

The Otterburn Ranges

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3A Reiver's Return

(orange route on map)

A walk up The Street to the border, returning by Clennell Street. Distance 15km (10 miles).

Start: Trows Road End car park. Grid ref NT859115. Cross the bridge to the foot of The Street.

Climb for 5km to the Border Ridge. Follow the Pennine Way for 2km east to Windy Gyle. Continue for 2km to Clennell Street, and descend S down Clennell Street.

After 500m take the path that forks off right.

After a similar distance take the next path right, down a long ridge, for 2km to join the track back to Trows Farm.

Follow the road back to the car park 3km.

This follows the ancient track-ways into Scotland The Street with the choice of returning by Clennell Street. It joins the Pennine Way as it follows the border ridge, giving wide views deep into Scotland.

Russell's Cairn

In 1585, at a meeting between English and Scots 'under truce' on Windy Gyle, the English Lord Francis Russell was shot and killed. The Bronze Age burial cairn on its summit was named Russell's Cairn in his memory.

More sheep than people!

Sheep have been grazed in the Cheviots since the 13/14th centuries. Look out for white-faced Cheviots which have been bred in these windswept hills for over 600 years or the horned Scottish Blackface.

The circular stone pens you see are 'stells' which offer shelter to sheep in the winter.



3B Shorter Reiver's Return

(orange route on map)

Distance 11.5km (7 miles).

Start: As route 3A but this route descends after Windy Gyle. Take the path south east off Windy Gyle.

After 1.25km take the path forking right (heading SW). This follows the broad ridge down to Trows for 2km.

Rejoin the road for 1.5km walk back to the car park at Trows Road End.

