

A Pleasant Walk from Byreburnfoot (Approximately 40 minutes)

Walk down the hill at the side of the house, out of the rear gate and turn Right onto the road.

Pause on the Byreburnfoot Bridge to admire a popular view of the Border Esk.

Look over the bridge on the opposite side, where the Byre Burn runs into the Esk.

The enormous tree across the stream was blown down just a couple of years ago.

Can you spot Fairy Cottage?- It is there if you look hard enough!

Turn Right onto the path into the woods- There are bluebells and ramsons in season.

Watch out for red squirrels.

Continue up to the "Fairy Loup" waterfall, and on up the path until it reaches the road

Turn Right onto the road, and walk up the hill, as far as the bend in the road near the farm.

Turn into the track on your right, through the open gate.

On your right is a gap, originally at one end of a viaduct which carried the old railway, which was demolished in the 1980s

Continue on the path, then turn right at the junction, opposite a farm gate

There may be a number of traps visible under the trees, as part of a red squirrel conservation project

Turn Left at the junction of the path (waymarked post should be visible), but first continue on the path for about 100m, to a viewpoint high above the road and the Byreburn Bridge

(It is possible to return to the house this way, but the path is steep and sometimes treacherously muddy)

Retrace your steps and turn Right at the waymarker to pick up the path again.

Continue over two small wooden bridges to another wooden waymarker).

(The path then directs you left and continues to wind through the woods, eventually bringing you onto the road near the picnic area and car park)

To return to the house, turn right immediately after crossing the second bridge, and follow the path through the woods. This will bring you to a steep path down to the right, which leads you along the back of the steading buildings.

Either come down the steps at the side of the steading, or cross in front of the summerhouse and follow the path on round above the potting shed to a bench with a pleasant vantage point above the river.

The path continues on down onto the rear drive of the house.