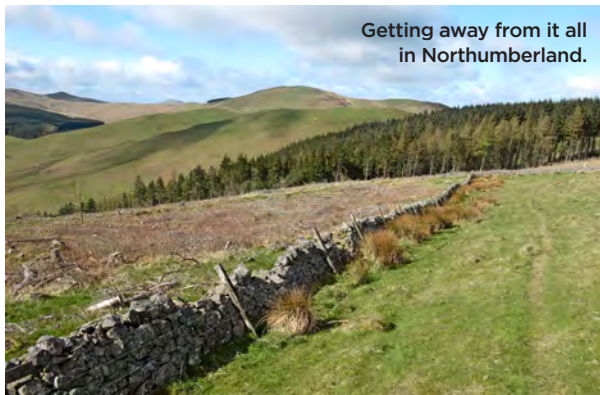




20 NORTHUMBERLAND HETHPOOL

▶ Distance: 8 miles/12.8km ▶ Time: 4½ hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



Getting away from it all in Northumberland.

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Once home to Tyneside industrialist and philanthropist Sir Arthur Munro Sutherland, Hethpool House guards the vehicular entrance to the magnificent College Valley. Rising high on the Cheviot plateau, the College Burn is surrounded by a multitude of grass-carpeted hills stretching to the Anglo/Scottish border. On this beautiful undulating walk you will enjoy a tasty slice of everything which makes this area, on the northern edge of the Northumberland National Park, so extra special.

1 Start

Turn R out of car park and

follow road, passing fine Arts & Crafts style cottages on L, until the second bend. Turn L signed 'St Cuthbert's Way' then quickly R signed 'Ring Chesters 2'. Carefully follow 'Hillforts Trail' marker posts.

2 1 mile/1.5km

Immediately beyond two standing stones, cross stile and continue with marker posts. Approaching part-harvested plantation, ignore map-marked Permissive Footpath' staying with marker posts to step stile. Cross over keeping with wall/fence on L to small gate in corner. Go through.

3 2¼ miles/3.5km

Bear R on path through part-felled plantation following

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Hethpool College Valley, NE71 6TW, grid ref NT894280

Is it for me? This is an undulating walk mainly on obvious paths and tracks with none of the ascents and descents being excessively steep. Good navigational skills needed.
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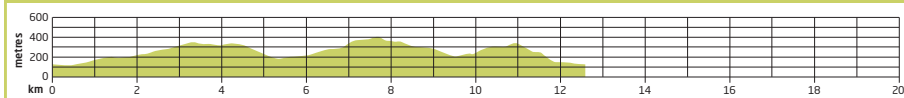
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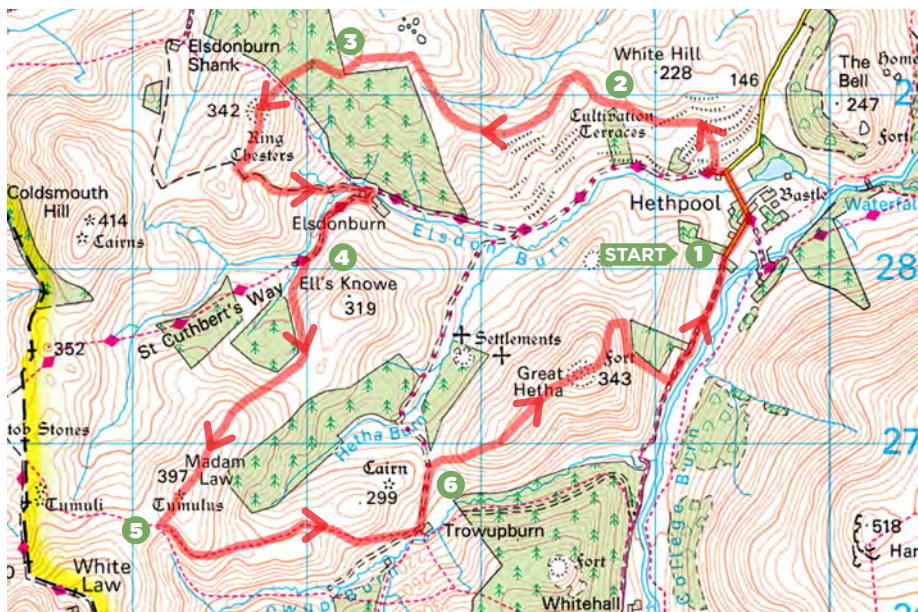
Nearest town Wooler
Refreshments Wooler
Public toilets Wooler
Public transport None other than infrequent buses to Wooler (6 miles from the start) from Alnwick and Berwick both of which have mainline train stations
Maps OS Explorer OL42; Landranger 74

occasional marker posts, eventually turning L downhill Step over stile and immediately head up facing slope to .



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DON'T MISS...



The beautiful Arts & Crafts style cottages at Hethpool. Built in 1926 by Robert Mauchlen.

grass-covered ramparts of Iron Age hillfort. Continue across top, descending to track. Turn L downhill to shallow ford and then metal gate. At 'Border Ridge' signpost, turn R past Elsdonburn farm.

4 **3¼ miles/6km**

When track splits, take L spur over lower slopes of

Ell's Knowe with trees on R. Go through five bar gate and head straight on, aiming for the highest point. When the fence is reached, keep this on the L to reach cairn on Madam Law. Stay with fence downhill. Now turn sharp L through gate to fence corner.

5 **5 miles/8km**

Continue straight ahead on the green track taking care, approaching the stone sheep fold, to take R spur downhill to Trowupburn. Keep L of the white-walled cottage to join rising Tarmac single track road. Prior to strand of trees on R of road, turn R to small stile.

6 **6¼ miles/10km**

Cross stile and follow 'Hillforts Trail' marker posts uphill passing through the tumbled ramparts of Iron Age hillfort to reach cairned summit. Continue with the marker posts downhill eventually turning R at the saddle to descend, with plantation on L, to road. Turn L to reach Hethpool. **CW**

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