

# Copper Snout, Cheviot Hills

## ROUTE 9

**DISTANCE:** 13 KM (8 MILES)  
**GRADE OF WALK:** MODERATE  
**TIME:** 4-5 HOURS

**STILES:** ON ROUTE

Alwinton, the last village as you travel towards the head of the River Coquet, lies on the route of an ancient drove road - Clennell Street. This walk takes you into the hills beyond the village and returns along Clennell Street. Take a picnic and be sure to choose a fine day - that way you'll enjoy the stunning views of the surrounding National Park.

### RECOMMENDED ROUTE:

- 1 From Alwinton car park turn right onto the road and away from the village. Follow the road as it winds up the valley. After one mile a finger post marks the beginning of a bridleway on the right-hand side signed 'Shillmoor'. Go through the gate and onto the bridleway.
- 2 Follow the bridleway as it climbs steadily around the side of the hill, crosses a small burn, passes through two more gates and over a farm track. Ignore the farm track and continue straight ahead at this point.
- 3 After 200 metres the path drops steeply downhill towards the valley bottom and crosses another burn, Passpath Sike. The path then runs parallel to the River Coquet. Look out for the round stiel on the opposite bank. These dry-stone circular walls are built on sheltered parts of the hills where sheep can be gathered for attention during lambing or in severe weather. Most Northumbrian stiels are circular, but some may be square or even cross shaped. The path crosses another burn and continues until it meets a farm track.
- 4 The farm in front of you is Shillmoor. At the track turn right, away from the farm, and follow the route up the hill. From here to the forest at the top of the

- 5 hill the footpath crosses part of the dry training area of the Otterburn Military Range. Do not be surprised if you see troops training. There is no danger - just stay on the footpath. The path climbs steadily for 1.2km to a stile. Cross the stile and continue up Copper Snout.
- 6 After 1km a wayward footpath leaves the track on the left (watch out for the grassy track). Take this path and follow it to a stile in front of another stiel. Climb the stile and turn right, passing in front of the stiel. The path can become very boggy at this point. Continue to the next stile and follow the path across the moorland to the point where it meets the forest track.
- 6 Turn right onto the forest track and follow the route through a gate and between the trees. After 1km the forest track bears around to the left and the bridleway continues down the hill, signed Border County Ride. Follow the bridleway - Clennell Street. This ancient road continues all the way back to Alwinton village. On re-entering the village turn right, cross the green and follow the road past the Rose & Thistle Inn back to the car park.



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### MAP KEY:

- 1 ROUTE START
- TOWN/VILLAGE
- PH PUB
- P PARKING

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- A Clennell Street

### TRAVEL & TRANSPORT:

#### HOW TO GET THERE

Take the A696 to join the B6341.  
After Hepple take the first left towards Alwinton.

#### START/PARKING

Alwinton car park.  
OS Map Grid Reference NT919064

#### EXPLORER MAP OL16