

Ford Village and Castle Dene Walk



Walking Route

Distance: approx 1.1 miles (1.7 km)

Grade: Easy loop walk with sloping paths, unsuitable for buggies. Can be wet in places.



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- E** Cross a small footbridge (0.7m /1.1km) and continue on track. Please keep an eye on children in this area as at one point there is a steep slope to your right.
- F** Cross the second footbridge (0.8m/1.2km).
- G** Follow path, it will bear right sharply. Cross the third bridge.
- H** Continue along the track until you come to the road, turn right.
- I** Walk past the children's playground (on your right). Continue up the road passing **Horsehoe Forge** (on your left).
- J** Take the first right turn, opposite **Jubilee Cottage** (circa 1.1m/1.7km) and walk back down the road into the village of Ford towards **Lady Waterford Hall** (open daily, April to Nov). Turn left to where your walk began (1.15m/1.8km).

K Finish.



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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 at **Lady Waterford Hall** (please park in the designated parking spaces opposite **Ford Village Shop**). Walk towards **Lady Waterford Hall** and turn left towards the **Waterford Memorial**. Continue straight ahead, walking along the conifer lined path towards **Ford Castle**.
- B** Turn left at the end of the path, walking towards the church, then bear right walking with **Ford Castle** on your right and **St Michael & All Angels Church** on your left. In the field on the left are the remains of the **Parson's Tower** a medieval pele (pronounced "peel") that was once the home of the local clergyman (0.3m/0.48km).
- C** Continue downhill and cross over the bridge. After the bridge the track narrows, keep walking and look for a track to the right signposted **Woodland Walk** to **Ford** village (0.4m/0.6km).
- D** Follow the track up the side of **Grove Dene**. This is a deep and narrow wooded valley and the path undulates up and down.

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