

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
NOTICE TO EXEMPT LAND FROM ACCESS RIGHTS
ELIBANK AND TRAQUAIR FOREST
25 AND 26 APRIL 2026

Notice is hereby given under Section 11(9) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (“the Act”) that on 1 April 2026, the Scottish Borders Council made the Scottish Borders Council (Elibank and Traquair Forest) (Exemption from Access Rights) Order 2026 (“the Order”) under Section 11(1) of the Act.

The effect of the Order is to exempt the following land from the access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respect of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act:

1. That area of land owned by Forestry and Land Scotland as outlined and cross-hatched in brown on the map marked “Elibank and Traquair Forest” near Innerleithen annexed hereto.

The purpose for which the Order is made is to accommodate the safe operation of the Scottish Downhill Association mountain bike event.

The Order will be in effect as follows:
from 08:00 to 18:00 on Saturday 25 April 2026 and
from 08:00 to 18:00 on Sunday 26 April 2026,
unless revoked earlier.

A copy of the Order illustrating the exempted land can be inspected at www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/357/path_closures or at Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells and the Council’s Contact Centre at High Street, Peebles and may be inspected there free of charge during normal business hours when offices are open.

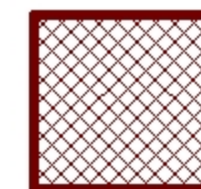
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Solicitor and Proper Officer

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Newtown St Boswells
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1 April 2026

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Legend

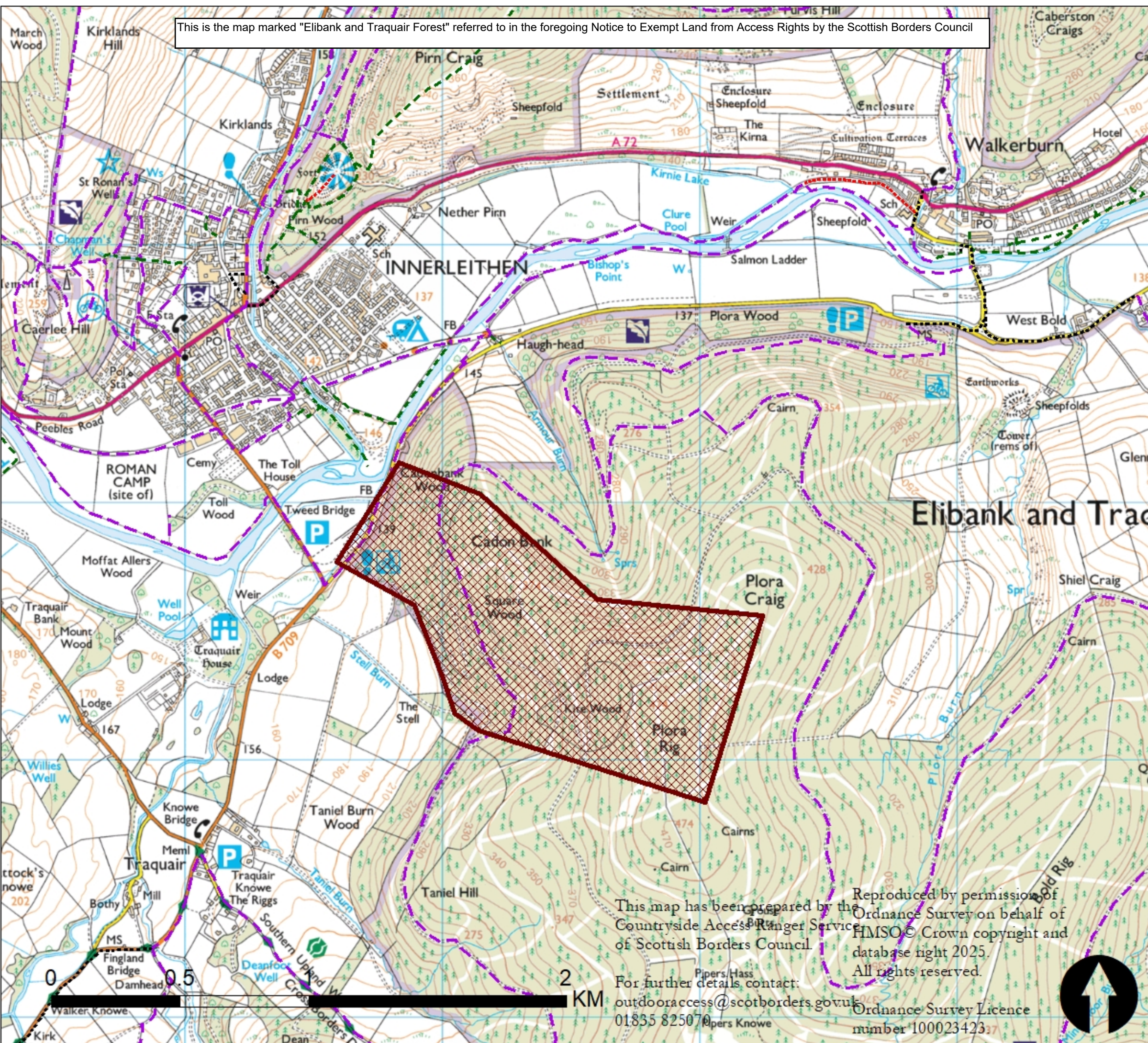


Area Exempt

Managed Path SBC (Core Path, Promoted Route; Aspirational Core Path)

Other (Right of Way; Permissive/ Customary Path; Longer-term Aspirational Path)

This is the map marked "Elibank and Traquair Forest" referred to in the foregoing Notice to Exempt Land from Access Rights by the Scottish Borders Council



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