

## Enjoy a day exploring Whitelee Moor and Brememium Roman Fort

Welcome to Redesdale, a remote upland area in the wild heart of Northumberland that stretches all the way from the Scottish border at Carter Bar, to where the River Rede meets the River North Tyne at Redesmouth. This is an area rich in history, heritage and culture. Join us for the day to explore more of this unique landscape.

### AM

**Whitelee Moor National Nature Reserve** (off the A68 near Cater Bar), which sits at the very north of Redesdale at the Scotland/England border, is one of Britain's most important upland nature reserves; with large areas of rare blanket bog and home to a variety of plants. It's also the source of the River Rede, a major tributary of the Tyne. Follow one of three walks, ranging from one mile to four miles, to explore the landscape in more detail.

Keep your eyes peeled for the **wild goats** which have lived here for thousands of years. And don't miss one of the newest additions to the landscape at the northern point of Whitelee Moor, close to the Carter Bar layby – a four metre high **steel sculpture of a goat**, created by designers and blacksmiths, Stephen Lunn and Ashlee Donaldson.

From the Carter Bar layby you can also walk to newly rebuilt **Carter Pike** cairn (four miles there and back). From here, you can sit and get a bird's eye view of surrounding landscape. The ground can be rough and boggy so do wear sensible footwear. Another landmark accessible from the opposite Carter Bar layby is the **The Redeswire Stone**, a monument on the Cheviot Hills marking the battle site of the **Redeswire Fray** (also known as the Raid of the Redeswire). This border skirmish between the English and Scots on 7 July 1575 is considered to be last significant conflict between the two kingdoms.

Leaving Carter Bar and Whitelee Moor National Nature Reserve, you can venture into **Redesdale Forest** and explore some of its hidden wonders by joining a series of walks which start at Blakehopeburnhaugh car park (NE19 1SW).

### LUNCHTIME

Pack a picnic and enjoy the stunning views across the Cheviot Hills at Carter Bar.

Or, heading south on the A68, reach the last café in England, **Rochester Relish** (NE19 1RH). This dog-friendly tearoom serves warm lunches, sandwiches and sweet treats.

If you'd like to swap the last café in England for the last pub in England, head south along the A68 to **The Redesdale Arms** (NE19 1TA) - also known as the 'first and last' by locals. Here you'll find home cooked dishes using locally sourced ingredients and a well stocked bar serving real ales from Allendale Brewery and the First and Last Brewery.

### PM

The village of Rochester marks the starting point to explore the former Roman outpost and garrison of **Bremenium Roman Fort** (NE19 1RB).

Discover more about this scheduled monument by downloading the Bremenium Fort Loop walking leaflet. At the Fort itself, you can also follow an audio tour around the site. Simply scan the QR codes on the signage at Bremenium Roman Fort to get started.

Did you know Bremenium Roman Fort was built along **Dere Street**, the famous Roman road that linked York to outposts in southern Scotland? You can see the route of Dere Street - a dark line in the landscape - from the west gate of the Fort.

Around half a mile south east from Rochester you'll find the **Church of the Holy Trinity** (NE19 1TA) in Horsley; home to some amazing examples of Roman gravestones. Inside the church itself, which has links to the Mitford family, you'll find a Roman altar and a recently restored Nelson pipe organ.

