



Humbleton Hill, The Cheviots

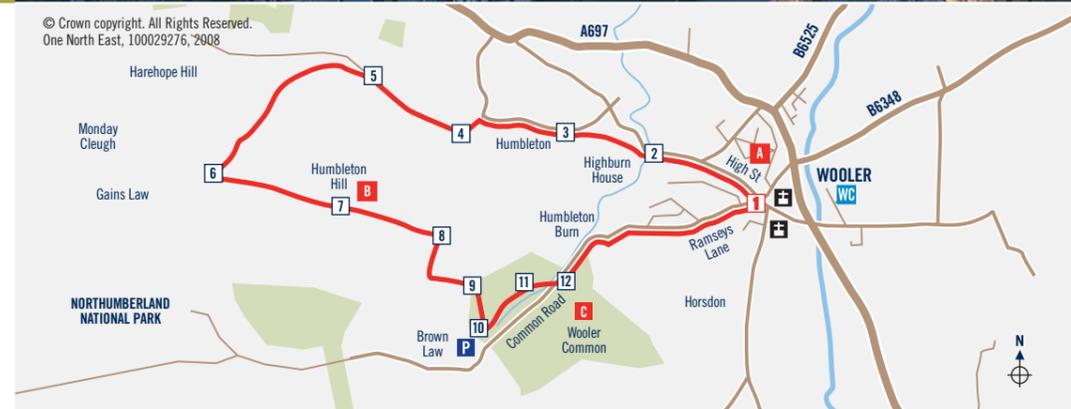
DISTANCE: 6.5 KM (4 MILES)
GRADE OF WALK: MODERATE
TIME: 2-3 HOURS

STILES ON ROUTE

Nestled at the foot of the Cheviot Hills, the bustling market town of Wooler is the starting point for this exhilarating walk with its equally exhilarating panoramic views from the top of Humbleton Hill. The town itself is a treasure trove of tiny shops, inns and cafes and makes an excellent base for a walking holiday. The picture-perfect villages of Ford and Etal nearby hold many attractions such as a working water mill, miniature railway, Etal Castle, Lady Waterford Hall and quaint tea shops. Just a few miles away and well worth a visit is Chillingham Castle.

RECOMMENDED ROUTE:

- 1 From the bus station in the centre of Wooler, turn right along the High Street, bearing left along Burnhouse Road, leaving the town behind.
- 2 After passing Highburn House Caravan and Camping Park, turn left along the public footpath, signposted 'Humbleton'. Walk diagonally across the field and continue through the wicket gates.
- 3 At the lane, turn left uphill passing through the hamlet of Humbleton, and left again at the telephone box.
- 4 Turn right off the lane along bridleway signposted 'Gleadsleugh'. Cross over the stile and walk straight on, past the pond.
- 5 Leaving the bridleway, bear left to follow yellow footpath arrows along the track next to a fence. Cross over the stile and continue on a track which climbs steadily around the hill.
- 6 Climb steadily round and up the hill until the track forks near a gate. Turn left uphill by this gate, crossing a stile over a fence, and then following the permissive footpath which climbs, with the ravine to your right, across the ramparts and to the top of Humbleton Hill.
- 7 From the summit cairn, retrace your steps for 20 metres and turn left through a gap in the stone ramparts. Continue downhill on a clear grassy path following the waymarker posts to a gate, ignoring paths going off to the left.
- 8 Go through the gate and turn right. Continue up the hill on the track. Pass through a gate, and after 40 metres turn left and through another gate gradually downhill towards the trees ahead.
- 9 Follow the track in through a gate, into the woods and along a path leading down to Wooler Common.
- 10 Turn left at the bottom of the hill to follow Forest Enterprise's handrailed path with Humbleton Burn and ponds on your right.
- 11 When the surfaced path curves round to the right to a picnic and bird-feeding area, continue straight ahead along a grassy path, to cross the burn and join the road.
- 12 Turn left onto Common Road which becomes Ramsey's Lane and leads you back into Wooler.



TRAVEL & TRANSPORT:

HOW TO GET THERE

From the A1, Wooler is reached along the A697 Morpeth-Coldstream road.

START/PARKING

The Cheviot Centre, Wooler High Street.
OS Map Grid Reference NT991280

EXPLORER MAP OL 16

MAP KEY:

- ROUTE START
- PARKING
- ⛪ CHURCH
- WC WC

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A The Cheviot Centre
- B Iron Age Humbleton Hillfort
- C Wooler Common

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