

Walks Around Newtown St Boswells



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NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS & EILDON
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Introduction.

The first print was very popular and it is hoped that the reprint will continue to encourage more people to get out and about amongst the beautiful scenery in the area and feel better for it.

Eight walks are covered which range from 2 to 6 miles and all start and finish at Newtown village centre. The number of walks covered leaves limited space for detailed explanation but the joint use of the diagram and the text should be sufficient to follow the routes.

An old amended OS map from 1954 has been used as a background for the diagram which interestingly shows disused railway lines which are now used for several of the walks.

In Scotland the public have a right of access to most land and the walks involve routes through farmland, woodlands, fields etc. and walkers are asked to act 'responsibly' as defined in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code which can be seen at the Local Council offices or at www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

Basically the Code advises you that your rights of access are conditional on you leaving the country side as you find it, no litter, dogs on leads when livestock present, no damage to crops, closing gates, respect the interests of other people and no entry to private gardens etc.

The suggested walks involve the use of a mixture of good paths, field walking, forest/farm tracks, poor condition paths and road walking. Therefore it is important to remember that it is your responsibility to decide if it is safe to proceed and if not to go back the way you came.

Many of the path routes could be improved with a little TLC and if you would like to help with this contact Email localpaths@btinternet.com.

Good walking - Roger

Walk 1

Eildon Hall Area - 2.5 miles

Take the main road north past the Council Offices. Second left into Eildon Road (Bogle Burn road). Up the hill and keep going over the Eildon cross roads. Take left turn into wood at Eildon Hill sign post.

Follow track go over the Eildon Hall tarmac Drive. Follow path signs /way-marker posts back to Newtown. (For Eildon Hall Loch View follow sign to the right). At rugby pitch, Primary School go past corrugated iron building, until reaching main road where you turn right back to the village centre.



Eildon Hall Loch View

Walk 2

Newtown Burn & Glen - 1.8 miles

Take the main road north past the Council Offices. First left into Sprouston Road to Primary School car park.

Follow signposted path next to rugby pitch. At centre of the field turn left at sign post. Use field edge path until arriving at Bowden road.

Across the road follow the path along the field edge. Over the stile down path to the Newtown Burn/Glen. Over bridge climb up to stile and across field. Over stile onto the Whitelee Road and turn left. Follow road down to the village centre.

Walk 3 ■ ■ ■

Glen/Tweed Horizons/Monks Graves— 2.2miles

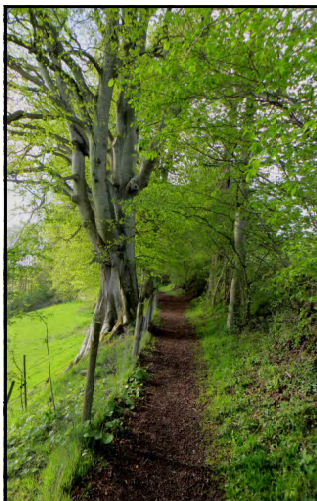
Follow Tweedside road and take second left to the Glen. Follow St Cuthbert's Way to suspension bridge. At bottom of steps turn right and follow tarmac road up hill. Take wooden staircase on right to Monk's graves. Proceed to adjacent open field and walk across to Tweed Horizons main tarmac drive. Follow road with Donkey Rescues Centre on the left hand side and eventually across A68 and follow road back to village centre.

Walk 4 ■ ■ ■

Wallace Statue & river side path - 4 miles

Follow Tweedside road and take second left to the Glen. Follow St Cuthbert's Way through the Glen. Walk over the suspension bridge. See Bass Hill and Temple of the Muses in front of you. Follow the narrow road pass Stirling Tower/Cottage. See large walled orchard covering 14 acres. At main road turn left and again at Wallace Statue sign.

Continue past Wallace statue over stile into field. Turn left down to gate at the bottom. Through gate, turn right and over stile and across fields to wood/gate. Follow track down to the fisherman's car park. Turn left to follow path back through woods and along river bank to the suspension bridge. Return to Newtown using St Cuthbert's Way.



Path to Wallace Statute

The walk to Scott's View is an extra 2.5 miles in total across Bemersyde fields as shown in diagram. Also Impressive views can be seen from Bemersyde Hill just above Scott's View.

Walk 5 ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

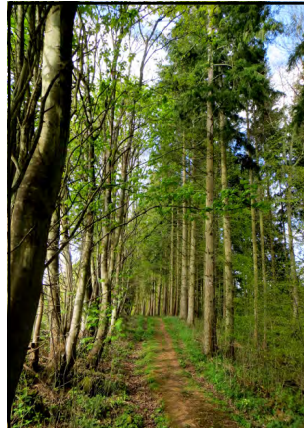
River/Ravenswood/ Eildon— 4 miles

Go north past the Council Offices and right at Langlands Mill, Follow the path down three wooden sets of steps into Glen. Before reaching river, turn left over wooden bridge. Follow river side path to Monksford House on cliff top.

Follow path/signs up the track or go straight on along river bank and through the wood to the Old Melrose Tea Rooms.

Follow signs to the 'viewing point' with beautiful views of river Tweed and the famous Old Melrose salmon fishing beats. Also on the opposite bank can be seen the high cliffs with Scott's View above.

Leaving the Tea Rooms take the path to the right in field opposite and follow until arriving at A68. Cross over A68 and following route signposted across fields to Eildon. Upon reaching Eildon take a right turn up to the old Eildon Road then left and follow road down the hill to the main road where you turn right to the village centre.



Monk's walk Ravenswood

Walk 6 ■ ■ ■

Trimountium/Leaderfoot Viaduct — 5 miles

Go past the Council Offices and take second left turning into the Eildon Road. Climb up the hill and keep going over Eildon cross roads, through road closed barrier, until arriving at Rhymers Stone and viewing point. Follow farm track to the left of the Stone down to the Melrose By-pass and cross it following signs to Trimontium /Leaderfoot Viaduct. On return cross By-pass and walk a little distance to left on grass verge and then use path up slope to disused railway embankment which will take you to A68 lay-by. Turn right and follow signs across fields to Eildon and to path at the top of field by large trees. At end of path in Eildon turn right and then left down the Old Melrose road to the main road at the bottom of the hill. Turn right back to village centre.

Walk 7 ■ ■ ■

Eildon North Hill— 5.5 miles

Go past Council Offices and take first left into Sprouston Rd. Follow sign to Eildon Hills/Bowden at Primary School. In middle of field, turn right at signpost to Eildon Hills.. Cross Eildon/Greenwells Road and Eildon Hall Drive and follow way-marker posts to gate at top. Through gate and follow path up North Hill and contour across the bronze age plateau to the top. (A shorter route for the really fit is to go straight up, see diagram.) Coming back down follow St Cuthbert's Way from between Mid and North Hill. At bottom turn left when path goes to the right and follow track towards Eildon Hall. Follow track to the right of the Hall down the hill and turn left at sign 'Eildon Hall loch view'. Follow path past the loch and through the woods which then joins the out ward path. Turn right and return using outward route to village cen-



North Eildon Hill - 1,325 ft

Walk 8 ■ ■ ■

Bowden Common /St Cuthbert's Way—4.6 miles

Go past Council Offices and take first left into Sprouston Rd. At Primary School follow sign to Eildon Hills & Bowden. Keep walking straight ahead on field edge and farm track. When reaching Bowden Common turn left joining St Cuthbert's Way through Bowden village and along the Bowden Burn to Whitelee. Continue on tarmac road until reaching the brow of hill. Use stile on the left and cross field to second stile and go down into the Glen. Once over bridge follow Way--marker posts to Bowden Road. On other side of road use field edge path until meeting outward path then turn right back to the Primary School and village centre.

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All mileages shown are total distance
to and from village centre

Walk 7
5.5 miles



Eildon North Hill
H 404m (1,325 ft)

Short but steep
route to hill

Site of some 300
Bronze age dwellings

Eildon Mid Hill
H - 422m
(1,385 ft)

Eildon Wester Hill
H - 371m
(1,216 ft)

Walk 6
5 miles

Walk 1
2.5 miles

Walk 5
3 miles

Walk 2
1.8 miles

Walk 8
4.6 miles

Walk 4
4.4 miles
Scott's View
6 miles

Walk 3
2 miles

Village Centre
Start / Finish
H - 110m (361ft)

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Base map O.S.1954 1:25,000 sheet. Map information updated from local field surveys

