

A place to discover...

Getting here

Ford Village

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Etal Village

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Heatherslaw

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Public Toilets are located at the **Ford & Etal Visitor Centre** (Heatherslaw), **Etal Castle car park & Ford Village**. Open daily, April to November, 10am – 5pm.

Please keep the countryside tidy and take your rubbish home.



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Heatherslaw to Etal Village Walk



Walking Route No. 1

Linear route: 2 miles (3.2 km)

Grade: Easy & suitable for families with young children and buggies.

Start: TD12 4TJ



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

- A** Start at the car park beside **Heatherslaw Light Railway**.
- B** Follow the **Route 68** cycle path, which goes past fields almost all the way to Etal. The entrance is via a large gate situated between Heatherslaw Railway car park and the **B6345** road.
- C** At the end of the path a gate brings you out at **Letham Hill junction**. Cross to the path on the other side of the road and walk past **Tillside Cricket Club's pitch** towards Etal Village. Black Hebridean sheep sometimes graze in the fields here. Just beyond the cricket pitch is **The Chapel of The Blessed Virgin Mary**, the village church that was consecrated in 1859.
- D** Turn left into the pretty village of **Etal**. Here you will find **The Black Bull**, Northumberland's only thatched pub, and **The Lavender Tearooms**. Both serve food and refreshments. Further down the street is the impressive gatehouse of **Etal Castle**. The castle site is managed by English Heritage and the entrance is via a gate at the far end of Etal Castle car park.

E Continue down the street, past the castle gatehouse, to the **River Till**. This is a beautiful spot to take a break. Here you will find the start of the signposted Riverside Walk that follows the Till downstream, past the ruins of a chantry chapel and a barley mill. **Madcap Gallery**, which sells original artwork and prints, is also located near the river.

F Retrace your steps to **Heatherslaw** and the finish. Here you'll find **Heatherslaw Light Railway**.

You can cross the iron footbridge to explore more of Heatherslaw. Here you'll find the **Ford & Etal Visitor Centre, Café at the Mill** and **Heatherslaw Corn Mill**. The mill has operated on this site since the 13th century and is now a working museum where you can learn how the power of water is harnessed to produce flour (open daily, April to early November). There is also a gift shop selling local produce, including freshly ground flour; homewares and toys. Opposite the mill is **Handmade at Heatherslaw**, which sells jewellery and paper-cut art, all made on the premises.

Walking Route No. 1 Heatherslaw to Etal Village Walk



PLEASE TAKE CARE
Along this walk you are likely to encounter farm animals and birds. Please keep **dogs under control** and **children supervised** at all times.

