



paths

around Coldstream



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Coldstream Guards Stone, Henderson Park

Introduction

This booklet describes a number of waymarked routes around the town, most starting from the Home Park Car Park in the town centre but also from Hirsle Country Park. Hirsle Country Park charges for entry by car to the Information Centre, which boasts a tea room, craft shops and a museum. This is an ideal area for recreation for all abilities with flat ground adjacent to the Tweed and extensive areas of woodland around the town providing a range of challenges. These routes are particularly directed at walkers, however, where reasonable, multi-use access has been accommodated for horses, cyclists and less-able users.

Coldstream

Coldstream may have grown up as a small village beside the medieval nunnery of St Mary that was located close to the present day museum. Little is known of the early history of the village but it is likely to have been a small settlement centred around a single main street. By the 18th century the layout of the village was beginning to reflect that of today, however, at that time there was no bridge over The Tweed into England. Unlike some other Borders towns, Coldstream did not have textile mills in the 19th century and so retains much of its medieval character.

Old Marriage House, Coldstream

Coldstream, the historic gateway to Scotland, enjoys a long tradition of couples coming here to get married. At the Scottish end of the fine

Bridge (1763-6) spanning the River Tweed stands the red-roofed, 18th century Toll or Old Marriage House. Now a private home, from 1754 it grew to rival Gretna Green in popularity for marriages held without prior public notice. In the 19th century, no less than 1,466 'irregular' marriages, valid in Scots law, were conducted by 'priests' (shoemakers, molecatchers and the like) over a period of thirteen years. This privilege was abolished in 1856, but not before five earls and at least two Lord Chancellors of England had taken advantage of a legal loophole. This long, romantic tradition of 'runaway' elopements continues to be celebrated today, just along the road, in the beautiful new Gateway Centre, with its magnificent hammer-beam roof. Here the Registrar conducts civil marriage ceremonies, whether small and intimate or larger and more elaborate, with fine attention to detail. Tel. 01890-883156.

Further information on "paths around" other towns may be obtained from Visit Scotland or by visiting www.scotborders.gov.uk.

These booklets are available from Visit Scotland Tourist Information Centres throughout the Borders and other High Street outlets in the town itself. This is one of a series of booklets interpreting paths around settlements in the Borders.

The routes that follow are generally easy to navigate and, if you glance at the summaries, you will see distances and the more important terrain variations clearly marked. The Kelso and Coldstream area is covered by OS Explorer Sheet 339 and this would be a valuable purchase should you wish to explore this area of Scottish Borders further. On longer trips you should always wear or carry good waterproofs, proper walking boots, windproof clothing and take food and drink with you. These provisions may not be necessary on the shorter routes but a light waterproof and refreshments are still worth taking, just in case.

Take great care when walking on country roads.

Pavements or footpaths should be used if provided.

If there is no pavement or footpath, walk on the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light, keep close to the side of the road. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend (so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you). Cross back after the bend.

Help other road users to see you. Wear or carry something light coloured, bright or fluorescent in poor daylight conditions.

Livestock

The routes in this booklet pass through livestock farming areas. Please remember that the farmer's livelihood may depend on the rearing and sale of livestock. Dogs can be a particular concern for farmers during lambing time (March - May) and when cows are calving (Spring and Autumn).

General Advice to Walkers

Where possible, dogs should not be taken into fields where there are young livestock. Livestock includes all young livestock such as lambs, calves and foals. In more open countryside where lambs are present, keep your dog on a short lead. Disturbance at this time can separate young livestock from their mothers leaving them cold, hungry and exposed to predators. Dogs should also not be taken into fields of cattle when they have calves, as the cows see a dog as a threat and may attack it and you. Go into a neighbouring field or onto adjacent land. During the bird breeding season (April - June) keep your dog under close control or on a short lead in ground nesting areas. Please leave gates as you find them and ensure that if you have to open a gate, you close it securely behind you. Leaving



Know the Code before you go... Enjoy Scotland's outdoors - responsibly!

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors! Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. These access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The key things are:

When you're in the outdoors:

- *take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely*
- *respect people's privacy and peace of mind*
- *help land managers and others to work safely and effectively*
- *care for your environment and take your litter home*
- *keep your dog under proper control*
- *take extra care if you're organising an event or running a business.*

When you're managing the outdoors:

- *respect access rights*
- *act reasonably when asking people to avoid land management operations*
- *work with your local authority and other bodies to help integrate access and land management*
- *respect rights of way and customary access.*

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a gate open can easily lead to stock escaping or becoming mixed, and this can cause farmers a great deal of unnecessary work. Thank you for your co-operation, which will help to ensure that these routes are available for those who follow in your footsteps in future years.

Access in Scotland

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code came into effect in February 2005. The Land Reform (Scotland) Act establishes a statutory right of responsible access to land and inland waters for outdoor recreation, crossing land, and some educational and commercial purposes. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code gives detailed guidance on your responsibilities when exercising access rights and if you are managing land and water. The Act sets out where and when access rights apply. The Code defines how access rights should be exercised responsibly.

Waymarking and Maps

Generally speaking, the routes in this booklet are fully waymarked on the ground. We hope that you will enjoy these walks and not encounter any difficulties on route. However, if you do come across a problem whilst walking these routes, please report it to Scottish Borders Council on 01835 824000.



Fishing Shiel on Milne Graden Estate

Scottish Borders Walking Festival

The Scottish Borders Walking Festival, a week long celebration of walking and the countryside, was the first of its kind in Scotland and has been held annually since 1995. It usually takes place in September and the host town changes to give a different choice of walks each year. Further details are available from Visit Scotland.

Other Routes



Walk it is the Paths to Health project in Scottish Borders and aims to encourage people to take up walking as part of a healthier lifestyle. Our walks are usually short and easy, though the routes can sometimes involve rough paths and low level gradients. If you are just beginning to become physically active, or you are recovering from an illness, it is always advisable to see your doctor before you start.

The routes in this booklet run in order of difficulty and could be an excellent tool in developing physical ability. You will find the Walk it logo on routes 1, 2 and 3. Routes 1 and 2 are very easy level walks but you may encounter mud and areas of rough and uneven grass. Route 3 is a bit longer and does involve some steps and gradients. We would also suggest trying any of the Hirsell Estate routes described in this booklet. The Crooks Path (Black Route) is completely accessible to wheelchair users and buggies.

For information telephone the Project Coordinator on 01835 825060.

Route 1

Lees Haugh Riverside

Start and finish: Home Park Car Park, by the Castle Hotel

Distance: 4km/ 2.5 miles

Time: 1.5 hours

Terrain: Grassy paths, tracks and minor roads

walkit

1. Leave the car park and turn right heading along Coldstream High Street. You will see the Lees Farm on your right as you cross the bridge. At this point turn left and follow the road for a few yards until reaching a road on your right leading to Lees Mill Lane and Lees Mill Drive. Follow this road as it changes to a track and continue down the hill to the



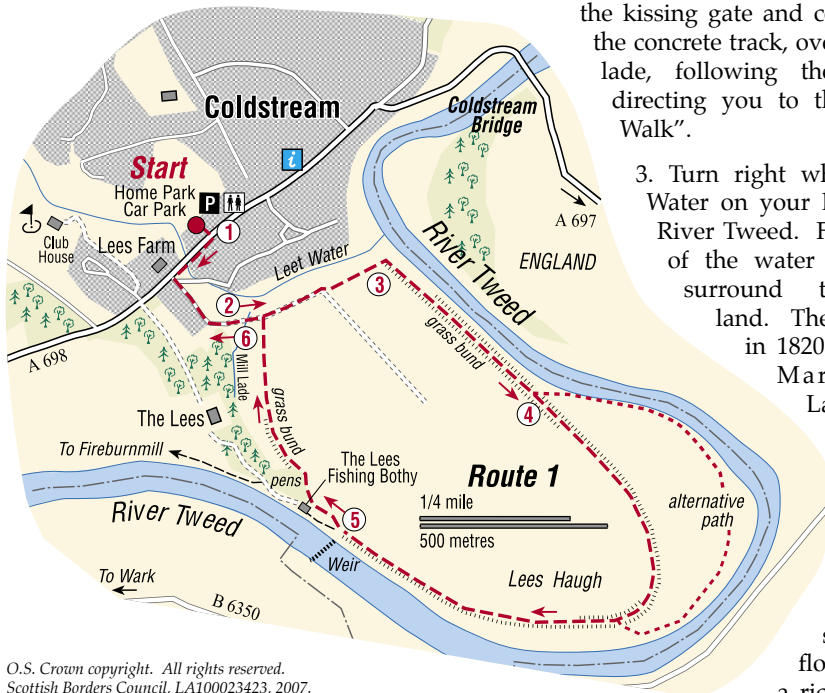
Coldstream Guards Stone in Henderson Park, looking south over the Lees Haugh

left, away from the former Lees Stables, towards the former mill lade (a man made channel used to divert water to provide power for machinery). The old engine house appears on your right.

2. At the information panel, pass through the kissing gate and continue along the concrete track, over the old mill lade, following the fingerposts directing you to the "Riverside Walk".

3. Turn right where the Leet Water on your left meets the River Tweed. Follow the top of the water dykes which surround the cropped land. These were built in 1820 by Sir James Marjoriebanks.

Labour was provided by POWs from the Napoleonic War (1815). In winter this land sometimes floods providing a rich loam, good



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for growing arable crops. On the river watch out for the bird life including Grey Wagtail, Oystercatcher, Goosander, Heron, and in summer, if you are very lucky, you may see Yellow Wagtail.

- Where the track divides there is an option to follow the riverbank round the river (a slightly longer route) or continue straight ahead along the water dyke, either will take you to the weir adjacent to the Lees fishing bothy. Below the weir, the Scotland / England Border leaves the middle of the river and goes around the edge of the field on the far bank, this

is called the Baa' Green. It is believed that Wark and Coldstream used to have an annual football match there and the winner had the field for the next year. The ownership went back and forward depending who won the match.

- At the Lees fishing bothy, turn right and continue round on the water dyke adjacent to the field until you come across the concrete road which you initially followed onto the haugh.
- Retrace your steps back to the car park or take some time to view the towns shops.

Route 2

The Lees Riverside

Start and finish: Home Park Car

Park, by the Castle Hotel

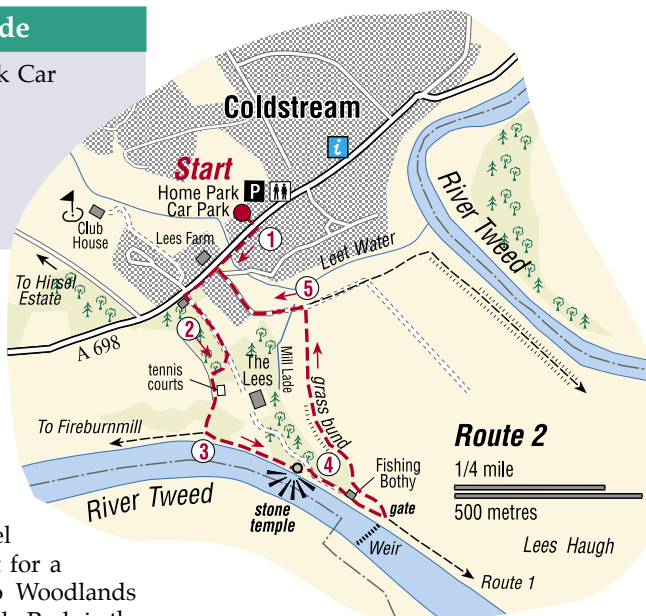
Distance: 2.5km/ 1.5 miles

Time: 1 hour

Terrain: Mainly grassy and stone paths

walkit

- Leave the car park and turn right heading along Coldstream High Street, you will see the Lees Farm on your right as you cross the bridge. Just before the entrance to the Hirsal Estate, there is a signpost for a golf course pointing into Woodlands Park. Opposite Woodlands Park is the large stone pillared entrance way and gate lodge of Lees Estate.
- Head up the drive 200 metres, passing what was once the stables for the Estate on your left, and turn right following the stone path as it winds through some Yew trees. Follow the path round the back of the tennis court, over the water



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dyke and proceed through the trees towards the River Tweed.

- Proceed down the riverside, passing the magnificent stone temple within the policy grounds and taking a moment

to enjoy the views of the Cheviot hills and The Tweed. The Lees Temple was built in the late 18th century with eight Doric columns as part of the romantic landscaping scene for the Lees Estate.

4. Continue on downstream, bearing right at the track and heading past the Lees fishing bothy. Please respect the privacy of users of the fishing bothy by keeping your dog under strict control and pass quickly. At the coldstream sign turn left following the grassy path down the field margin.
5. Turn left at the concrete road, you will cross the mill lade and head uphill on



Romantic landscaping on the Lees Estate

the track bearing to the right, taking you on to Lees Mill Lane. Continue on for 100 metres or so until reaching the car park adjacent to Leet Bridge which you crossed on commencing your walk. Retrace your steps back to the car park.

Route 3

The Crow Green, Lennel Haugh

Start and finish: Home Park Car Park, by the Castle Hotel

Distance: 5.5km/ 3.5 miles

Time: 2 hours

Terrain: Pavements, grassy rides, woodland paths

walkit

1. Leave the public car park, cross the main street and turn right. As you approach the bridge you will meet a flight of steps descending to your left. Follow these down and continue on the pavement along Penitents Walk. The house gardens are on your left and the Leet Water and grassland on your right. As the path bears to the left, you will come across the meeting point of the River Tweed and the Leet Water at which point the path will follow the course of The Tweed downstream. Up on your left is the Flodden Memorial and the Majoribanks Mausoleum.
2. This path adjacent to The Tweed is known as the Nuns Walk. Please take

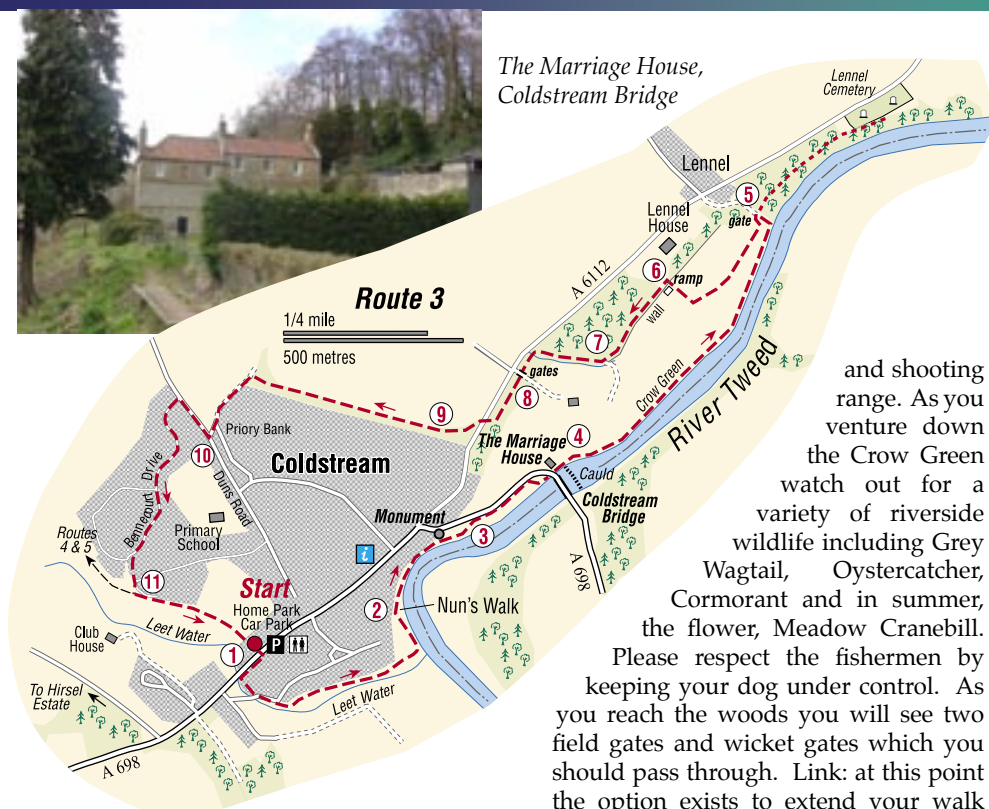


Majoribanks Mausoleum from Coldstream

- great care as there are steep drops near to the pavement. Children should be kept under close supervision.
3. On reaching the main road you will notice a tall obelisk, 21m (70ft) high, surmounted by the stone figure of Charles Majoribanks. He was elected as the first Member of Parliament for Berwickshire after passing the Reform Act of 1832. Turn right and continue along the pavement adjacent to the road, heading for the bridge across The Tweed. Just before the Marriage House you will spot a gap in the wall on your right. Proceed down the steps towards



*The Marriage House,
Coldstream Bridge*



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the small arch ("dry arch") under the Coldstream bridge. The Marriage House was long noted for runaway marriages of English couples, very much in the same way as Gretna Green. Look out for the carved stone in the dry arch noting the flood mark of 9th February 1861.

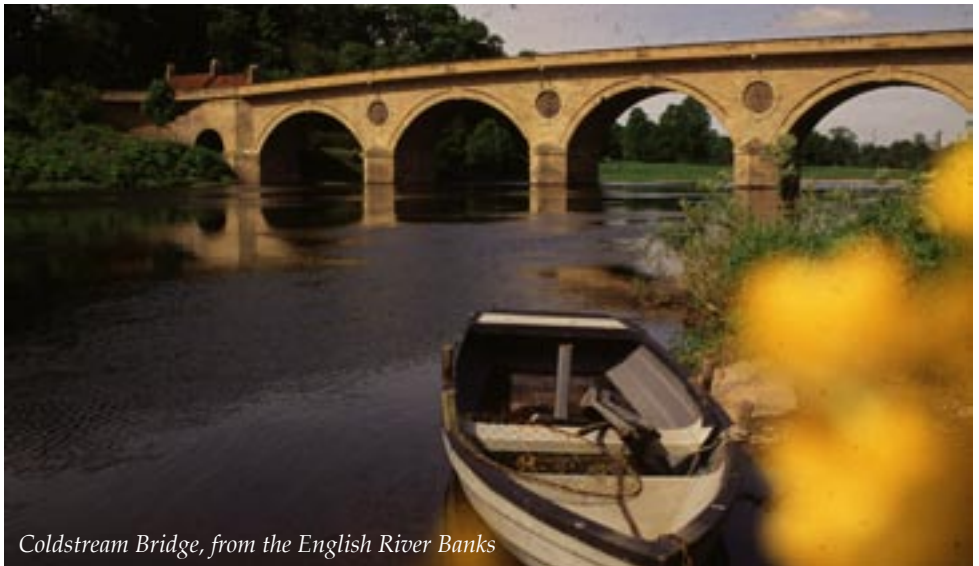
4. As you come out under the Marriage House you will note the cauld (weir) on the river, providing an opportunity to see Salmon rising and Heron feeding. Make your way round the fishing hut and through the wicket gate, turn right onto the path which leads you up the Crow Green, between the river and electric fence bounding the field. The Crow Green was once a nine hole golf course

and shooting range. As you venture down the Crow Green watch out for a variety of riverside wildlife including Grey Wagtail, Oystercatcher, Cormorant and in summer, the flower, Meadow Cranebill.

Please respect the fishermen by keeping your dog under control. As you reach the woods you will see two field gates and wicket gates which you should pass through. Link: at this point the option exists to extend your walk on to Lennel Cemetery by heading a few yards up the hill and turning right through the woods, known as "Charlie's Brae". They were named after geologist Charles Witham who pioneered a technique of examining very thin slices of fossilised plants under a microscope, from a sample at this location. This is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

5. Proceed through the field gate in the stone dyke on your left, as waymarked. Follow this fenced path for 400 metres back along Lennel Haugh, bearing right after 300m and heading for the dyke. Note the mature exotic trees lining the hillside of Lennel Estate, subtly indicating the previous magnificence of this estate. Lennel House was originally built in the 1820's to the designs of John Patterson, using an unusual "butterfly" plan.

6. Proceed up the ramp or the stone steps and head left along this wooded path back towards Coldstream. Sit on the bench and take a moment to enjoy the views and the tranquility, looking out across the Crow Green.
7. On reaching the end of the dyke there is a track to your right, a field gate to your left and a burn leading down from the woods straight in front of you. Follow this burn up stream, until you see the stone walls of Lennel Estate and a small culvert across the burn which you should cross and follow left.
8. You will shortly come across two hunt gates which you should pass through, crossing a tarmac road, entering another wood until you reach a junction in the track. Turn right at this point, leave the wood and take care crossing the main road before entering the woodland on the opposite side.
9. Continue uphill through this woodland, ignoring any of the paths joining from the left, until you reach a track. Bear left at this point, following the track down to Priory Bank. Take the right fork on the road in front of you, not continuing on Priory Bank but emerging on Duns Road.
10. Turn right and head right on the pavement, uphill away from the town centre and cross Duns Road into Bennecourt Drive on your left. This street is named after Coldstream's twin town, Bennecourt in France. Follow the pavement down through this estate until you reach the bottom of the brae. Bear left and pursue this footpath between the houses and gardens at the bottom of the hill as Bennecourt Drive continues round to the right.
11. After 50 metres you will see a path leading you right, down into the woodland, away from the adjacent housing estate of Home Place and Parkside. Follow this and after 30 metres turn left onto the path behind the gardens of the houses backing on to the woodland. Follow this woodland path back down the Leet Water, to the car park from where your journey commenced.



Coldstream Bridge, from the English River Banks

Hirsel Estate Paths

These colour coded waymarked routes all commence from the car park adjacent to the Information Centre on Hirsel Estate, which boasts a tea room, craft shops and a museum. At the time of publication, there is a £2.50 entrance fee for the estate car park, should you wish to drive into the Estate and park.

Crooks Path

(BLACK - Easy Access route) - 1.5km/ 1 mile

A pleasant route on tarmac all the way.

The path goes north along the main drive, with the Hirsel Lake on the left hand side. At the northeast corner of the lake the drive divides leaving a choice of going right or left in a circle passing the Hirsel House, the family home of the Homes since 1611. Following the route anti-clockwise you will then pass the fine red sandstone stable building before making your way down to the island in front of the old laundry and back south to the car park.

Dundock Path

(GREEN) - 1.5km/ 1 mile

This route is best taken in late May or early June when the wonderful Rhododendron and Azalea collection at Dundock Wood is at its best. From the car park go west along the south side of the lake, at the western end, take the track up over a short rise, and downhill towards the wood.

The ground is not naturally acid, a requirement for Rhododendron and Azaleas, and in about 1870, several hundred cart loads of peat were brought down to the estate from the Lammermuir Hills to create conditions suitable for acid loving plants. Within the wood there are several

fine trees, notably the Scots Pine with their wonderfully coloured bark, seen at their best on a summers evening.

Dunglass Path

(RED) - 3km/ 1.75 miles

This is the longest of the waymarked paths and links in with some of the other routes.

Starting from the car park, pass through the tearoom yard, down towards the golf course and the Leet Water. Pass over the bridge and turn left, through the woodland, down towards the old east drive, into the Estate. Pass over the Dunglass Bridge, replaced in 1947 after a major flood.

The route then goes south through woodland. As it opens out from the wood, the red sandstone stable block appears on your right hand side. A little further along you pass the Cow Arch, where cattle were at one time brought underneath the drive past the Hirsel House, on their way to the dairy. Shortly after this point the route meets the drive and extends down below the ha-ha wall to the Hirsel House and past the lake back to the car park.

Lake Path

(BLUE) - 1.5km/ 1 mile

The route extends around the man made lake, now a home for several species of water birds.

Starting at the car park go west on the south side of the lake. A hide part way down the lake gives the visitor an opportunity to observe the several species of bird life and if you are lucky, you can see otters who periodically visit from the nearby Leet Water.

At times of heavy rainfall, it is wise to wear suitable footwear as the path can become muddy in places on the north side of the

lake. The walk goes in a circle rejoining the main drive and back down to the car park.

Riverside Path

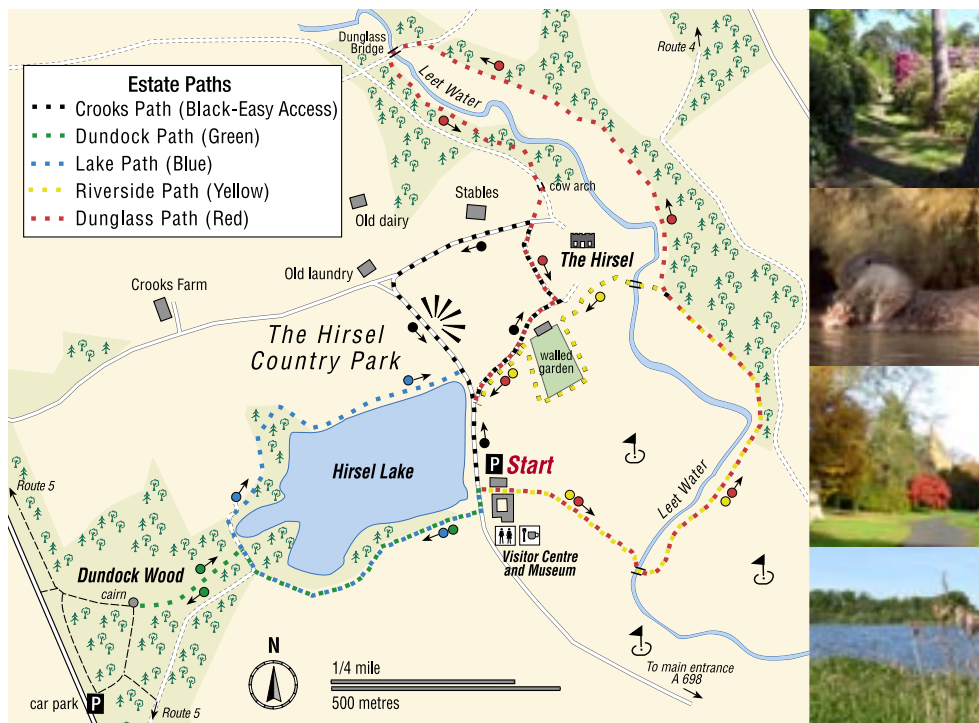
(YELLOW) - 2.5km/ 1.5 miles

From the car park, pass down through the tearoom courtyard towards the golf course, then pass over the Leet Water looking out for Kingfishers, Dippers and other river birds. Turn left through the wood and take an elevated route to the south side of the Leet Water, dropping down again to pass over the Leet for the second time towards the Hirsal House.

The Hirsal House, which has been much altered over the years, dates back to Queen Anne, roughly between 1702 and 1714. The

oldest part being the tower at the southwest corner. Having passed the house, head south down the Bluebell path towards the ancient Sycamore at the southeast corner of the walled garden, said to have been planted to commemorate the Battle of Flodden in 1513. Several chains and wire ropes offer additional support to the heavy aged limbs.

Passing along the south side, peer through the gates into the walled garden, now largely laid down to grass. In the centre stands an ancient Tulip Tree said to be over 300 years old. The tree has lost many of its upper limbs removing much of its gigantic splendour. Continue along the west side of the walled garden and rejoin the main drive back to the car park.



Route 4

Hirsel Policies and Dunglass Wood

Start and finish: Home Park Car Park, by the Castle Hotel

Distance: 9km/ 5.5 miles

Time: 4 hours

Terrain: Woodland paths and tracks, grassy paths and some tarmac drives

1. From the car park take the path to the left of the toilet block and immediately turn right into the policy woodlands of the Hirsel Estate. Continue along the path keeping the woodland boundary on your right; ignore any paths which go off to the left or right.

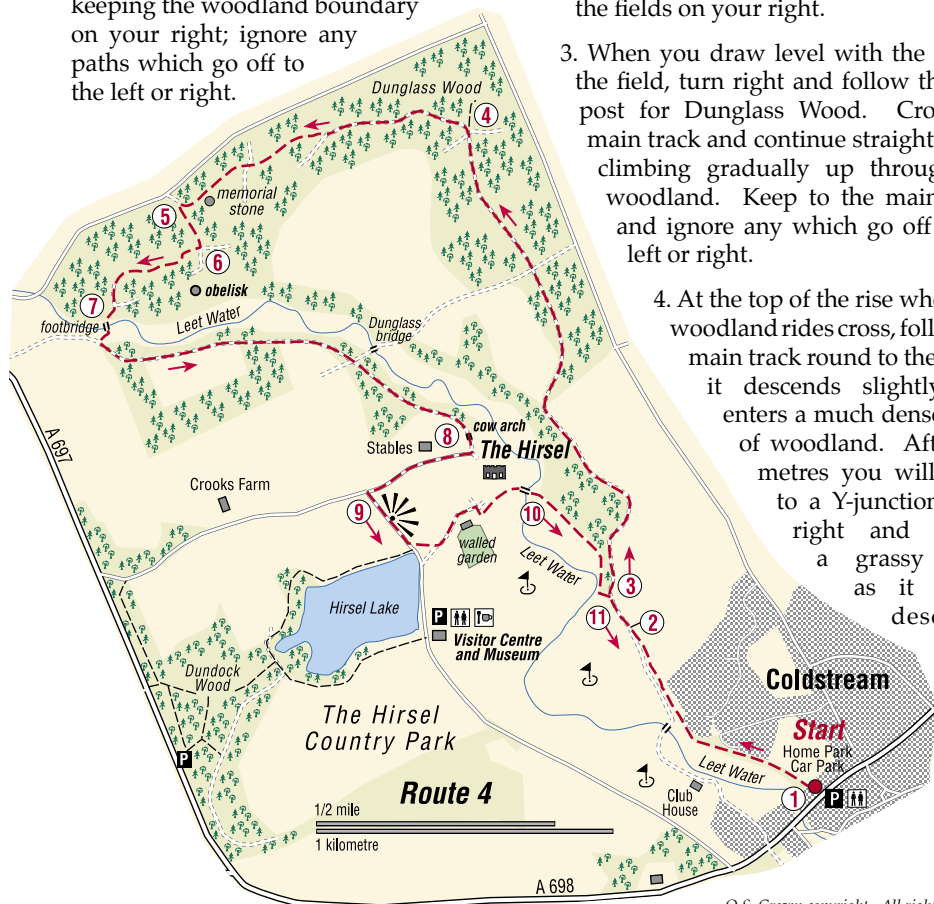


Looking down the Leet Water

2. Join a track and continue straight ahead. Follow the edge of the woodland keeping the fields on your right.

3. When you draw level with the end of the field, turn right and follow the sign post for Dunglass Wood. Cross the main track and continue straight ahead climbing gradually up through the woodland. Keep to the main track and ignore any which go off to the left or right.

4. At the top of the rise where the woodland rides cross, follow the main track round to the left as it descends slightly and enters a much denser area of woodland. After 500 metres you will come to a Y-junction, bear right and follow a grassy track as it gently descends.



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- Continue straight ahead where the woodland rides cross and watch out for a small memorial stone on your left. You should be able to make out, "This stone lies where Cospatrick the XI Earl of Home died suddenly IV July 1881." On the back of this stone is a quote from Genesis.
- After the track swings round to the right, turn sharp left at the track junction 50 metres before the public road.
 - Where the tracks cross, turn right and continue along a grassy track before it swings left and heads downhill. At the bottom of the slope where the track turns right, continue straight ahead on a narrow path leading to the river.
 - Cross the footbridge and go straight ahead across the field and climb up onto a track. Turn left and continue along this main track for a little over 1km until you approach Hirsel House. Looking left from Montague Avenue, across the Leet Water, you will spot an obelisk erected by Alexander the 9th of Home to the memory of his son William Lord Dunglass who died aged 23 of wounds received in the battle of Guilford in America in 1781. The memorial was erected three years later.
 - At the stone bridge (Cow Arch) follow the track and fence line as it swings round to the right. 50 metres beyond the Cow Arch turn right and continue along the tarmac drive, passing the red sandstone building (stables) on your right.
 - At the Y-junction bear left, passing a fine view of The Hirsel House and in 300 metres, just before the large clump of Yew trees, turn left onto a track then rejoin a tarmac drive. Continue uphill and at the track junction before the house, turn right onto a path, after a few metres turn left and follow the path down to the bridge over the Leet Water.
 - Beyond the bridge follow the path as it swings round to the right close to the edge of the woodland.
 - At the path junction above the next bend in the river, turn left through a small area of woodland to join a track. Turn right here and after about 100 metres a path leaves the track on the left. Follow this path initially as it runs parallel to the track and field edge, and continue straight ahead below the houses until you reach the car park and start point.

Route 5

Hirsel Polices and Dundock Wood

Start and finish: Home Park Car Park, by the Castle Hotel

Distance: 7km/ 4 miles

Time: 2 hours

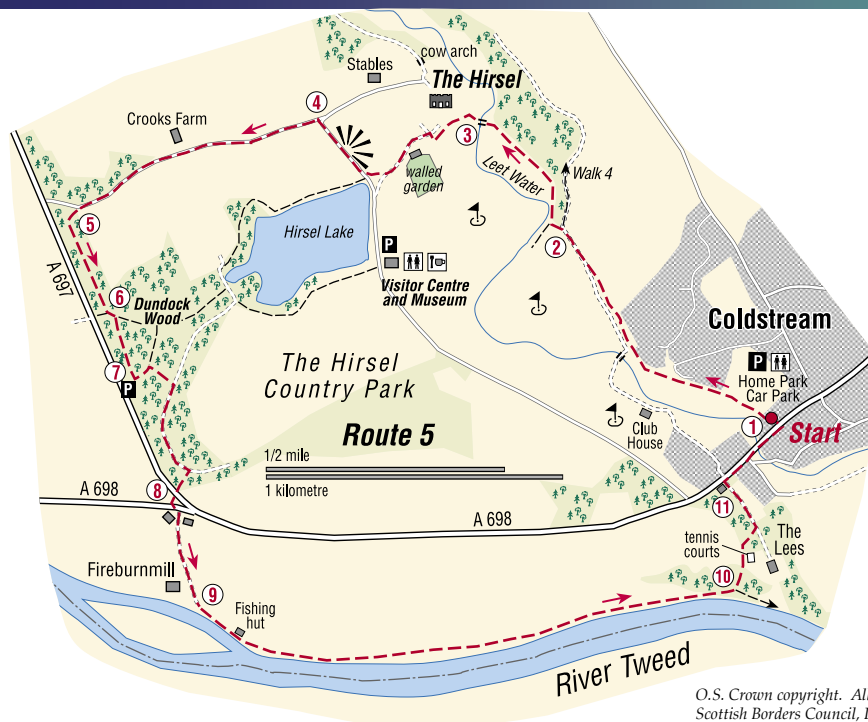
Terrain: Woodland paths and tracks, grassy paths and some tarmac drives

- Follow directions Point 3 on Route 4.
- Where the woodland strip begins to widen out, turn left into the woodland, following the signpost for Hirsel Estate Visitor Centre, for 30 metres. At the next



Dunglass Wood

path junction turn right and follow the path, keeping the edge of the wood on



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- your left. At a fork in the path keep left and head for Leet Water, along a hedge lined path between two fields.
3. Beyond the footbridge bear left as the path climbs around the edge of the field. At the next path junction turn right and then left to join the tarmac drive. After 150 metres bear right onto a track and after a short distance turn right onto another tarmac drive.
4. At the Y-junction keep left, continue along the drive and past a farm steading.
5. At the end of the field turn left into the woodland. Follow the path through the woodland strip running parallel to the main road.
6. At the hole in the dyke on your right, follow the path left downhill and after 50 metres turn right. Continue along a board walk, cross a small bridge, and proceed for a further 50 metres to join a track.
7. Turn left at the car park, not entering it, and along the path through the Rhododendron bushes for 70 metres. Turn right, and in a little while, cross another bridge then turn right and continue along the track paralleling the main road once more. Continue on the track as it swings round to the left, then turn right and follow a rough path through the trees to the corner of the wood.
8. Cross the road taking great care. Turn left and cross the next road. Head for the Fireburnmill sign at the cottages and continue downhill on the road between the houses.
9. At the bottom of the hill continue straight ahead to the riverside. Follow the river downstream past the fishing hut for 1km.

10. At the end of the second field, walk through the woodland for 150 metres. At the path junction turn left and continue through the woods past a tennis court, on your right, and follow the path as it winds down towards the main drive of the Lees estate. Turn left and follow the drive out onto the main road.
11. Cross the road, turn right and follow the pavement back to the start.



Fishing on the River Tweed

Route 6

Birgham Haugh

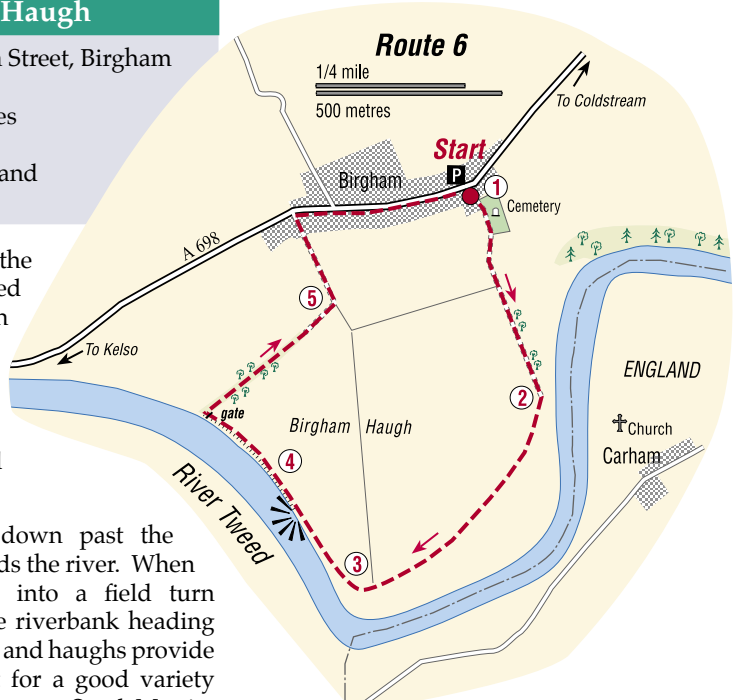
Start and finish: Main Street, Birgham village

Distance: 3km / 2 miles

Time: 1 hour

Terrain: Grass, woodland paths and farm tracks

1. The track down to the haugh may be reached by following the sign for the cemetery which is clearly signposted from the public road, towards the east end of the village.
2. Follow this track down past the cemetery and towards the river. When this track emerges into a field turn right and follow the riverbank heading upstream. The river and haughs provide an excellent habitat for a good variety of bird life. In summer, Sand Martin, Yellow Wagtail, Redshank, Lapwing and Common Sandpiper can all be found and Osprey are often seen fishing along this section of the river. In winter, Whooper Swan and Greylag Geese regularly feed in the fields.
3. Continue upstream until the path climbs onto a gorse covered raised bank which



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provides a good vantage point for looking out across the river and a home to birds such as Linnet and Reed Bunting.

4. Continue upstream until you approach a woodland strip. At this point proceed through the gate, turn immediately right

and through another gate into the trees. The paths winds its way through the woodland strip and comes out onto another farm track.

- Continue on this track as it climbs steadily back to the village. Turning right at the main road will take you back to the cemetery and the start point.

Route 7

Norham Bridge to Milne Graden

Start and finish: Car Park at Norham Bridge

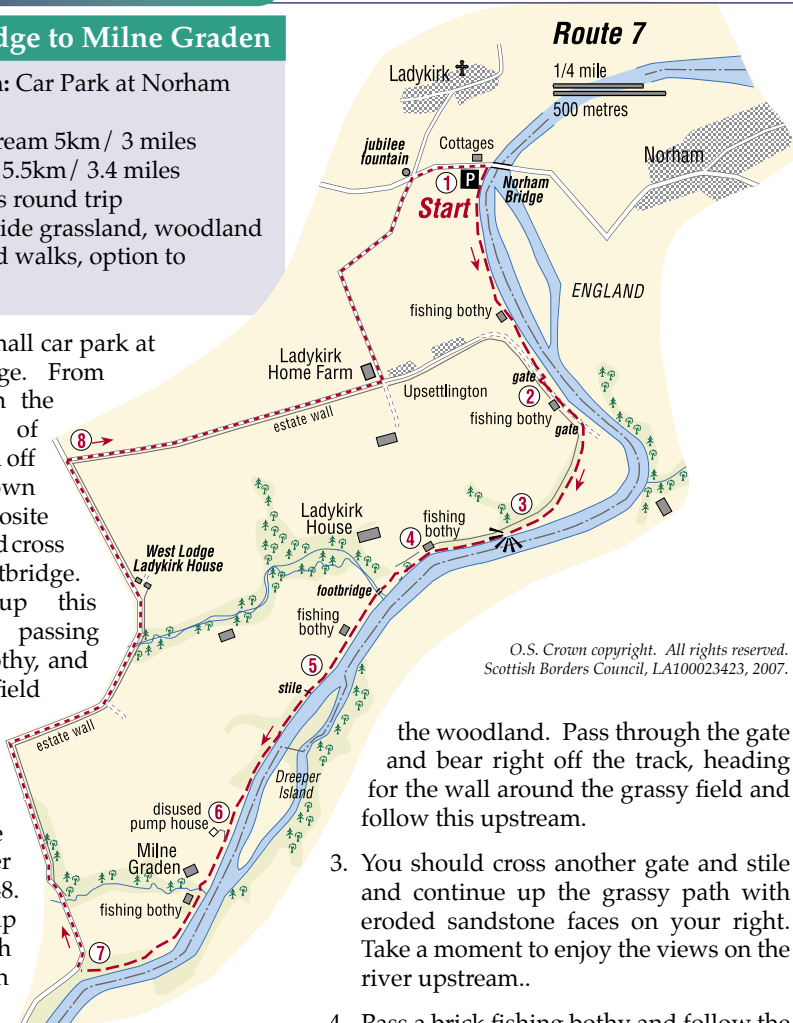
Distance: Upstream 5km / 3 miles

Return by road 5.5km / 3.4 miles

Time: 4.5 hours round trip

Terrain: Riverside grassland, woodland paths and board walks, option to return by road

- Park in the small car park at Norham bridge. From here keep on the Scottish side of the river, head off upstream down the path opposite the cottage and cross a small footbridge. Head on up this grassy path, passing the fishing bothy, and through a field gate. Notice the etching on the wall of the bothy indicating the high water mark in 1948. Continue up the track with the fence on your right.
- Pass through the gate and turn left at the track junction. With the wall of Ladykirk Estate on your right and the River Tweed on your left continue up this track to the next gate in



the woodland. Pass through the gate and bear right off the track, heading for the wall around the grassy field and follow this upstream.

- You should cross another gate and stile and continue up the grassy path with eroded sandstone faces on your right. Take a moment to enjoy the views on the river upstream..
- Pass a brick fishing bothy and follow the wall for a short distance. Pass through the wicket gate on your left and continue up the river bank, crossing the footbridge over the burn and heading past the fishing bothy in the field.

5. Ignoring the field gate up the bank on your right, head for the woodland edge adjacent to the river, where you will see a stile to enter the wood. Continue upstream crossing a footbridge, following the boardwalks, footsteps and handrails under the Yew and Sweet Chestnuts trees along the riverside.
6. Pass through a doorway in the stone wall which forms part of the disused pump house for Milne Graden Estate and keep to the left path adjacent to the riverside. You should proceed along the riverside, across the policies of Milne Graden House, cross a stone bridge and on to a track leading to the fishing bothy on the rivers edge. Cross the stile or go through the field gate leading into the grass field and continue up the riverside towards the woodland in the distance. Cross over the stone stile into the woodland and follow the track uphill, bearing slightly right, until you emerge on the public road.



Heading upstream on Milne Graden Estate

7. The option exists to retrace your steps or continue your journey back on public roads following the grand walls surrounding both Milne Graden and Ladykirk Estates. Follow the road right for 1.5km, take the A class road signposted "Ladykirk" bearing left at Ladykirk Home Farm. At the crossroads with the Jubilee Fountain, take the right, signposted "Norham". Down this hill is Norham Bridge and the carpark from where you started.

Route 8

Coldstream, Hirsle Estate and the River Tweed

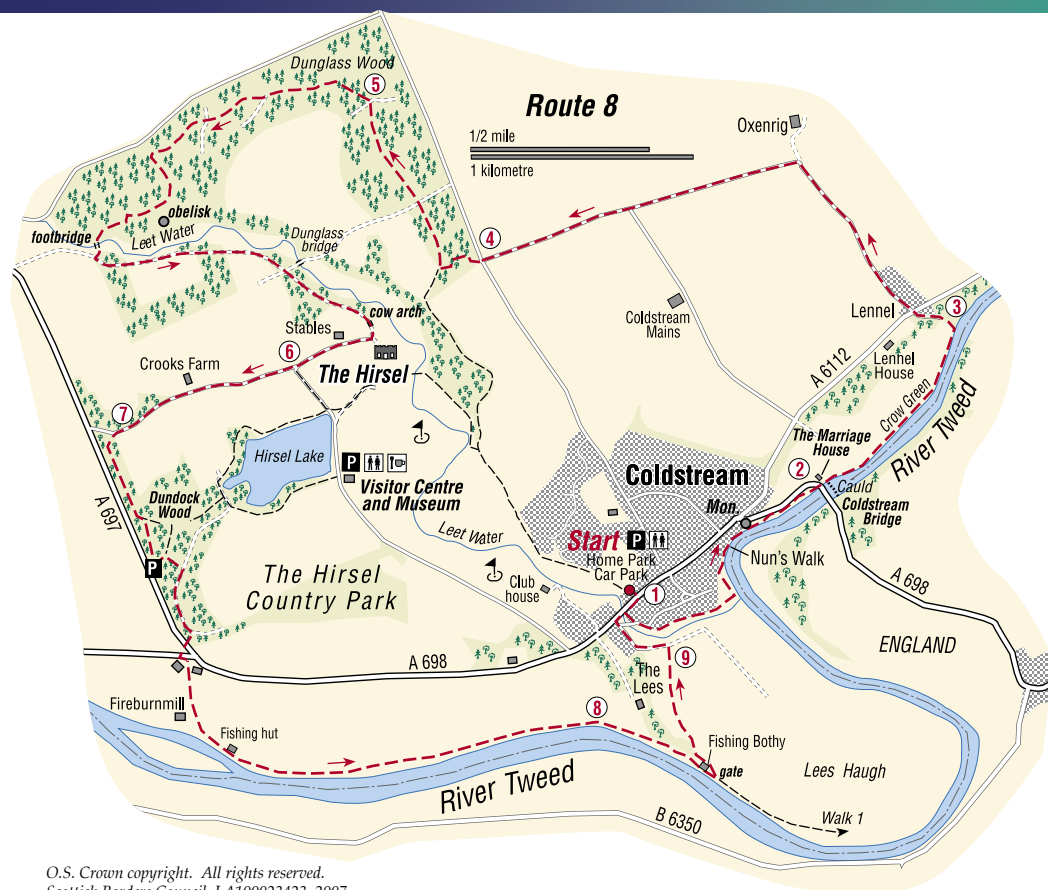
Start and finish: Home Park Car Park, by the Castle Hotel

Length: 17km, 11 miles

Time: 4.5 hours round trip

Terrain: Riverside grassland, woodland paths, some muddy in places and board walks, road

1. Follow the directions for Route 3 down to the River Tweed via Penitents Walk and along the Nuns Walk towards the Tweed Bridge and the Marriage House.
2. Continue as for Route 3 under the Tweed Bridge past the cauld and along the path which leads up the Crow Green, between the river and electric fence bounding the field. Please respect the fishermen by keeping your dog under control.
3. At the end of the field turn left, go through two gates and follow the track uphill to Lennel, keeping a wall on your left. At the top, cross the road and continue straight ahead along the road for 800 metres to Oxenrig. Turn left and continue along this road for a further 1.5km.
4. At the road junction go straight across the main road (taking great care) and pick up a narrow path in the woodland which widens as it turns right. After a short distance turn left through the woodland until you reach a fingerpost. Turn right and follow the track up through the woodland. Cross the main track and continue straight ahead climbing gradually. Keep to the main track and ignore any which go off to the left or right.



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5. Follow directions as for Route 4 from Point 4-8 through Dunglass Wood and over the Leet Water towards The Hirsell. At the stone bridge (Cow Arch) follow the track and fence line as it swings round to the right. After 50 metres turn right and continue along the tarmac drive passing the red sandstone building (stables) on your right.
6. At the Y-junction continue straight ahead on the tarmac road passing a farm steading.
7. Now follow the directions for Route 5 from point 5-10 through Dundock Wood down to Fireburnmill and downstream along the River Tweed.
8. At the end of the field, walk through the woodland for 150 metres. Continue on downstream, bearing right at the track and heading past the Lees fishing bothy. Please respect the privacy of users of the fishing bothy by keeping your dog under strict control and pass quickly. Go through a gate and turn left following the grassy path down the field margin.
9. Turn left at the concrete road, you will cross the mill lade and head uphill on the track bearing to the right and taking you on to Lees Mill Lane. Continue on for 100 metres or so until reaching the car park adjacent to Leet Bridge and head back to the start of the path.

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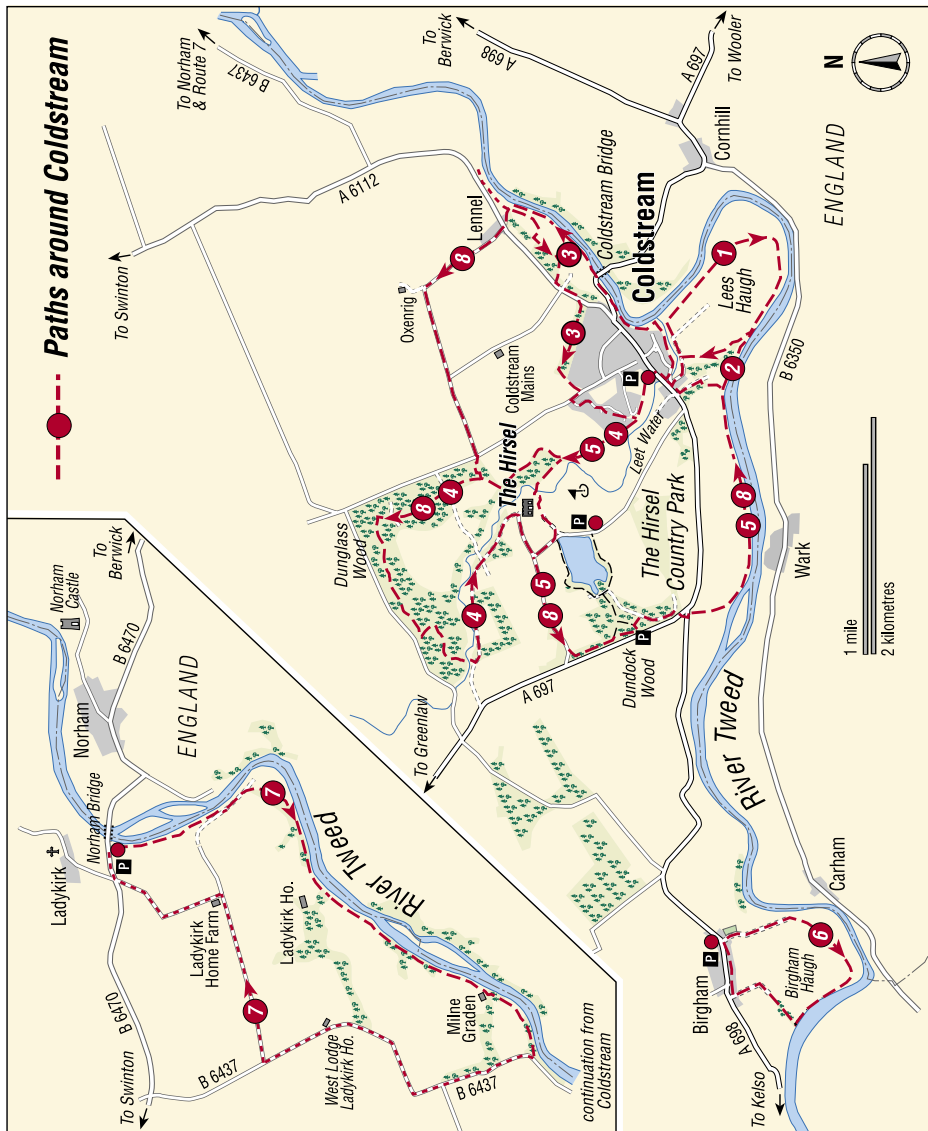
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