

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 on a lead at all times.

Please stay on the signposted/way marked paths.

This leaflet is intended as a guide only; map is not to scale. For a detailed description of this & other footpaths & bridleways in the area refer to OS Explorer Map 339 (Kelso, Coldstream & Lower Tweed Valley) - available from Heatherslaw Gift Shop.

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Ford Village - Ford Moss

Distance: 4 - 7 miles
Grade: Easy to moderate,

some gentle hills

Suggested donation for this leaflet 20p

Follow the directions below in conjunction with the map overleaf & the colour-coded way-markers along the route (as shown above)

- A** Park/start/finish in Ford Village or the lay-by on B6353 at the top of the hill leading out of the village. Follow signed footpath leading from 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** At 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 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 your steps to Ford, or for a longer walk (another 5 miles) to take in the spectacular view into Scotland from above Slainsfield

- E** Return to the high point by the chimney; take the main track through the gate closest to you – to the left if facing the chimney. Go through the gate and turn left a few metres along the track, following waymarker through gorse and across the open field. You slowly rise to come close to the wood on your left. Where the wood drops sharply downhill, follow the track curling down through more gorse keeping right at the bottom, across to small pond at the edge of the field. Follow waymarkers through wicket gate into more scrub.
- F** Follow way markers to the gate and through the wood to the road, turn left, cross with care. After 100m turn right (signed Brawdannich Kennels)
- G** Follow restricted byway markers until you reach the road at Slainsfield, turn left and walk down to Hay Farm, approximately 1 mile.
- H** Arriving at Hay Farm, turn left following signposted footpath to Ford. On reaching Ford, walk up the road to the junction at the top of the hill to find your car – or enjoy a short loop around the village itself.

Refreshments and things to see along the way

Ford

The Lady Waterford Gallery

Ford Shop, PO, Tearoom and Cycle Hire

Old Forge Antiques & Interiors with John Marrin Rare Books
situated in The Horseshoe Forge

The Estate House Tearoom

The Old Dairy *Antiques, and coffee shop open Wed-Sun.*

St Michael & All Angels Church

Gravestones, including that of Lady Waterford, in a beautiful setting.

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. *(Seasonal toilets at Ford Moss Shooting Bothy.)*

Ford Moss Nature Reserve is managed by Northumberland Wildlife Trust (www.nwt.org.uk)

Centenary Wood

Planted 2009

Slainsfield

Cheviot Brewery

Hay Farm Heavy Horse Centre

Home to Clydesdale horses and other rare breeds

