#### Forest 1

## Forestry and Land Scotland Glentress Forest

# walkit

There is public access to all Forestry and Land Scotland managed forests across the Scottish Borders. A selection of trails are included here which are designed for those with limited mobility, wheelchair users and families with buggies.

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Forest and Land Scotland Sites in the Tweed Valley

**Glentress Forest near Peebles:** The Ponds Trail is an easy access stroll around the upper ponds at Glentress with plenty of seating and lots of wildlife spotting opportunities en route. Also there is a brass rubbings nature trail.

Start and finish: Falla Brae (Red Squirrel) Car Park. Distance: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile/0.6 km Terrain: Woodland paths. Parking: Disabled access parking at the Falla Brae (Red Squirrel) car park, parking charges apply. Toilets: Wheelchair access toilet at car park.

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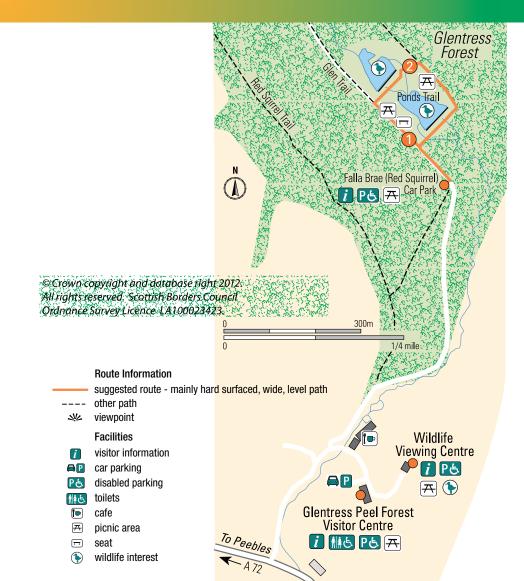
 Leave the Car park entrance and follow the road to the left for a short distance.

2. Follow the path around the pond. There is one steep section near the far end of the top pond. There are accessible picnic tables along the path.

The Tweed Valley Wild Watch Osprey Viewing Centres at Glentress Peel and Kailzie Gardens are both accessible to all users. They include live remote osprey viewing facilities. Both sites also have café/restaurant and wildlife interpretation. Parking charges apply.

www.tweedvalleyospreys.com





1,2. Ponds trail 3. Glentress Peel 4. Picnic tables at Glentress 5. logs 6. Forest trees 7. Glentress Peel 8. Osprey



## Forest 2

### **Forestry and Land Scotland Thornielee Meadows trail**

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Thornielee Forest near Clovenfords is 5 miles west of Galashiels on the A72 between Clovenfords and Walkerburn. The Meadow trail

Distance: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile/1km

This is an easy access trail, offering lovely views over the River Tweed and is a hotspot for butterflies during the summer months.

Facilities: Picnic area. Muckle Moothed Meg sculpture by Rob Taylor. Parking: is available adjacent to the sculpture - no special provision. Toilets: nearest wheelchair access

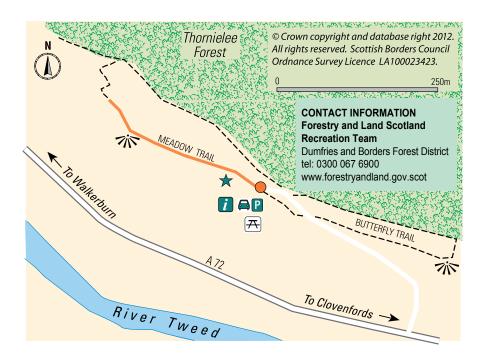


#### Route Information

- suggested route mainly hard surfaced, wide, level path \_\_\_\_ other path
- wiewpoint viewpoint

Facilities

- visitor information i
- ₽P car parking
- Æ picnic area
- ☆ 'Muckle Mouth Meg' sculpture



## Forest 3

## **Forestry and Land Scotland Burnside Trail Craik Forest Easy Access Path**

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Craik Forest near Hawick is located approximately 7 miles south of Hawick. Take the Roberton road from the A7 and enjoy the scenic drive through farmland and forestry.

The Burnside Trail follows the Borthwick Water from the lower car park.

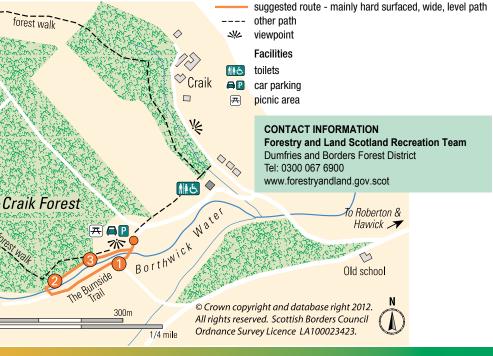
Start and finish: Large car park area with picnic tables near stream and ponds. **Distance:** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile/0.4km

Terrain: Flat level hard and wide forest paths.

Facilities: Forest walk, picnic area, stream, ponds, information. Parking: Large car park with ample parking adjacent to picnic area and path. Toilets: Easy access toilets in forest.

- 1. Take the path beside the burn.
- 2. At a path junction go right through the forest trees.
- 3. Continue back to the car park and picnic area.





#### **Easy Access Paths in the Scottish Borders**

#### Forest 4

Forestry and Land Scotland Newcastleton Forest Ponds Trail

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Dragonfly Ponds Trail, Priesthill, Newcastleton Forest. Waymarked with blue waymarkers.

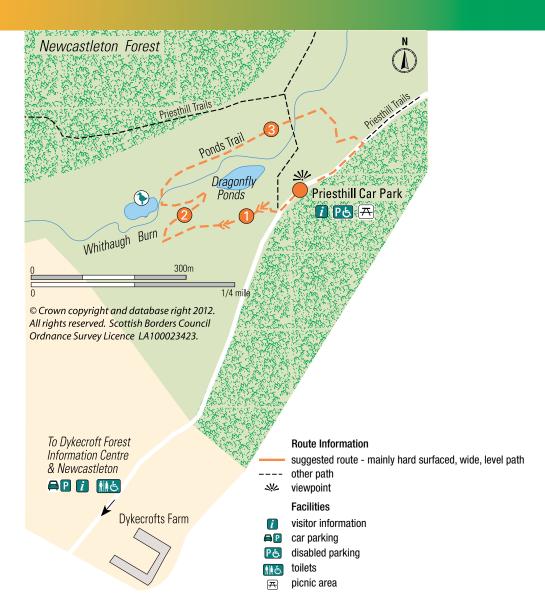
Start and finish: Priesthill Car Park. Distance: 1/3 mile | 0.5 km Terrain: Hard surfaced paths with some steep sections. Toilets: Dykecrofts.

- 1. From the information sign follow the route down to the left.
- 2. Continue on the path as it winds and slopes downhill beside the Whithaugh Burn and between the Dragonfly Ponds.
- 3. Continue to follow the path gently sloping uphill to reach the forest track near the car park.





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