

Carey Burn to Broadstruther & Back

Approx. 5 miles

Take Cheviot Street out of Wooler, fork right then follow the road for about 1 mile to a sharp right turn sign-posted 'Langleeford'.

The road goes up and over the steep bank of Skirl Naked. At the bottom of the bank park in the grassed area on the right- you are at Carey- Burn Bridge.

Walk towards the white road bridge- but don't cross it. Go through the wooden gate on the right to keep the Carey Burn on your left. Follow the path which, in a short distance, goes away from the burn but very soon you are back beside it. Walk beside the burn for about 1.5 miles- there are tumbling waterfalls and tempting pools!

Still with the burn on your left, after a short distance the path goes uphill away from the stream to a post marking a bridleway. At the post turn left, and follow the path to a wooden bridge-once more with the stream on your left.

Cross the bridge and follow the track ahead- there are excellent views looking back the way you have come. The path leads to an area of fairly young trees (2003!) Keep walking and you will eventually see the Broadstruther Burn down in the valley to your left- and Broadstruther Cottage away ahead of you in a clump of trees (weather permitting). Simply follow this path to go through a gate and on to another gate & stile. Go over the stile and down to the bridge- cross it and bear left round the hillside to join a wide track. Turn right and follow this track up to Broadstruther- which is an excellent picnic spot with good views and usually plenty of sheep for company!

From here retrace your steps down the track to a small ford across a stream- there is a footbridge further upstream if the water is high- and stay in the track going slightly uphill. At a footpath sign turn left off the track but in a short distance re-join and turn left. This track will lead you back to your car with very little navigation required-you go through one gate and ignore a track on the left; when you go up hill to a T junction turn left through a gate opening (with stile) and keep following the track. As you start to go downhill you should be able to see your car in the valley below.

Follow the track downhill to a large barn and the road- turn left- cross the bridge and back to your car.