

CIRCULAR WALK - RAILWAY



Heatherslaw to Etal Village and back

Distance: 1-3.5 Miles

***Grade: Easy to moderate
with some climbs.***

When walking in the countryside please remember that paths may be a little rough underfoot and on occasions muddy.

Please ensure that you have suitable footwear and clothing, and carry a bottle of water especially in warm weather.

Always close and fasten gates behind you and ensure that dogs are kept under close control.

Please stay on the signposted/way marked paths.

Directions

Start/Finish at Heatherslaw Railway.

Route A (approx 2 miles) :

Follow the Route 68 cycle path opposite Heatherslaw Railway car park, cross the road at Letham Hill Junction and walk past the cricket pitch towards Etal Village. Turn left into the Village where you can stop for a coffee or explore the village before following the path back to Heatherslaw.

Route B (approx 2 miles):

Turn right out of Heatherslaw Railway car park and cross road. Follow footpath (signposted) up the hill. At top of hill there is a finger post; take left turn and follow path approx 600 yards, past Timber Yard, to Errol Hut Smithy. Turn left down the road. At bottom turn left and follow the Route 68 cycle path back towards Heatherslaw.

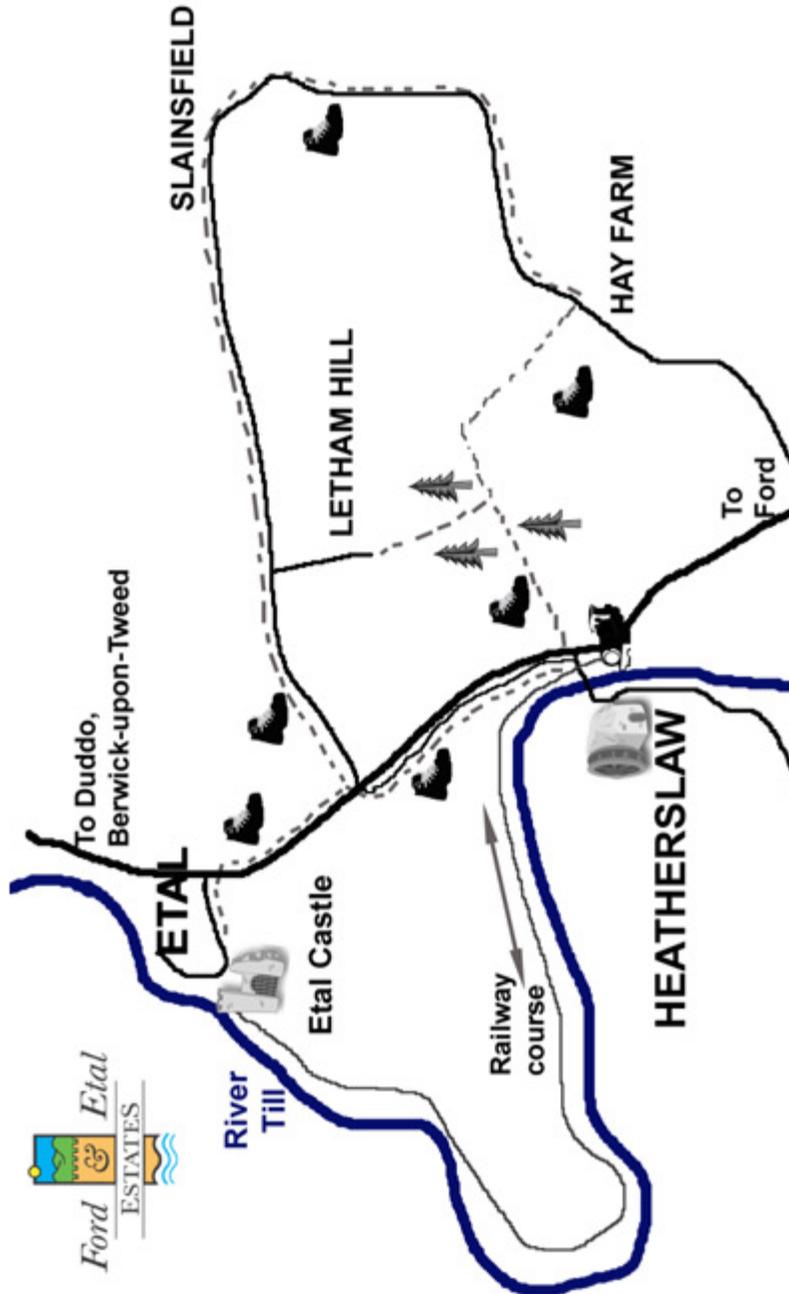
Route C (approx 3.5 miles):

Turn right out of Heatherslaw Railway car park and cross road, Follow footpath (signposted) up the hill. At top of hill there is a finger post; walk straight ahead and follow waymarkers, turning left down the slope, crossing a stream and turning right up hill to Hay Farm. At Hay Farm turn left onto road and follow to Slainsfield (1 mile) then down the hill past Errol Hut Smithy. At bottom turn left and follow the Route 68 cycle path back towards Heatherslaw.

See Map overleaf

Heatherslaw Visitor Centre 01890 820338





Refreshments and things to see along the way

In Etal

Etal Castle (*operated by English Heritage, this haunting 14th Century castle and exhibition room is open to the public April – September; weekends throughout the winter*)

Taylor & Green furniture makers

Lavender Tearoom, Etal PO, Shop and Plant Centre
(*snacks, light lunches, gifts and general provisions throughout the year*)

The Black Bull (*Northumberland's only thatched pub – meals and snacks available; beer garden*)

St Mary's Church.

Letham Hill

is the site of a 200 year old smithy still in use today – Errol Hut Smithy and Woodwork specialises in wrought iron work, hand-made furniture, wood turning etc

(*Finished work can be viewed or purchased from Heatherslaw Light Railway or Heatherslaw Visitor Centre*)

Hay Farm

Don't miss the Clydesdale horses grazing in the fields at Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre