

This is good walk starting from Ettrick, with paths that are clear and easy to find and there are pleasant views of Ettrick and into the Yarrow valley.

Start and Finish: Park at the Village Hall (Boston Hall) in Ettrick, opposite the Primary School, Grid Reference NT266145.

1. From the Boston Hall, turn left onto the single track road passing the monument to the birthplace of James Hogg. After 1 mile you cross the Scabcleuch Burn and will see a signpost, to your right, for the Southern Upland Way.

2. Walk up the Southern Upland Way for about 2m/ls, passing Peniestone Knowe on your left. At the small col before Pikestone Rig there is a junction of paths. Take the right hand path continuing on the Southern Upland Way. The path follows the Rig, then descends down crossing a stream. The path climbs up again.

3. Continue until you reach a path to your right, signposted 'Captain's Road'. Follow the Captain's Road which will lead you back down into the Ettrick Valley. On reaching the B7009, turn right and follow the road for 1³/₄ m/ls to Ramseycleuch. Take the right hand fork at the road junction and follow the single track road back to the start.



Monument at James Hogg's birthplace



Southern Upland Way from Scabcleuch