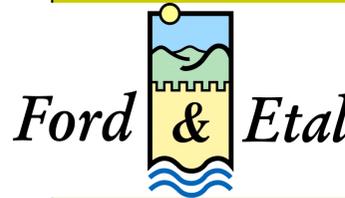


CIRCULAR WALKS



Ford Village - Ford Moss

Distance: 4 - 7 miles

**Grade: Easy to moderate.
Some gentle hills**

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.

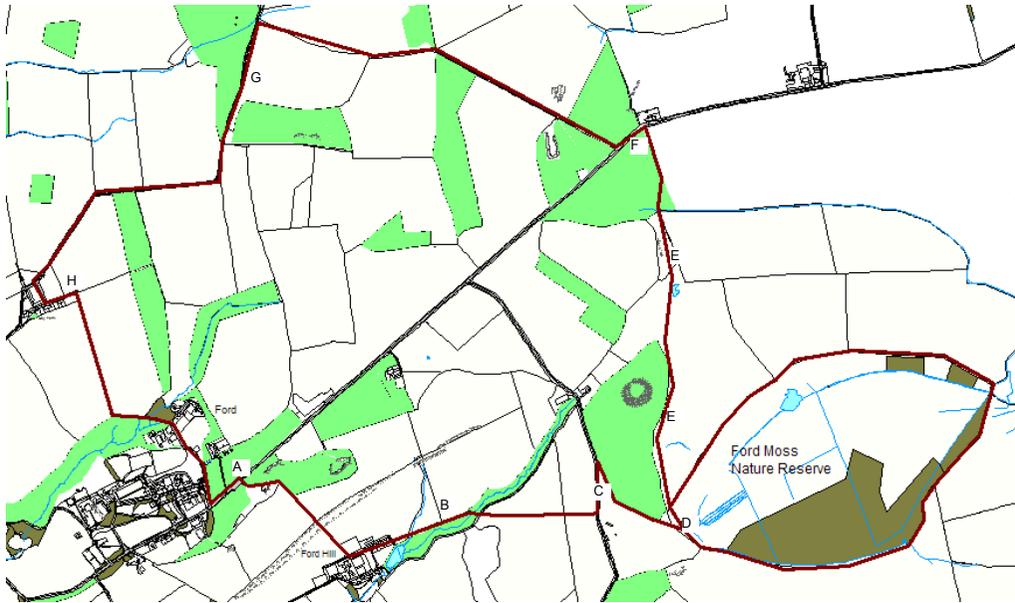
Directions

- A** Park and start/finish in Ford Village or the lay-by on B6353 at the top of the hill leading out of the village, by 30mph signs. Follow signed footpath leading from the lay-by into the wood towards Ford Hill/ Ford Moss.
- B** Skirt the edge of Ford Hill Farm; continue to follow signed footpath to Ford Moss across field to the road.
- C** On reaching the road, turn left. The gated entrance to Ford Moss Reserve is on your right after 200m. Go through the gate and follow the track.
- D** At the top of the hill an interpretation board gives details of the Reserve. The circular walk around Ford Moss can then be taken clockwise or anticlockwise. The route is about 2 miles; there is a stile to be crossed. Please keep to the marked path for the best views and easiest walking..

Retrace steps to return to Ford or for a longer walk (approx 5 miles) take in the spectacular views over Scotland from Slainsfield Moor

- E** Do not leave the Moss but take the anticlockwise path to the way marked foot path, along the wood until you reach the gorse bushes, then bear to the right towards the fence line and follow the path through the bushes on your left.
- F** Follow the way markers to the gate and through the wood until you reach the road, turn left, cross with care. After 100 yards turn right following restricted byway (signed Braldannich Kennels)
- G** Keep following restricted byway markers until you reach the road at Slainsfield, turn left and walk down to Hay Farm, approximately 1 mile.
- H** Follow the signposted footpath to Ford, with Hay Farm on your left, on reaching Ford walk up through the village to return to your car.

See Map overleaf



Ford Moss nature Reserve is owned by Ford & Etal Estates and managed by Northumberland Wildlife Trust (www.nwt.org.uk)

Please note that there is no shelter along this walk

Seasonal toilets are available at Ford Moss Shooting Bothy

Refreshments and things to see along the way

Ford

The Lady Waterford Gallery

Ford PO and Shop (*refreshments including light lunches to eat in or take away*)

Old Forge Antiques & Interiors (*The Horseshoe Forge*)

John Marrin Rare Books (*specialising in books and literature of the First World War, the Borders and gardening*)

The Estate House Tearoom

The Old Dairy (*Architectural antiques, curios and coffee shop*)

St Michael & All Angels church - *interesting gravestones (including that of Lady Waterford) in a beautiful setting*

Public Toilets

NB—Ford Castle & grounds are not open to the public

Ford Moss Nature Reserve

From the interpretation board on arrival at the Moss, the view behind you extends - on a clear day - to the Cheviot Hills, the Eildon hills and the Southern Uplands.

Notice evidence of old industrial buildings around the western and north-western edge of the Moss. These relate to the former coal mines which operated here between the 18th and early 20th centuries. The faces of many of the miners and their families are depicted in the murals of the Lady Waterford Gallery in Ford.