

Rivers 4

Rivers - Peebles Riverside and Hay Lodge Park



A selection of low level paths allow for a variety of routes. Good level tarmac paths by the river and in neighbouring park areas.

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**Start and finish:** Tweedside Car park

**Distance:** 1mile/1.5km

**Terrain:** Mainly wide tarmac paths with some sloping sections.

**Parking:** at Tweedside car park, also at Gytes Leisure Centre and near Cuddy Burn at Peebles Swimming Pool. [www.bsit.org.uk](http://www.bsit.org.uk)

**Toilets:** Wheelchair access RADAR toilet at Tweedside car park.

**Facilities:** Bench seats, picnic tables, river views, children's play area, fishing platforms along river side.

1. Follow shallow sloping access paths on to the Tweed Road Bridge.
2. Cross the road and continue on the riverside path to Fotheringham Bridge.
3. Cross the Bridge and continue on the riverside in Hay Lodge Park. Turn right onto park paths and return to Fotheringham Bridge.
4. Retrace your steps to return.

Tweed Green and the Cuddy Burn

**Start and finish:** Tweedside car park – alternative start point at Gytes Leisure Centre Car Park or Peebles Swimming Pool.

**Distance:** 1mile/1.5km

**Terrain:** mainly wide tarmac paths with some sloping sections.

- 1a. From Tweedside car park. Cross the Priorsford Bridge.
- 2a. Turn left and along the riverside at Tweed Green.
- 3a. Keep left on the riverside path and under the road bridge and continue with the swimming pool on your right.
- 4a. The path reaches the Cuddy Burn. This area is a good viewpoint for river birds. Retrace your steps to return.



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Route Information

- suggested route - mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other path
- steps
- caution, take care
- viewpoint

Facilities

- car parking
- toilets
- cafe or area with vending machines
- picnic area
- seat
- playpark
- swimming pool
- wildlife interest

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1. Tweed Bridge
2. Peebles
3. Path
4. Cranes-bill
5. Hay Lodge park
6. Tweed
7. Autumn by Tweed
8. Tweedside car park

Other routes are possible including paths at Victoria Park.

Look out for riverside birds - goosander, mallard, dipper, mute swan, coot, moorhen, black-headed gull, grey wagtail and fish jumping in the river. There are some very old large trees of great interest in Hay Lodge Park.



Rivers 5

Rivers - Kelso Riverside and Kelso Abbey and War Memorial Garden



**Start and finish:** Mayfield Riverside, Kelso.

**Distance:** 1 mile/1.5 km

**Terrain:** Paths are level wide tarmac, Kelso Abbey is level hard ground but gravelly.

**Parking:** at Mayfield Riverside, Kelso

**Toilets:** Nearest RADAR wheelchair access toilet Kelso town centre.

**Facilities:** Bench seats, riverside views.

1. Follow the riverside paths downstream.
2. You continue past a plaque marking the spot where Walter Scott sat under a tree reading Bishop Percy's "Reliques of Ancient Poetry".
3. On reaching the ramp at Bullet Lane you may turn right to go along the Kelso New Bridge for views of the river. (Alternatively you can turn left here and return through the town.)
4. Retrace your steps to return.

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1,2. Walkers at Kelso Riverside 3. Kelso Abbey 4. Tweed at Junction Pool 5. War Memorial Garden 6. Mute swan 7. Millennium Viewpoint 8. Dog Rose

5. The riverside path can be followed upstream to the Rennie Bridge. Retrace your steps to return.
6. Park or walk to The Knowes car park. Follow roadside paths to Kelso Abbey. Wheelchair access to entrance and information board. The surface is hard flat gravel in the main area at the centre of the abbey ruins. Easy access to view abbey walls and impressive carved stonework and high building remains.
7. You can also visit the war Memorial Gardens which are adjacent to the Abbey. Retrace your steps to return.

**Kelso Abbey** is in the centre of Kelso and is cared for by Historic Scotland. The west end of the great abbey is the church of the Tironensians, brought to Kelso in 1128 by David I.

**War Memorial Gardens** have bench seats, flower beds, display flower bed, views to Kelso Abbey.

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/parks](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/parks)

**Junction Pool, Kelso** has an easily accessible path to an information board and bench seat. Parking at roadside.



**Route Information**

- suggested route - mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other path
- steep gradient
- viewpoint
- Borders Abbeys Way

**Facilities**

- visitor information
- car parking
- toilets
- picnic area
- seat
- gardens
- wildlife interest
- war memorial





River 6

Rivers - Mill Meadow Riverside Path by Leader Water Earliston



**Start and finish:** Mill Road  
**Distance:** 1 mile/1.5 km  
**Terrain:** Tarmac and hard surfaced paths and road.  
**Parking:** On Mill Road, behind Rutherfords Garage, no special provision so please park considerately.  
**Toilets:** Nearest wheelchair access RADAR lock toilet in Earliston.  
**Facilities:** Picnic tables, bench seats along riverside path.

**Further Information:**  
 There is a booklet "Country Walks around Earliston and Redpath" available locally. The Earliston Paths Group have a website: [www.earlistonpathsgroup.co.uk](http://www.earlistonpathsgroup.co.uk)

**Lauder**  
 Nearby Lauder has a low level countryside path – the Burn Mill Path. Information locally or at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking)



Burn Mill Path, Lauder

1. Go through metal gate which opens to short level tarmac path alongside the Leader Water river.
2. Tarmac path becomes narrow after a short distance but continues as a level path.
3. Continue on the Mill Meadow field.
4. To return turn right onto the road or retrace your steps.



Route information:

- suggested route - mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- other path
- steps
- viewpoint

Facilities

- toilets
- cafe or area with vending machines
- picnic area
- seat
- bus stop
- war memorial
- wildlife interest
- other place of interest

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1. Leader Water 2,3. Riverside park 4. Earliston Paths 5. Peacock Butterfly 6. Mallard drake  
 7. Mill Meadow Path 8. Fingerpost



River 7

Rivers - River Tweed by Newtown and Melrose area

Tweed viewpoints near Melrose and Newtown St Boswells and St Boswells. The Tweed and its tributaries are host to a wealth of river wildlife. Look out for dipper, heron, goosander, mallard and swan throughout the year; grey wagtail and common sandpiper are summer visitors.

**The Chain Bridge, Melrose**

Short walk to cauld along riverside, bridge is wide with low level gradients, views of Tweed and river wildlife. Park adjacent to bridge. This bridge links Gattonside and Melrose.

**Leaderfoot**

Accessible path across old bridge for views of Leaderfoot Viaduct and the River Tweed. Parking adjacent to old bridge and sculptures, off the A68.

**The Rhymer's Stone**

Path may be accessible to some wheelchair users with assistance. Path bumpy and cobbled with ridges. Views to Leaderfoot, Black Hill of Earlston, Kittyfield Farm, Eildon North Hill and Galashiels. Parking adjacent to viewpoint by opening the gate.

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1. The Chain Bridge, Melrose 2. Leaderfoot 3. Rhymers Stone viewpoint 4. Wallace Statue 5. Dryburgh Suspension Bridge 6. Melrose Abbey path 7. Scotts View of the Eildon Hills 8. Straw Bales near Rhymers Stone

**Scott's View**

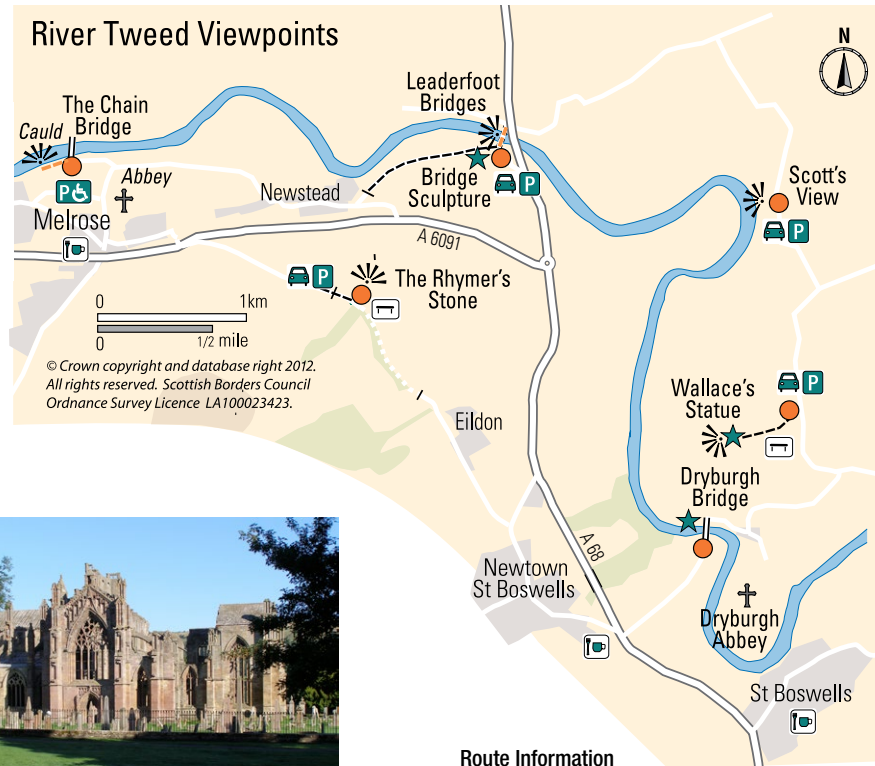
Viewpoint of the River Tweed and the Eildon Hills, also the Black Hill of Earlston. A different view each season of the year. Sir Walter Scott stopped here on his carriage journeys to and from nearby Abbotsford House. It is said that this was his favourite view and his horse always stopped there on the way past. Information plaques at low height suitable to be read from wheelchair height. Car park area allows for views from car or from paved area at viewpoint.

**Wallace's Statue**

There is a flat level path from a car park with disabled parking. Ramped access to sandstone sculpture for views across the Borders Countryside.

**Dryburgh Suspension Bridge**

Parking adjacent to bridge. Easy accessible bridge for views of River Tweed and towards the Temple of the Muses.



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**Melrose Abbey path**  
Follow the path between Priorswood Gardens and Melrose Abbey for a flat level path with good views of Melrose Abbey. Play Park.

- Route Information**
- Orange circle with star: viewpoint
  - Orange dashed line: mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
  - Black dashed line: other path
- Facilities**
- Car and P icon: car parking
  - Toilet icon: toilets
  - Cup icon: cafe or area with vending machines
  - Seat icon: seat
  - Binoculars icon: wildlife interest
  - Star icon: other place of interest





River 8

Rivers - Newcastleton Village, Holm Bridge and the Liddel Water



A riverside walk on roads and hard paths

**Start and finish:** Douglas Square, Newcastleton.

**Distance:** 1mile/1.5km

**Terrain:** Hard tarmac paths, pavements and some sections on quiet road.

**Parking:** Douglas Square.

**Toilets:** Langholm Street.

**For more information:** please see the Paths around Newcastleton booklet at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking) Information on Newcastleton area and Liddesdale Heritage Centre [www.visitnewcastleton.com](http://www.visitnewcastleton.com) and [www.thereivertrail.com](http://www.thereivertrail.com)



Paths at Ponds walk, Newcastleton Forest

1. From the information board in the square go down Whitchester Street to Mid Liddel Street by the river.
2. Turn right to go along the road.
3. Continue on the riverside path for views of river wildlife and Holm bridge.
4. Retrace your steps to the end of the riverside path.
5. Turn left along Walter Street.
6. At South Hermitage Street turn left to reach the Newcastleton Heritage Centre. Alternatively turn right to return to Douglas Square.

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1. Newcastleton sign 2. War Memorial 3. Grey Heron 4. Riverside path 5. Picnic table and daffodils 6. Holm Bridge 7. Creeping Thistle 8. Liddel Water path near Holm Bridge

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- - - other path
- 👁️ viewpoint

Facilities

- 📍 visitor information
- 🚗🅅 car parking
- 🚻 toilets
- 🍽️ picnic area
- 🪑 seat
- 🌿 wildlife interest
- ★ Heritage centre

