

## Etal Castle to Etal Moor



### Walking Route

**Distance:** 7.5 miles (12 km)

**Grade:** Moderate to strenuous  
circular walk



**E** Cross a road (4m/6.4km) and follow the signposted footpath across a field, then continue on the path to enter a small wood. Keep to the right of the wood, following a path marked by blue string on the tree trunks. Exit the wood over a stile. Keeping the fence to your left, walk across the field, passing through patches of gorse. Pass over a large stile (4.5m/7.2km) (or use the gate a short distance to the right), then turn left to walk through the field. An old lime quarry site will be on your left.

**F** Exiting through a 5-bar gate, walk across a field towards a wood. Follow the marked path through the wood, passing over a small stream and turn left into the next field. Follow the fence line uphill to the top left-hand corner of the field, then take a short track through woodland.

**G** Emerging onto **Etal Moor** (access land) follow the path (with wood on your right) to a gate (5.3m/8.5km). Turn right through the gate and follow the fence line across the top of the field, keeping the wood to your right. At the end of the wood, pass over a stile or through the 5-bar gate and walk the short distance to the left to another gate at the top of a farm track.

**H** Follow the track downhill until you pass the farm buildings on your left and reach a T-junction (6.5m/10.5km) Turn right and walk down the hill. At the T-junction with the **B6354**, turn right to return to **Etal Village**.

**I** This may be the time to stop for refreshments in **The Lavender Tearooms** or **The Black Bull** before returning to the car park at Etal Castle (7.5m/12km where you started).

### PLEASE TAKE CARE

Along this walk you are likely to encounter **cattle** and **sheep** grazing in the fields Always close and fasten **gates** behind you and ensure that **dogs are always kept on leads**. Cattle especially are nervous of **dogs** and may come to investigate any intruders. Keep walking quietly and confidently and pay them no notice.

*Public toilets are located at:*

- **Heatherslaw Visitor Centre**
- **Etal Castle car park**
- **Ford Village**

*Open daily, April – Nov, 10am – 5pm*

**Please keep the countryside tidy  
and take your rubbish home.**

**Follow the directions below in conjunction with the map inside and the colour-coded waymarkers along the route.**

- A** Start in the car park at **Etal Castle**.
- B** Follow the road out of the car park and turn left down to the river. Just before the river, turn right through the small gate and follow the cycle path (**Sustrans Route 68**) alongside the Till. Along the path you will pass the remains of a former chantry, a ruined barley mill, and cross over a stone bridge.
- C** Bearing right, follow the path as it climbs a steep zig-zag route up from the river (1.3m/2.1km from the start) and leads to the road beside **Tindal House**. Turn right and follow the road, passing some former kennels and walking along an avenue of trees, until you reach a T-junction (2.4m/3.9km).
- D** Turn right and walk downhill. After about half a mile, take the signposted footpath to your left and follow the path across two fields. At the **B6354** road, turn left and then right soon after into **Greenlaw Walls Farm** (3.3m/5.3km). Follow the waymarked path past the farm buildings and, with a copse of trees on your right, walk uphill.

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