

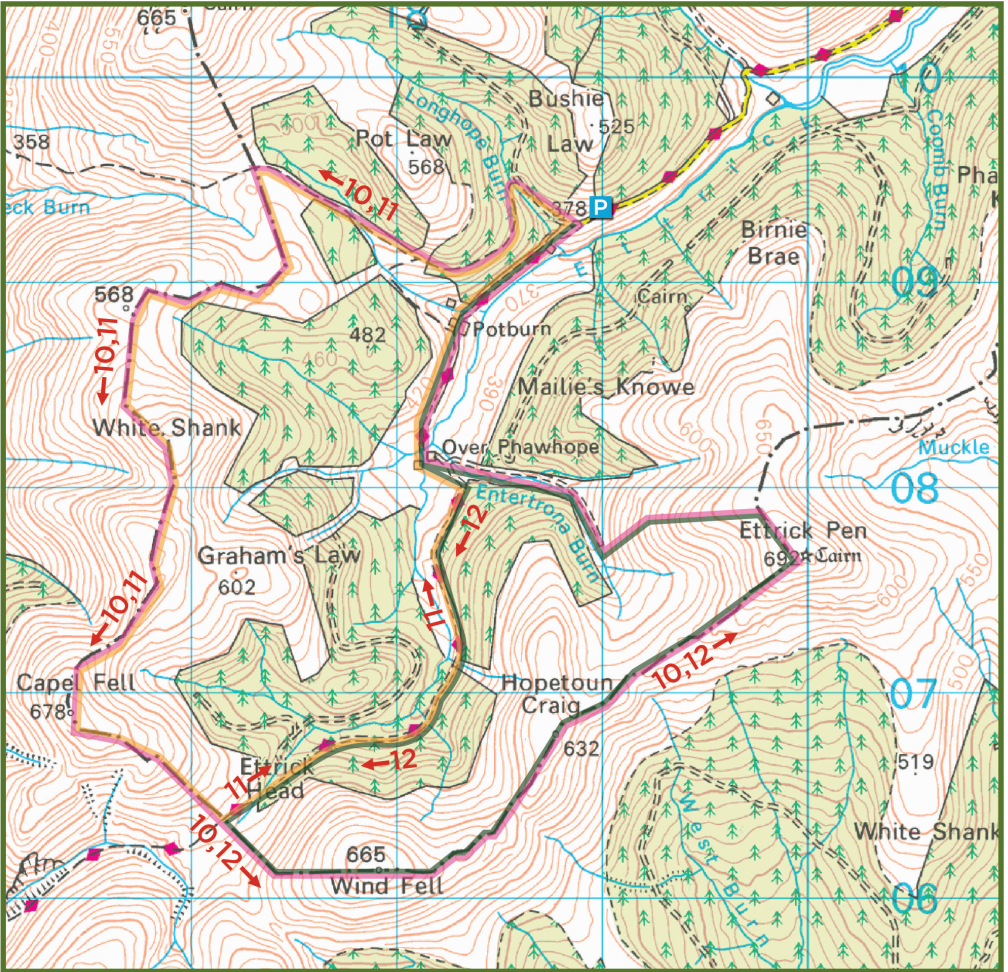
WALK
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ETTRICK HEAD HORSESHOE

10mils/16kms with 2,015ft/620m climb. Grade: Strenuous

Walks 10 to 12 offer splendid high level walking but are not recommended in poor weather conditions. All can offer spectacular views, worth every step of the climbs. Walk 10 covers 5 summits, while walks 11 and 12 are shorter and less strenuous options.

Start & Finish: Potburn road end, Grid Reference NT188093. Please park considerably and do not block either of the gateways.



Walk 10 Walk 11 Walk 12

1. Pass through the right hand gate and follow the forest road signposted 'Bodesbeck Law and Ettrick Horseshoe'. After several hundred yards fork left to ford the Longhope Burn onto a grassy track running between the trees. Climb steadily passing two gates and a circular sheepfold (keep to the right of the fork).

2. On reaching Bodesbeck Col, turn left and head south following the boundary wall/fence walking over White Shank and Capel Fell before dropping down to Ettrick Head which is at the regional boundary.

(The Southern Upland Way intersects the walk here and if you are following walk 11, it is here that you turn left and join the Southern Upland Way descending back down to the start. If you are following walk 12, it is here that you join the Ettrick Horseshoe.)

3. Follow the boundary fence around the horseshoe, uphill over Wind Fell and Hopetoun Craig to the top of Ettrick Pen (the highest point of the walk, where on a good day you will be rewarded with superb views of the surrounding countryside).

4. On leaving the summit, continue to follow the boundary fence north-west for approximately 300yds more, then leave the fence line and head due west to descend the ridge (in clear weather the line of descent is towards the summit of White Shank in the distance). Head down to the Entertrona Burn where you will pick up a good track that will lead down, over a bridge, to Over Phawhope Bothy and from there back to the start.



View towards Dumfries & Galloway



View of head of Ettrick Valley and beyond



Track heading back to Potburn and start point