

Important Information & Geocaching Rules

Geocaches are containers which are hidden all over the world. They can be found using a GPS device such as a mobile phone.

There are some important rules to remember when you go geocaching:

- Don't trespass! All of the geocaches are located where you can reach them without straying off the public footpath.
- Write your name in the logbook then put it back in the container as it is a register of all visitors.
- If you find any treasure in the geocache it's ok to take it, but why not put something of your own back in, like a pretty rock, a shell, a bouncy ball, or 2p piece.
- Replace the container exactly where you found it.

If you would like to learn more about geocaching, find other geocaches that are hidden around Ford & Etal Estates and across the world, go to <https://www.geocaching.com>.

You can also download the geocaching app from the App store or Play store.

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Children's Geocaching Trail

*Distance : 2 miles Duration: 1-1 1/2 hours
Suggested donation for this leaflet: 20p*

This trail takes you on a geocaching adventure to find some treasure! Use the clues below to find the geocaches (containers) hidden around the estate. In each container is a letter which you should note down inside this sheet. Once you have found all 6 letters you will be able to make a word. Return to Heatherslaw Gift Shop, hand in your sheet and claim your treasure! Have fun!

Important: before you set off, please check out the important geocaching rules on the back of this sheet.

Follow the instructions below and each time you find a geocache container remember to write your name in the log book, swap some treasure, hide the geocache where you found it and write the letter you find on the back of this sheet.

- Starting at Heatherslaw Visitor Centre, turn left and follow the road over the bridge crossing the River Till. If you see Bunty the steam engine passing by, give her a wave! Facing the main road, turn left into the small car park and follow the wall of the bridge towards the fence then follow the fence to the first corner. Can you see the geocache box lurking in the undergrowth?
- Walk towards the road and go through the gate on your left signposted 'Footpath to Etal'. Follow the path to the end enjoying the views over open farmland. Go through the gate then look around the fence behind the bus stop to find the second geocache.
- Carefully cross the road and follow the pavement towards Etal. Be very careful at the end of the path: walk on the grass verge until you come to the entrance to St Mary's Church. Turn right up the drive and into the church. Have a look round before hunting for the geocache, which is hidden in the porch.
- Head back to the road, cross it with care and walk into Etal village. As you're about half way through maybe it's a good time to stop for an ice-cream or a cup of tea at the tea rooms or the pub.

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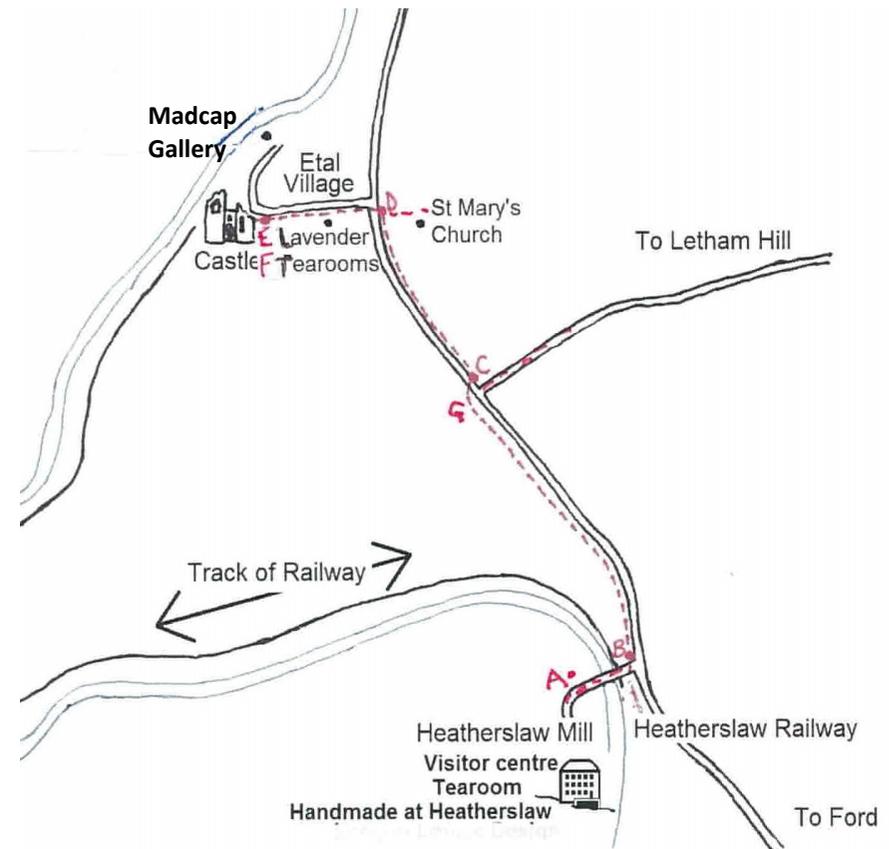
Walk down the village towards the castle, taking a look at the magnificent cannons. Follow the road round to the right and look for the huge horse chestnut tree in the field. When you get close to this have a look on the road verge for a big pink stone. Can you find a geocache hiding underneath?

Retrace your footsteps through the village then follow the footpath towards Heatherslaw, taking care as you cross the road. When you reach the junction opposite the bus stop, signposted 'Letham Hill', turn left and walk up the road until you see a magnificent set of gates and a beautiful avenue of trees. Slightly further up the road from the gates, on the right hand side, you'll see a special ramp in the fence. This stops animals getting out but allows farm vehicles to drive into the field. Continue up the hill counting 17 fence posts from the ramp where you will find the geocache.

Return to the bottom of the road, cross over carefully and re-join the path back to Heatherslaw. Part way along there is a bend with fields on either side of the path. Stop here and have a good look around for the next geocache which you will find on the left hand side of the path.

Well done! you've found all the boxes! What word do they make?

Follow the path back to Heatherslaw, across the river and go to Heatherslaw Mill Gift Shop to hand in your sheet and claim your prize.



Refreshments and things to see along the way

At Heatherslaw:

Heatherslaw Cornmill & Gift Shop ~ Tearoom ~ Visitor Centre ~ Hand Made at Heatherslaw Craft Studio /Shop ~ Heatherslaw Light Railway ~

Along the route:

Black Hebridean sheep grazing in the fields ~ Tillside Cricket Ground ~ Fitzclarence Gates

At Etal:

Etal Castle ~ Lavender Tearoom, Village Shop & Post Office ~ The Black Bull Pub ~ St Mary's Church

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