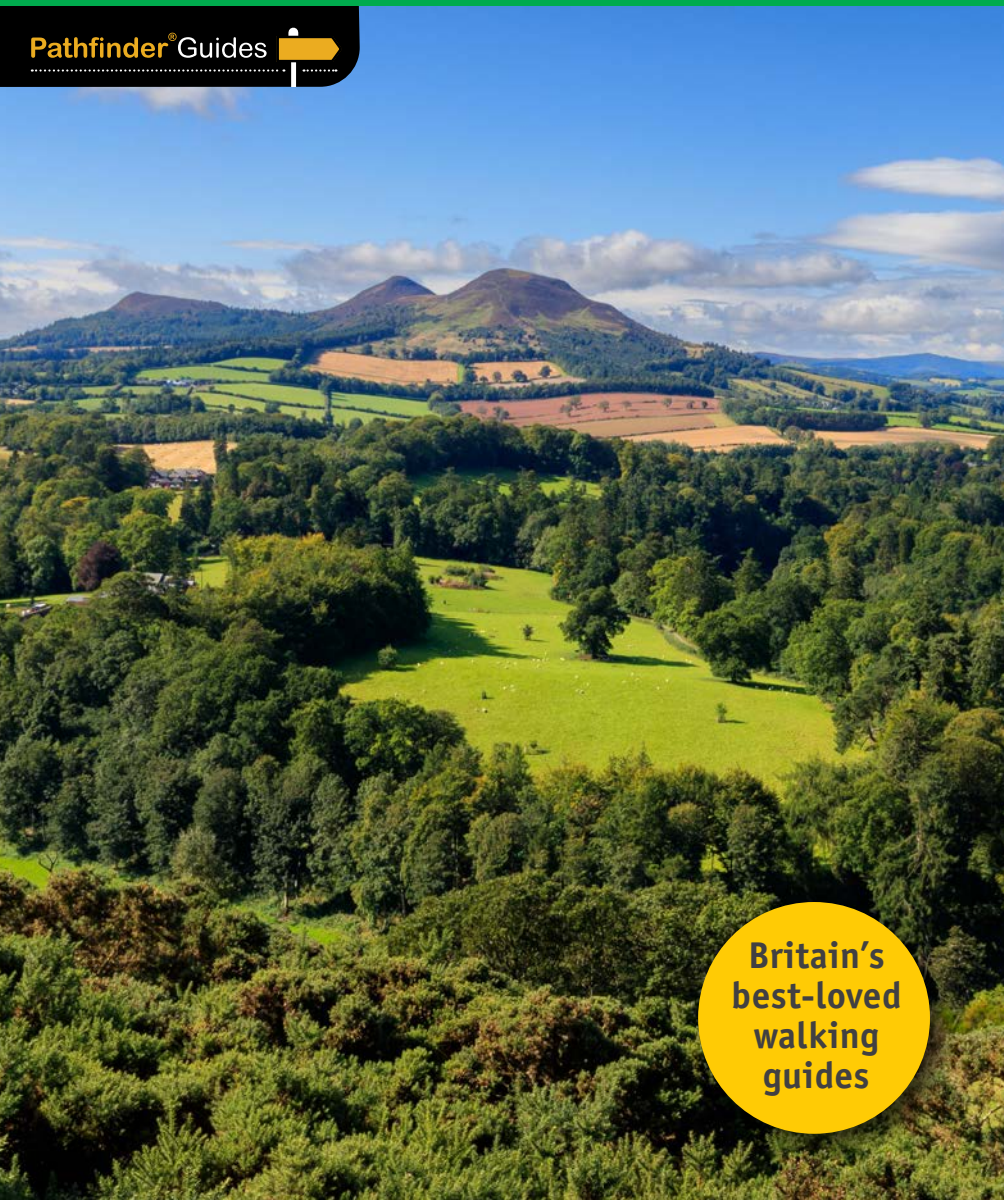


# SCOTTISH BORDERS

## Outstanding Circular Walks

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## walk 3



Start

Coldstream



Distance

3¼ miles (5.2km)



Height gain

50 feet (15m)



Approximate time

1½ hours



Route terrain

Paved and well-surfaced paths and tracks; riverside embankment



Parking

Home Park car park, Court House Place, High Street



OS maps

Landranger 74 (Kelso & Coldstream), Explorer 339 (Kelso, Coldstream & Lower Tweed Valley)



GPS waypoints

- NT 840 396
- NT 838 394
- NT 838 391
- NT 844 388
- NT 851 386
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# Lees Haugh and Leet Water

*The River Tweed takes a big loop on the edge of Coldstream round a flat and fertile plain called Lees Haugh. This is almost an island, as it is separated from the town by Leet Water, a stream that once powered mills. This walk offers fine views of the Tweed, where anglers can often be seen fishing for salmon. The route traces the southern border of Scotland; England lies on the other side of the river.*



The riverside path after

From the car park, turn right past the Castle Hotel. Cross the road bridge over Leet Water and keep straight ahead. Opposite Woodlands Park, turn left between the pillars onto the drive at the gate lodge of Lees Park .

In about 75 yards fork right at a fingerpost onto a path that runs under trees. After a gap in a wall the path bends left down an avenue of young trees. Soon fork right and follow a fence round a field. When you see the Tweed, go left downhill to a grassy area then follow it down to the river. Turn left along the riverside path .

### Penitent's Walk

As with nearby Nun's Walk, this path originates from Coldstream's 12th-century Cistercian Priory, which was founded as a nunnery in 1166. Nuns from the priory tended to the wounded after the Battle of Flodden in 1513 and used carts to retrieve the bodies of dead Scots nobles for burial in the grounds of the priory, which was near today's Market Square.



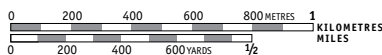
Coastal Path with St Abb's Head in the distance

steps to the caravan park. At the top, go right along the coastal path then turn right, signed Eyemouth Fort. Pass an information board and keep ahead to cannons on the point at **B**.

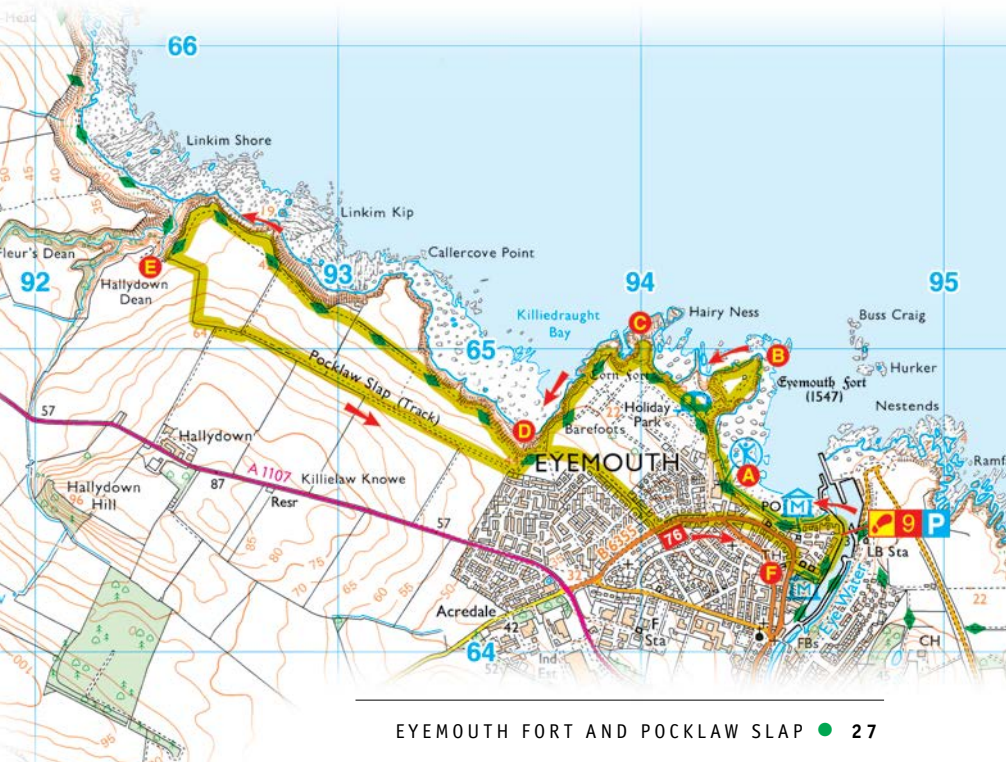
Continue round the other side of the headland then bear left through a dip back to the path and go right, past the information board. Turn right to continue along the coastal path. At a fingerpost by an entrance to the

caravan park, go diagonally right across grass and through a gap in a low wooden fence onto a headland above the jagged rocks of Hairy Ness **C**.

Enjoy a fine view to St Abb's Head then continue round the point, forking right to follow the cliffs with care. Pass a fingerpost and continue right along



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footbridge and turn left on a slight, rough path to another field **F**. The next part follows field edges with stiles over the fences.

Walk up the right side of two fields to a woodland strip. Looking to the right, you can see Fatlips Castle on wooded Minto Craigs and columnar Waterloo Monument further north-east on Peniel Heugh (Walk 8). Turn left at a fingerpost in the corner and walk up two fields with trees on your right. Rejoin the Borders Abbeys Way for 150 yards, crossing your outward route at **B**. Keep straight ahead along the field edges, with a line of beech on your right and rugged Rubers Law to the left, until you reach Gled'swing Strip **C**.

Go through a gate in a stone wall and bear right downhill on the edge of a felled wood. At the bottom, go right

along a wall to a gap then follow a grassy path going half left, downhill towards Denholm. Further on the path becomes a track and leads down between gorse bushes to a minor road. Turn right, downhill, and just before Woodside (cottage) **H** go left down a path signed Denholm Dean (or miss it out and continue down the road).

At a T-junction, turn right downstream beside the burn. Go down steps and across a footbridge then up a flight of steps on the other side. Continue on the path, keeping ahead under dark trees to climb more steps. Then dip down across another footbridge over a side stream and continue until you return to the minor road further downhill. Turn left down the road which descends to the west end of the Green. ●



*Leyden's Monument on Denholm Green*

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