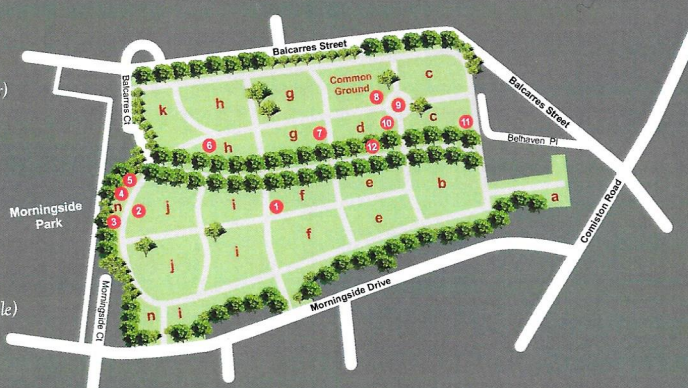
Morningside Cemetery

The Metropolitan Cemetery Company Limited opened this cemetery in 1878 on 18 acres of open farmland just outside the City boundary. Planting in the areas used for burial was sparse to allow the free flow of air. Unlike previous nineteenth-century Edinburgh cemeteries there are no catacombs as these were thought to be unhygienic. The main entrance was on Belhaven Terrace where the original gateposts can still be seen. This entrance, along with the adjacent covered waiting area and the superintendent's house, and some ground around the eastern, southern and western edges were lost to housing development before the cemetery was taken over by the City of Edinburgh Council in 1992.

As well as individual plots there are areas of 'common ground' with unmarked graves, where, amongst others, many of those who died in the City Poorhouse at Craiglockhart are buried. The most prominent of these is the raised area just to the south east of the Balcarres Street entrance. There are over 80 Commonwealth War Graves and numerous memorials to casualties of the First and Second World Wars buried elsewhere. The Cross of Sacrifice at the east end of the cemetery is found in cemeteries in the Commonwealth with substantial numbers of war graves.

Key to the map

1. Grave of Alexander John ('Jack') Travers Allan
(winner of British Amateur Golf Championship, 1897)
2. Grave of the Cadell sisters
(fellow medical students of Elsie Inglis)
3. Grave of Gourlay Steell
(Queen Victoria's official animal painter)
4. Grave of Sir Edward Appleton
(Nobel Prize winner for Physics 1947)
5. Grave of Georg Lichtenstein
(musician and Hungarian patriot)
6. Monkey Puzzle tree
7. Grave of Jessie Lennox
(one of the first six British Army nursing sisters and a friend of Florence Nightingale)
8. Grave of Ella Pringle
(first female Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh)
9. Cross of Sacrifice
10. Grave of John Wilson
(founder of the Edinburgh Evening News)
11. Grave of Mary Aitken
(member of Women's Royal Air Force in WWI)
12. Grave of Alison Cunningham
(Robert Louis Stevenson's nursemaid and dedicatee of 'A Child's Garden of Verses')



Letters refer to burial sections.

In memory of Dianne Savage, founding convener of the Friends of Morningside Cemetery.

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