

## Woodland 1

### Woodlands - Harestanes Countryside Visitor Centre, by Ancrum near Jedburgh



#### The Cricket Park (yellow) route

**Start and finish:** Harestanes Countryside Visitor Centre car park.

**Distance:** 1 mile/1.5 km

**Terrain:** Woodland paths, level hard surfaced paths suitable for many wheelchair users with gentle gradient and a few rough patches.

**Parking:** 4 disabled access parking places. Free parking.

**Toilets:** Wheelchair access toilet

**Facilities:** Harestanes has a large play park, a wildlife garden, a café, indoor games and exhibition gallery. Nearby are independent craft workshops.

**Opening times:**

Paths, car park and craft shops are open all year.

**Centre and play park**

See [www.liveborders.org.uk](http://www.liveborders.org.uk)

1. Follow the yellow route heading North from the Visitor Centre and past the old Cricket Pavillion.

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1. Walkers at Harestanes
2. On the woodland path
3. The Old Beeches
4. At the pond
5. Harestanes play area
6. Walkers
7. Poppy in wildlife garden
8. Indoor games

2. Turn right and cross a bridge.
3. Turn right, and after a short distance you will reach the pond with an easy access viewing platform.
4. Go straight ahead at the path junction.
5. At the road turn right and go carefully along the estate road.
6. At the path junction leading to the craft workshops go straight on.
7. Turn right to visit the Wildlife Garden
8. Return to the visitor centre area.

#### Contact Information

[www.liveborders.org.uk](http://www.liveborders.org.uk)

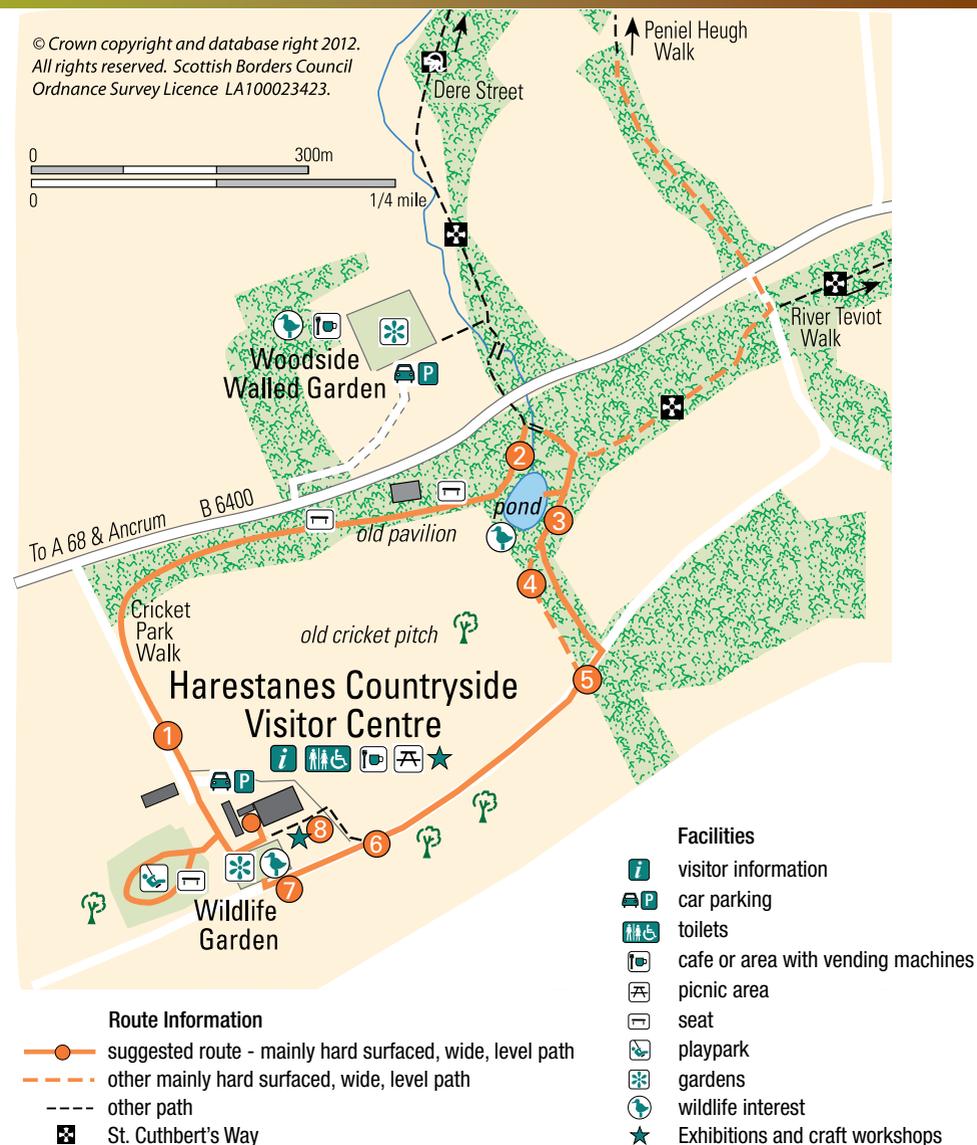
**For more information:** please see the

Paths around Jedburgh booklet

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

and St Cuthberts Way

[www.stcuthberts.way.info](http://www.stcuthberts.way.info)



## Woodland 2

### Woodland - Gala Policies Galashiels



A wide hard surfaced path with low gradients can be followed to a viewpoint.

**Start and finish:** Gala Policies car park by Galashiels swimming pool.

**Distance:** 1 mile/ 1.6km

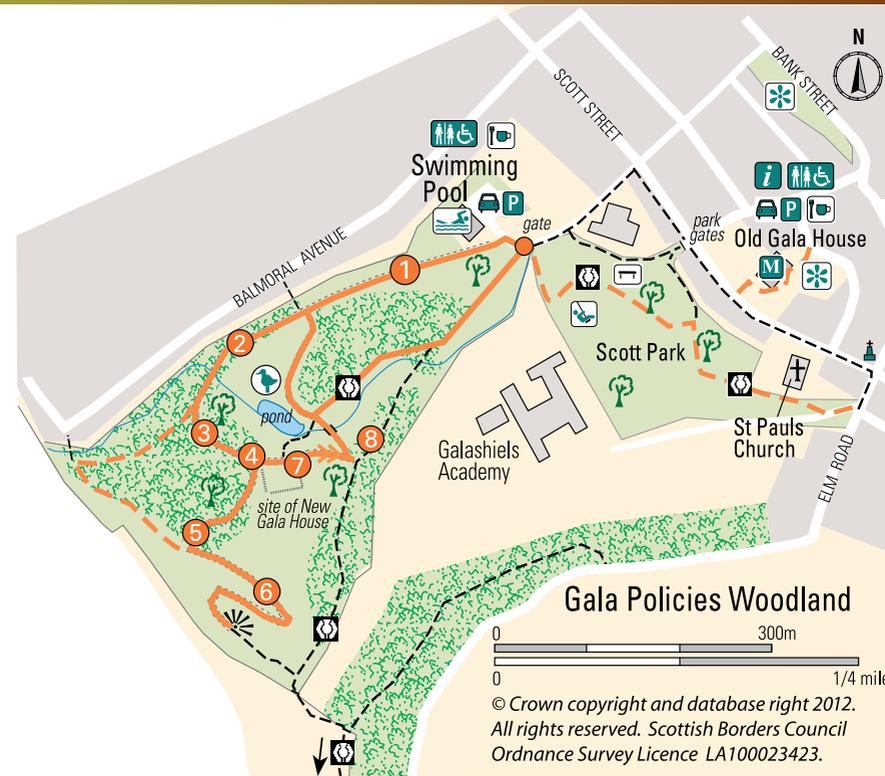
**Terrain:** Woodland paths and tracks.

**Parking:** Car park adjacent to the woodland – no special provision

**Toilets:** Nearest wheelchair access RADAR toilets St Johns Street by Bank Street Gardens, Galashiels High Street, and Bus Station, Galashiels.

5. Turn right and follow the path through the woodland to the open meadow area. Continue on gently sloping path as it winds up through the meadow to a viewpoint. From here there are views of the meadow and around the hillsides of the Galashiels area including Gala Hill, Meigle Hill, Langlee Woods, Buckholm Hill and Ladhope Moor.
6. Retrace your steps to return to the site of New Gala House.
7. At the open area near the house site turn right and follow the wide track straight on the Southern Upland Way. Turn left after a short steep section, to descend gently through the woods and onto a bridge over a burn to reach the ponds.
8. Return to the start by the Southern Upland Way or around the pond on boardwalks to return to the main driveway.

**Further information:** please see Paths around Galashiels booklet. [www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking) and the Southern Upland Way [www.southernuplandway.gov.uk](http://www.southernuplandway.gov.uk)



**Route Information**

- suggested route - mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- - - other mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path
- - - other path
- ◀◀ steep gradient
- 🌅 viewpoint
- 🚶 Southern Upland Way

**Facilities**

- i visitor information
- P car parking
- ♿ toilets
- ☕ cafe or area with vending machines
- 🪑 seat
- 🎮 playpark
- 🌸 gardens
- 🏊 swimming pool
- 🦋 wildlife interest
- M museum
- 🪦 war memorial

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1. Fingerpost 2,3. Woodland Path 4. Pond dipping at the pond 5. Inkcapp fungi 6. Marble Gall on oak 7. The Scott Park Oak 8. St Pauls Church



### Woodland 3

#### Woodlands - Hirsell Coldstream



Free entry to countryside paths.

#### The Black (Crooks) route

**Start and finish:** Hirsell Courtyard.

**Distance:** 1 mile/1.5 km

**Terrain:** quiet estate roads, woodland paths.

**Parking:** small cost for parking (ticket machine). Disabled access parking available.

**Toilets:** Disabled access toilets on site.

**Facilities:** Woodland walks, picnic area, lake, magnificent trees, courtyard museum, restaurant, childrens play area.

The museum in the courtyard includes information on wildlife, estate activities such as forestry, farming and domestic life in the past.

1. Turn right from the courtyard by the lake and past the car park.
2. Continue to follow the quiet estate roads past many interesting trees.
3. Turn right to go along a fairly level woodland path.
4. Take care on a short steep section past the walled garden.
5. Return to the start on the estate road past the lake.

Web: [www.dandaestates.co.uk](http://www.dandaestates.co.uk)

**For further information:** please see Paths around Coldstream booklet. [www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking)



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  - other path
  - steep gradient
- Facilities**
- visitor information
  - car parking
  - disabled parking
  - toilets
  - cafe or area with vending machines
  - picnic area
  - playpark
  - gardens
  - wildlife interest
  - museum

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1. Coldstream paths 2. Lord Home statue 3. Walkers 4. Peacock Butterfly 5. Courtyard 6. Highland Cattle 7,8. Hirsell paths.



## Woodland 4

### Woodlands - Gordon Community Woodland

#### Gordon Community Woodland

Gordon Community Woodland is owned by Gordon Community Woodland Trust and managed in conjunction with Borders Forest Trust. The woodland is mixed broadleaved trees with a large pond, Picnic sites and benches.

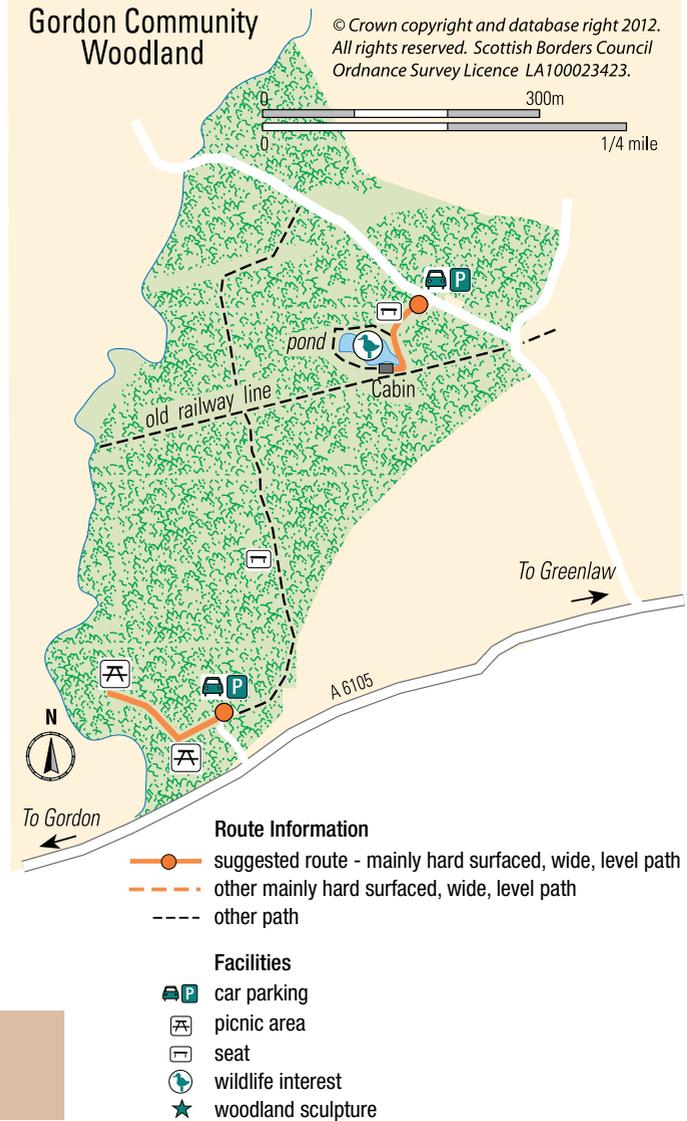
There is a stretch of all ability path to a picnic area. This path is suitable for assisted wheelchair users and starts at the main car park on the A6105. Other low level woodland paths go through the woodland area you will see these on the map-board at the car park. You will find Gordon Community Woodland 1 mile east of Gordon village on the A6105; the main car park is marked by a large stone plinth.



Tortoiseshell on knapweed

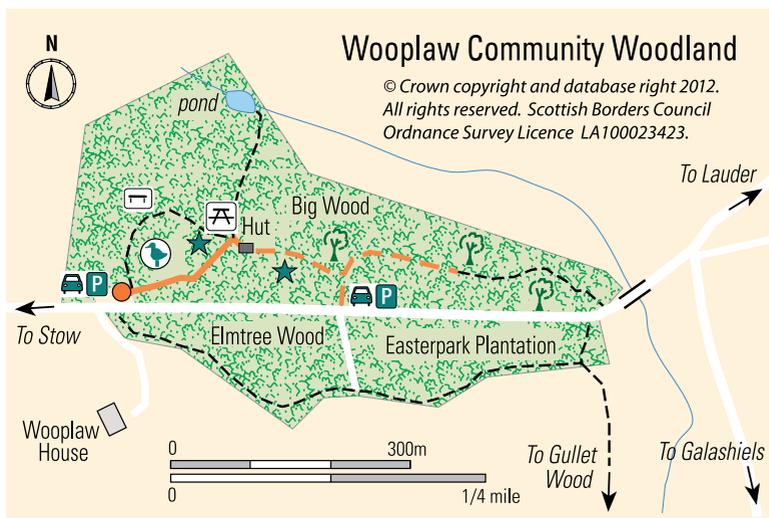
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1. Gordon Community Woodland 2. Easy Access path 3. Pond plants 4. Boardwalk to Pond 5. Pond dipping 6. Path 7. Spear thistle 8 Picnic table.



**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**Borders Forest Trust**  
[www.bordersforesttrust.org](http://www.bordersforesttrust.org)





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  - other path
  - viewpoint
- Facilities**
- visitor information
  - car parking
  - disabled parking
  - toilets
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  - picnic area
  - seat
  - playpark
  - gardens
  - other place of interest

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1. Wooplaw 2,3. Woodland Art 4. Totem Pole Wooplaw 5. Polypody fern 6. Dawyck Botanic Garden 7. Dawyck Visitor Centre.

### Woodland 5

#### Woodlands - Wooplaw Community Woodland

**Wooplaw Community Woodland** was the first community woodland in Britain. Wooplaw has a log cabin, totem poles, ponds, a stream, picnic tables, paths and sculptures. Community activities are regularly held within the woodland.

A 750m section of the path network that runs from the Axehead car park past the log cabin and into Big Wood has been established to an easy access path suitable for some assisted wheel chair users.

Wooplaw Community Woodlands is located roughly equidistant between Stow, Lauder and Galashiels. Grid reference for main car park at Axehead is NT 503 421. There is an audio nature trail available as a smart phone application.

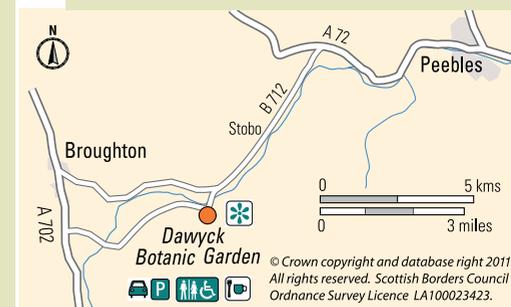
**Visit: [www.wooplaw.org](http://www.wooplaw.org)**

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### Woodland 6

#### Woodlands - Dawyck Botanic Garden

**Dawyck Botanic Garden** is 28 miles south of Edinburgh on the B712, around 8 miles southwest of Peebles in the Scottish Borders. There is a large visitor centre with toilets and a café that has large windows that look on to the gardens. There is also a studio for exhibitions and short films. Entry charge to gardens. Disabled visitors are welcome and a short wheelchair accessible route may be followed. Ask for more information.



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## Woodland 7

### Woodlands - Bowhill House & Country Estate

#### Bowhill House & Country Estate

is situated 3 miles west of Selkirk on the A708. The Estate has a variety of tarmac roads and tracks which may be accessible for wheelchair users with assistance; some are too steep for non-assisted access. Parties of people with disabilities may arrange to drive around the woodlands and lochs in a vehicle or arrange a group ramble with the Countryside Ranger. Entrance charges apply during open season.

**Facilities:** Victorian kitchen, shop, tearoom all located within the courtyard, adventure playground, theatre. Bowhill House is wheelchair accessible. For opening dates see website.

**Parking:** Disabled access parking – wheelchair users may park in front of Bowhill House.

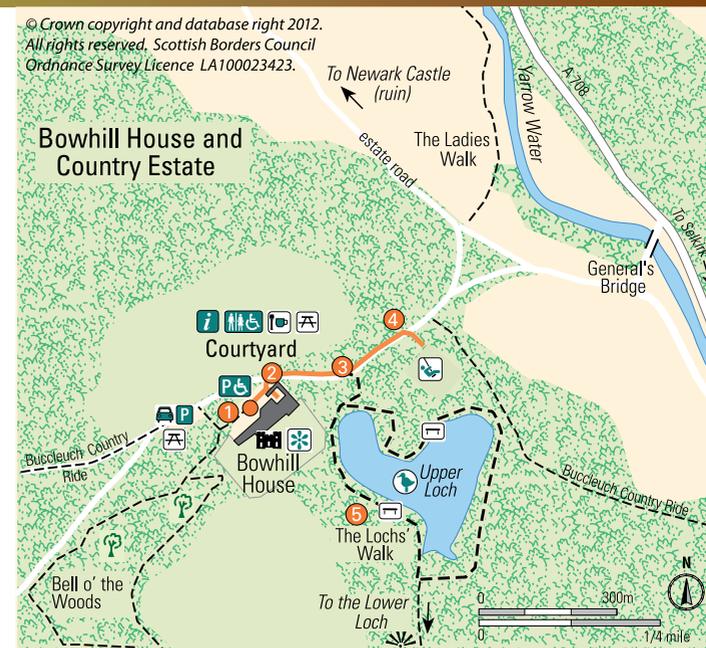
**Toilets:** wheelchair access toilet.

**Opening dates** are between spring and autumn details on website [www.bowhillhouse.co.uk](http://www.bowhillhouse.co.uk)

**Start:** Bowhill House

1. Make your way from Bowhill House to the Courtyard.
2. After visiting the courtyard, at the Courtyard entrance, continue on the road.
3. At a road junction go straight on to reach the adventure play park.
4. Retrace your steps
5. There is a path around the Upper Loch - follow the road down a steep slope from point 3. The path around the loch is a fairly level countryside path The road is tarmac.

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1. Bowhill House 2. Bowhill Loch 3. Alder 4. Tortoiseshell Butterfly 5. Bowhill House 6. Polypody Fern

