

# The Otterburn Ranges

# Open ACCESS AREA

Routes to explore, using moderate, moorland paths and tracks. All the routes are steep as you climb out of the valley, but soon reward you with expansive views.



## 2 Mountain Refuge Circuit

A circular walk with classic Cheviot and border country views. Distance approx. 16km (10 miles)

**Start:** Park at Buckham's Bridge. Walk left along the road to Blindburn 0.5km. Turn left through the gate and up the hill for 2km to Yearning Law. Follow the bridgeway for 2km to the Mountain Refuge Hut. Follow the border ridge for 5km NE over Lamb Hill, Beefstand Hill, Mozie Law to The Street. Go S down The Street for 4km until paths cross at Hindside Knowe. After the gate, follow the fence down the hill to the stile. Aim for Carlcroft, the farm in the trees up the valley, 1km away. At Carlcroft cross the footbridge to the farm and follow the track to rejoin the road for 1km back to the car park.

## 1 Iron Age Ascent

A walk or ride for older families along Dere Street into Scotland to Woden Law hillfort and return. Distance 12km (7.5 miles).

**Start:** Chew Green Car Park. Walk up to Chew Green Roman camps. Follow the Pennine Way north for 1km to the gate on the border ridge. Cross the border into Scotland. Follow Dere Street for 2.5km to Blackhall Hill. Follow the track as it descends left (W) for 1.75km. Climb Woden Law and enjoy the views. Return by the same route, but after 1km you can follow the sign to take Dere Street south of Blackhall crags. This will return to your original path.

## SAFETY! WHICH ZONE ARE YOU IN?

This military training area has two zones which are used for different types of training:

**OPEN ACCESS AREA:** marked CREAM on the map below. You are welcome to explore this area all year round, but please avoid troops in training. You may see soldiers but they will not be using live ammunition. However, they may be using blank rounds and pyrotechnics.

**CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA:** marked MAUVE on the map below. Access is closed when red flags are flying, as firing with live ammunition may be taking place.

When no red flags are flying, keep to the roads or way-marked paths.

Please obey all signs and do not enter MOD roads where a red flag is flying.

Do not touch or pick up any object lying on the ground.

**IF IN DOUBT please contact Range Control tel. 01830 520569.**

## 3A Reiver's Return

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

**Start:** Trows Road End car park. 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. Follow the road back to the car park 3km.



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## 3B Shorter Reiver's Return

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.

**Whisky Smugglers** The ancient border routes were used by cattle drovers and by smugglers like Black Rory, who carried illicit whisky down from Scotland, hidden in stone jars known as grey hens, to be sold at the remote farms in Coquetdale.



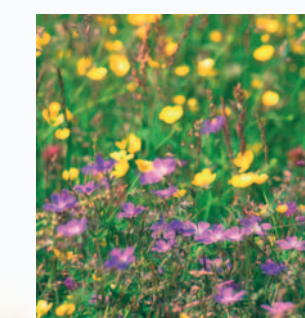
Fording the Usway Burn at Fairhaugh. The bridge is 100m upstream.

## 4 Clennell Street and Usway Burn

Distance approx. 21.5km (13.5 miles). A ride for experienced riders on tracks and narrow paths into the heart of Cheviot country.

**Start:** From the car park at Alwinton turn left. Cross the bridge over the burn and onto Clennell Street. Climb for 4km to Wholehope. Follow the track NW for 6km, to where it meets the track from Uswayford below Hazely Law. Return S by the track over The Middle and through the forest, 1.5km to Fairhaugh. Cross the bridge to go past the house. The bridgeway is a narrow path 50m on your right, after the house. Follow this for 6km along the Usway burn – some sheer drops to your right. It becomes a wide path and then a road to Shillmoor. At Shillmoor cross the river. Turn left for a 4.5km return to Alwinton.

**Making Hay** Coquetdale was a thriving community in Victorian times. Farmers from the valley held dances, markets and mass-clippings of their sheep at Barrowburn village hall. In June and July the hay meadows by Barrowburn Farm are full of wild flowers like wood cranesbill, rough hawksbit, ox-eye daisy and lady's mantle.



## 5 Clennell Street and Copper Snout

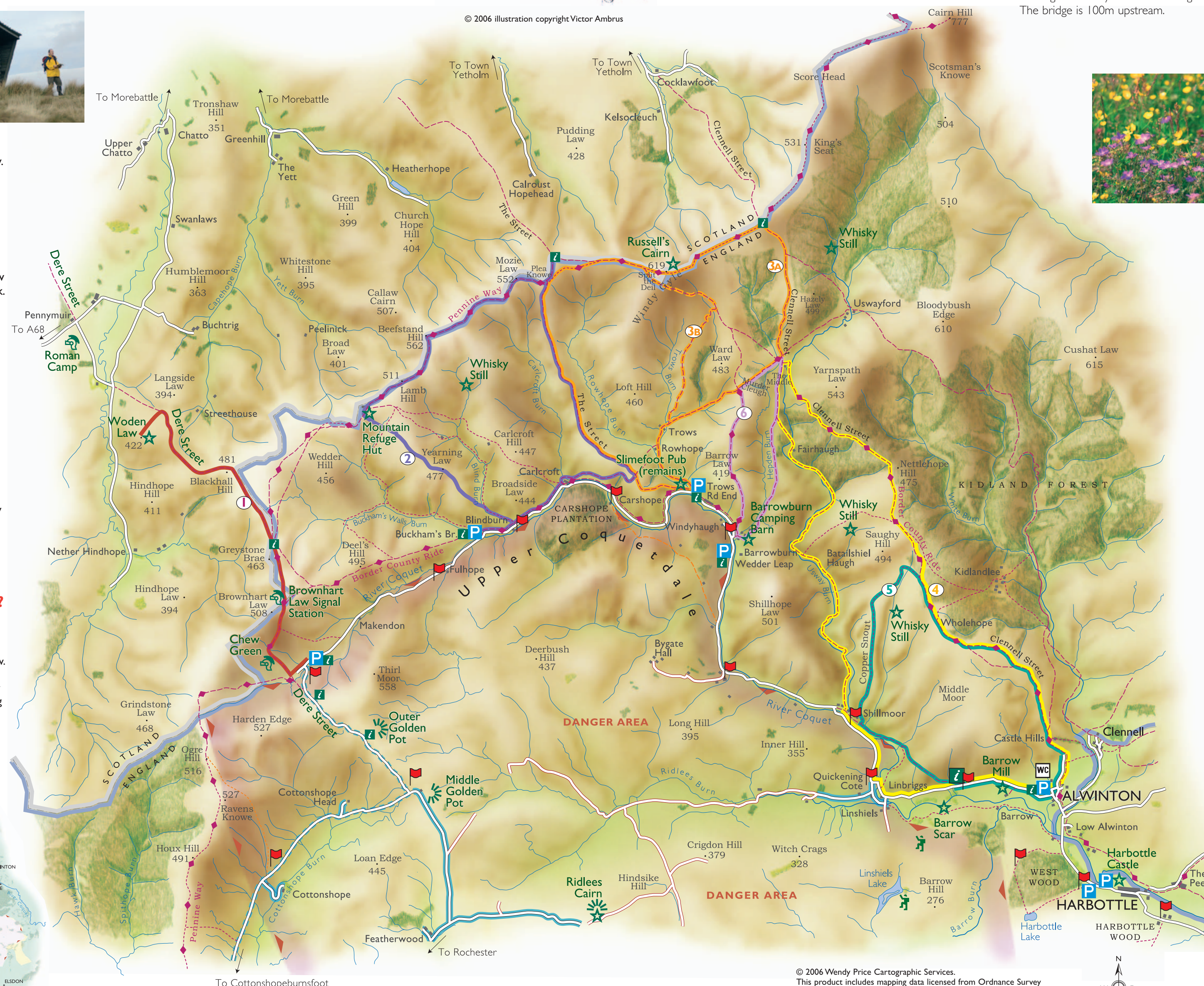
Distance approx. 11.5km (6.5 miles). A shorter ride on tracks and narrow paths into wild country above Coquetdale.

**Start:** From the car park at Alwinton turn left. Cross the bridge over the burn and onto Clennell Street. Climb Clennell Street for 4km to Wholehope Hill. Pick up the track north of the summit, which follows the ridge W above Wholehope Burn, SW for 2.5km down to Shillmoor. After the farm follow the track left for 150m to the bridgeway. Follow the contour for 1km to cross the stream before climbing 0.5km up Pass Peth. Descend 1km to the road for a 1.5km return to Alwinton.

## 6 Wedder Leap and Barrow Law

A family route in the Cheviot foothills. Distance 8km (5 miles).

**Start:** From Wedder Leap Car Park, turn left up the road. After 100 metres cross the bridge. Climb the stiles and walk up to the edge of the plantation. Turn left and continue 300 metres to Barrowburn. Follow the track north into the valley of the Barrow Burn as it dips and then climbs 2km to become a green track into the forest. Head north through the forest for 1km. After the forest, keep straight ahead for 1km along The Middle to join the track to Trows. Turn left and follow for 0.75km. At the end of the plantation, turn left over a stile. After 15m turn right onto a grassy track. Follow this along the ridge for 2.5km back to Barrowburn.



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ACCESS	PLACES OF INTEREST
Otterburn Ranges (training area)	Roman site
Controlled access - danger area	Battle
Public roads with unlimited access	Other place of interest
A road	Viewpoint
B road	Rock climbing
Minor road	
MOD roads	VISITOR SERVICES
Road open most of year	Welcome panel
Open when red flags are not flying	Other information
No public access at any time	Car park
	Toilets
PATHS	OTHER INFORMATION
Open at all times	National boundary
Bridgeway	Northern National
Path	Park boundary
Long distance route	Woodland
Open when red flags are not flying	Lake/reservoir/river/stream
Bridgeway	
Path	
Danger flag sites	

NB. All climbers must visit [www.thebmc.co.uk](http://www.thebmc.co.uk) for information on accessing climbs here.

