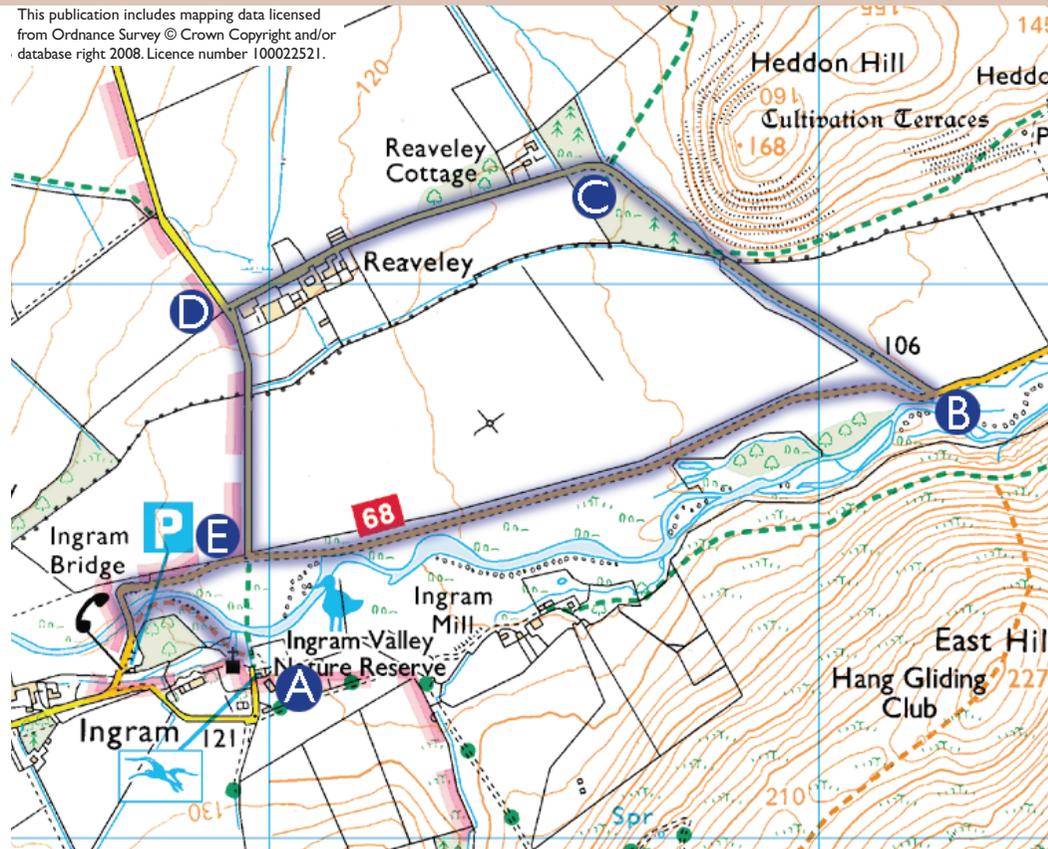




# Reaveley Farm Family Stroll

**Grade:** Easy | **Length:** 2.7 miles (4.3km) | **Time:** 1.5 - 2 hours | **Map:** O.S Explorer OL16



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**A** From the visitor centre take the Woodland Walk through the trees to the wicket gate at Ingram Bridge Car Park. Once through the gate turn right, crossing over the bridge. Continue down the valley road for approx 1 mile.

*The tree at the entrance to the Woodland Walk is a Walnut Tree, its leaves when crushed smell of eucalyptus. Many of the bird boxes throughout the woodland have metal plates fitted to prevent woodpeckers enlarging the holes to steal the chicks.*

*The yellow flowering bush is called gorse, it flowers all year round and in full bloom smells of coconut - "when gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of season"*

**B** Cross the bridge, at the road junction turn left, following sign to Reaveley.

**C** Follow the tarmac road as it bears left, and continue on passing Reaveley Cottage on the right. Carry on along this road, passing Reaveley Farm.

*The mature trees along the roadside are predominantly ash. They naturally lose limbs leading to large holes in the trunk which provide ideal nesting sites for numerous birds for example Barn Owls and Jackdaws.*

**D** Immediately beyond the farm buildings turn left at the road junction, heading back towards the River Breamish.

*This area is ideal for barn owls, the open ground is rich in voles and mice which forms the majority of their diet, therefore don't just dismiss a white bird as a gull as barn owls have been seen hunting during the day.*

**E** Turn right at the junction & re-trace your steps back to the visitor centre.

*During the season the visitor centre is open daily from 10am to 5pm and our information centre staff would welcome any comments on your experience today.*

**Start at O.S Grid Reference:** NU 019 163 Ingram National Park Visitor Centre

**Car Parking:** Ingram Bridge Car Park OS Grid Ref NU 017 163

**Toilets:** Ingram National Park Visitor Centre

**Nearest National Park Centre:** Ingram

**Terrain:** Smooth aggregate footpath and tarmac roads

**Description:** Leisurely walk along quiet valley roads, suitable for less abled users/pushchairs



## Reaveley Farm Family Stroll

### Getting there

The walk start point is 5km/3miles west of the A697 Powburn to Wooler road. Leave the A697 at the junction signed Ingram, 1 mile/1.6km north of Powburn. Follow the valley road for 3 miles, on crossing the River Breamish park in the Ingram Bridge Car Park immediately on the left. To reach the National Park Visitor Centre follow the signed Woodland Walk through the wicket gate.



Red squirrel



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### Local facilities

The Poacher's Rest at Hedgeley Services just north of Powburn on the A697 serves food and drink all day. The services has a petrol station and farm shop/ butchers - Meat of Excellence. Located in Powburn village, The Plough Inn is a family-run pub serving home-cooked dishes such as fresh trout & game pie.

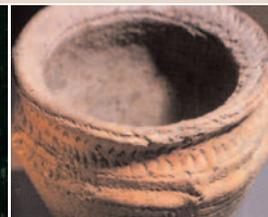
Refreshments, gifts and an information service is available at our National Park Centre, Ingram which is an ideal base for starting out on a number of walks or for just spending a day exploring the valley. The centre is home to a fascinating display of local archaeology with interactive exhibits and examples of Bronze Age pottery.

### Follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



Cup and ring boulder



Bronze Age pottery

### Points of Interest

Heddon Hill – The parallel lines of earthworks running across the face of the hill are thought to be cultivation terraces dating back to Anglian times before the Norman Conquest. Faced with a shortage of well-drained flat land, people went to considerable effort digging into the hillside to create level areas on which to grow crops of barley and oats.

Roadside hedges, made up from 'thorny' species such as hawthorn, blackthorn and dog rose, are a valuable habitat for small birds and animals. They provide food, shelter and for many species somewhere to nest.

You are likely to see a variety of wildlife on this walk. Bird life includes buzzard, kestrel and heron and during the summer months curlew and oyster catchers. Red kites have recently returned to the area too. Red squirrels can be seen scurrying around the trees at the visitor centre. The River Breamish also provides a home to dippers, grey wagtails and otters.



Hawthorn



Barn Owl chicks