



Visit England for the day on this Cross Border trail. Not suitable for the faint-hearted, this is an 18 mile round trip for those well prepared and in search of a real wilderness experience. Key features on this route are the stunning Kershope Burn and the Three Counties meeting point (Scottish Borders, Northumberland and Cumbria). The Bloody Bush toll stone also marks the crossing between Scotland and England with its long history. On a clear day this high trail allows stunning views of the Border region.



**Cross-Border Route**  
18 miles | 28.7 km | Allow 9 hrs



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- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment.

- (if there are, ask the Police to inform the Ambulance Service)
- When connected - provide:
- Location of the incident
  - Number of people in the party
  - Any injuries

- In emergencies call 999 and ask for the POLICE
- Turn back if it gets too hard for you
- Carry map & compass, know how to use them
- Take sufficient food and drink
- Wear suitable footwear
- Take adequate warm & waterproof clothing
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return
- Plan your route carefully and stick to it
- Be properly equipped

some pointers for a safe and enjoyable trip.



Please remember that the weather on the hills can change very quickly. Even in summer, conditions on the tops of hills are often much colder and windier than at low levels, despite clear skies. Here are

## Take care on the hills

## Welcome to Newcastleleton Forest

The forest stretches to the border with England and has a long and turbulent history. As you wonder through the forest an area once a frontier zone of wild open moorland you will see evidence of it's past all around you. From small huts or shielings used when the cattle or sheep were brought up for summer grazing to beautifully constructed circular sheep stells to Iron Age Settlements.

Newcastleleton has a large range of trails suitable for most, from the wilderness of the Cross Border Route to a quiet picnic at Priesthill or head to the hide overlooking the stunning Liddel valley to see some of Scotland's best loved wildlife. More than just walking, Newcastleleton is Scotland's first bike friendly village and has some great mountain bike trails but also some excellent routes for horse riding too.

**Something for everyone!**



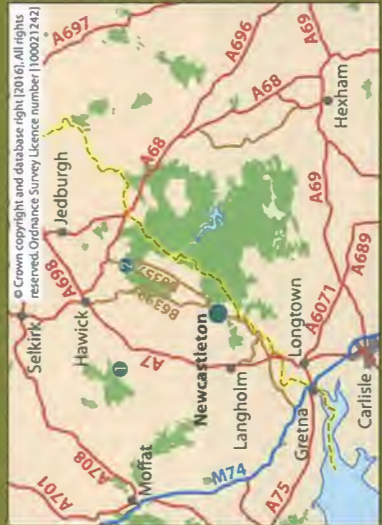
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A true 'get away from it all' forest and a great place for a wee dounder or a picnic stop.

**Wauchope Forest**  
Come for tremendous views of the Cheviot Hills or get close to wildlife, watching out for Red Squirrels along the trails

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# Newcastleleton

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# The Trails

## ○ ○ ○ Ponds Trail

A charming stroll around the restful ponds on Whithaugh Burn. Sit by the water and look for wild flowers and dragonflies among the Hazel and Willow trees.

**Firm gravel surface with occasional loose stones. Short fairly steep ramps, but plenty of seats along the route. Two bridges 0.9m wide.**



**¼ mile / 0.5 km**  
Allow ¼ hr

## ● ● ● Viewpoint Trail

Great views across Liddesdale from the trig point on Priest Hill. Look for an Iron Age earthwork and a wildlife hide.

**Uneven grassy paths. Long slope to summit with fairly steep sections. Some patches may be muddy.**



**2¼ miles / 3.6 km**  
Allow 1½ hrs

## ● ● ● Hanging Tree Trail

Discover the wild history of Newcastleton. Follow an old drove road to Belshiels, and visit the Hanging Tree and ruins of Pouterlampert.

**Rough grass and earth paths with numerous muddy sections. Several short steep slopes. Includes two bridges.**



**2½ miles / 4 km**  
Allow 1½ hrs

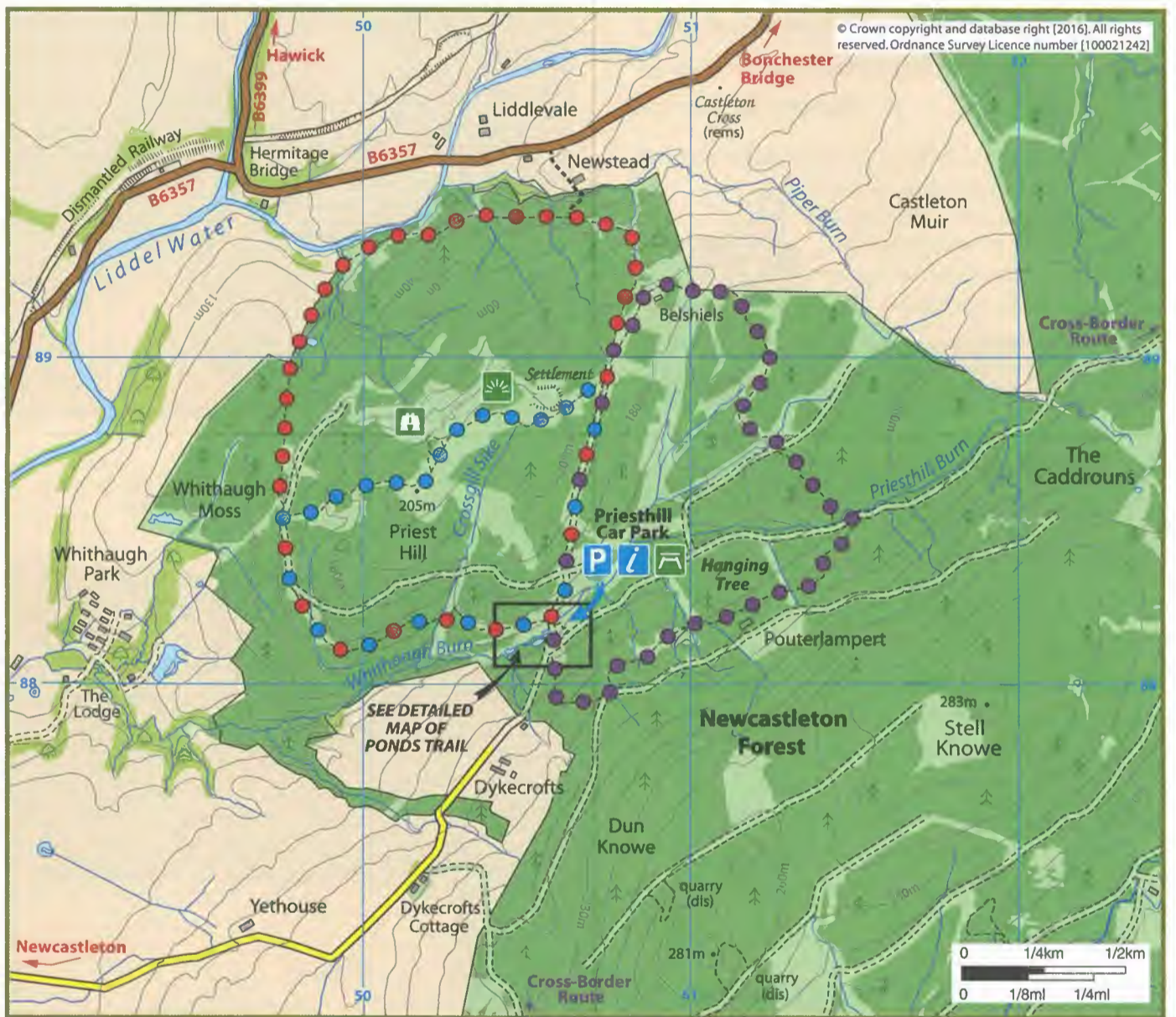
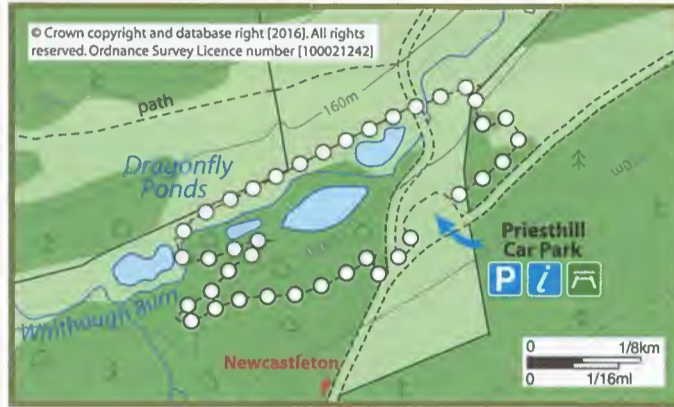
## ● ● ● Priest Hill Trail

Take the full circuit around Priest Hill, down to the banks of Liddel Water. Ever-changing views over the valley and Border hills.

**Rough grassy path with some fairly steep slopes. Muddy sections and a shallow ford.**



**3 miles / 4.7 km**  
Allow 2 hrs



| Maps Key |                              |  |                      |
|----------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
|          | Forestry Commission land     |  | Parking              |
|          | Forestry Commission woodland |  | Information          |
|          | Other woodland               |  | Picnic area          |
|          | Secondary road               |  | Viewpoint            |
|          | Minor road                   |  | Wildlife viewing     |
|          | Forest road                  |  | Forest trails        |
|          | Road/track                   |  | Mountain Bike Trails |
|          | Footpath/Right of Way        |  | Cross-Border Route   |
|          | Forest trails (waymarked)    |  |                      |
|          | National boundary            |  |                      |

The trails through Newcastleton Forest have been designed to allow walkers, cyclists and horse riders the chance to enjoy the peace, wildness and spectacular views that this area has to offer. Many of these are shared routes, so **please be considerate to other forest users.**

