

*A place to discover...*

## Getting here

### Ford Village

TD15 2QG /// *sprains.basics.loss*

### Etal Village

TD12 4TN /// *establish.busy.beats*

### Heatherslaw

TD12 4TJ /// *mats.tungsten.dose*

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 Ford Riverside Walk



## Walking Route No. 2

**Circular route:** Approx 4 miles (6.4 km)

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

**Start:** TD12 4TJ



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

- A** Start at **Ford & Etal 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.

**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, past **Ravn Clay Pottery**, 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 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 downhill. At the bottom of the slope, bear left through a gate, cross a small bridge (3m/4.8km) and walk up a slope 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 **Heatherslaw** (3.7m/6km).

**J** Finish.

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**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.

