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Scottish Borders Council information on sites and activities:

www.scotborders.gov.uk www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking www.scotborders.gov.uk/countrywalks www.scotborders.gov.uk/biodiversity www.scotborders.gov.uk/parks WalkIt Paths to Health Project in the Scottish Borders www.scotborders.gov.uk/Walk It Walk It@scotborders.gov.uk

Contact Information for general easy access:

The Borders Disability Forum Countryside with easy access website includes information on more than 40 locations in the Scottish Borders. It is updated after site visits by disabled path users. The locations listed all have countryside interest and either free of charge or minimal parking charge. http://onlineborders.org.uk/community/bdf http://onlineborders.org.uk/community/bdfc

Traveline Scotland (for public transport information)

Tel: 0871 200 2233 www.travelinescotland.com Toilets - National Key Scheme There are RADAR and wheelchair access public toilets in a number of Scottish Borders villages and towns: Selkirk, St Mary's Loch, Peebles, Innerleithen, Broughton, Newtown St Boswells, St Boswells, Melrose, Lauder, Kelso, Town Yetholm, Jedburgh, Hawick, Greenlaw, Newcastleon, Galashiels,

Evemouth, Earlston, Duns, Coldstream,

Local information from: **Scottish Borders Council**

Cocksburnpath, and Chirnside.

Newtown St Boswells Tel: 0300 100 1800 Look up toilets at www.scotborders.gov.uk

RADAR Scheme details from:

Disability Rights UK 0203 687 0790 RADAR key available from shop@disabilityrightsuk.org

Visitor Information Centre - Jedburgh

Gives information on countryside locations Local accommodation and accessible accommodation. Holds a RADAR key for visitors

The following information is available from Visitor Information Centres:

Practical Information for Visitors with Disabilities to Scotland Published by the Scottish Tourist Board Scottish Borders Tourist Board Fact Files Places of interest - information for Disabled Visitors Accessible Accommodation

Tourism and accommodation:

www.visitscotland.com look up Scottish Borders info@visitscotland.com

Forestry organisations: **Forestry and Land Scotland Recreation** Team

Dumfries and Borders Forest District Tel: 0300 067 6900 www.forestryandland.gov.scot

Borders Forest Trust

www.bordersforesttrust.org

Natural Heritage information:

Nature Scotland Outdoor Access Code Lothian & Borders Area Office Tel: 01896 756652 www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot

Rivers

www.tweedforum.com

Built Heritage information:

There are Town Trails in most Borders towns. Parts of most trails will be on level pavements however they may not be easy access. The trails take about 2 hours to complete and are an excellent way to discover the towns. It provides an added dimension of local history and flavour of the town's development through time.

Full Town Trail guides are available from Visit Scotland or online at

www.scotborders.gov.uk/walking

Abbeys - Jedburgh, Melrose, Kelso, Dryburgh historic locations. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Scottish Borders Heritage

www.scottishbordersheritage.co.uk www.scotborders.gov.uk/archaeology www.canmore.org.uk

Building design

Technical advice regarding access for disabled visitors may be obtained through reference to "The Disabled Access Design Guide" produced by Scottish Borders Council (Building Control) Tel: 0300 100 1800

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