

Heatherslaw to Ford Riverside Walk



Walking Route

Distance: Approx 4 m (6.4 km)

Grade: Moderate loop walk, returning via Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre



- F** Walk past the **Waterford Memorial** (1.8m/2.9km) and **Lady Waterford Hall**. **Ford Village Shop** serves food and refreshments. Continue through the village and at the top of road, opposite **Jubilee Cottage**, turn left passing **Horseshoe Forge**. Continue past the **Estate Office**.
- G** Just beyond a beech hedge, turn left at the fingerpost (2.1m/3.4km). Follow the waymarkers for a short distance through the wood. Enter the first field on the right. Follow the perimeter path to the left around the field up the slope to **Hay Farm**.
- H** Opposite the main entrance to **Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre** (2.7m/4.4km), turn right through a metal gate and, with the two large antennae and a big metal shed on your left, walk along the path down the hill. At the bottom of the slope, bear left through a gate, cross over a small bridge (3m/4.8km) and walk up a slope (can be slippery) between two copses. Turn left at the top of the slope and follow the path with the trees to your left.
- I** Keeping the wood to your left, follow the path down the hill, cross the **B6345** road and the footbridge to return to the **Visitor Centre** (3.7m/6km).
- J** 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 **Heatherslaw Visitor Centre**. Turn right out of the Centre and follow the road up the hill, past Heatherslaw Farm.
- B** At the wooden fingerpost opposite the farm cottages, turn left into the field (0.3 m/0.5 km from the start). Follow the waymarked path along the fence line towards the river.
- C** Continue alongside the River Till.
- D** At the end of the path, go through the gate (1.1m/1.8km) and turn left to cross **Ford Bridge** and the **B6354**. Proceed through the gates with the rearing pit ponies on the gateposts.
- E** Walk up the slope, following the sign for Ford. Cross over the bridge and walk uphill with **Ford Castle** on your left and **St Michael & All Angels** church on your right. In the field on the right are the remains of the **Parson's Tower**, a medieval pele (pronounced "peel") tower that was once the home of the local clergyman. Beyond the front gates of **Ford Castle**, bear left and then right to follow the path flanked by conifers to the village.

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