

An easy walk with panoramic views over the surrounding moors

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Grade: Easy, with stiles

Distance: 2.5 miles / 4 km

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Map: OS OL42 Explorer 1:25000
Kielder Water & Forest

Start OS Grid Ref: NY 937 933

Approx Sat Nav Postcode: NE19 1AB

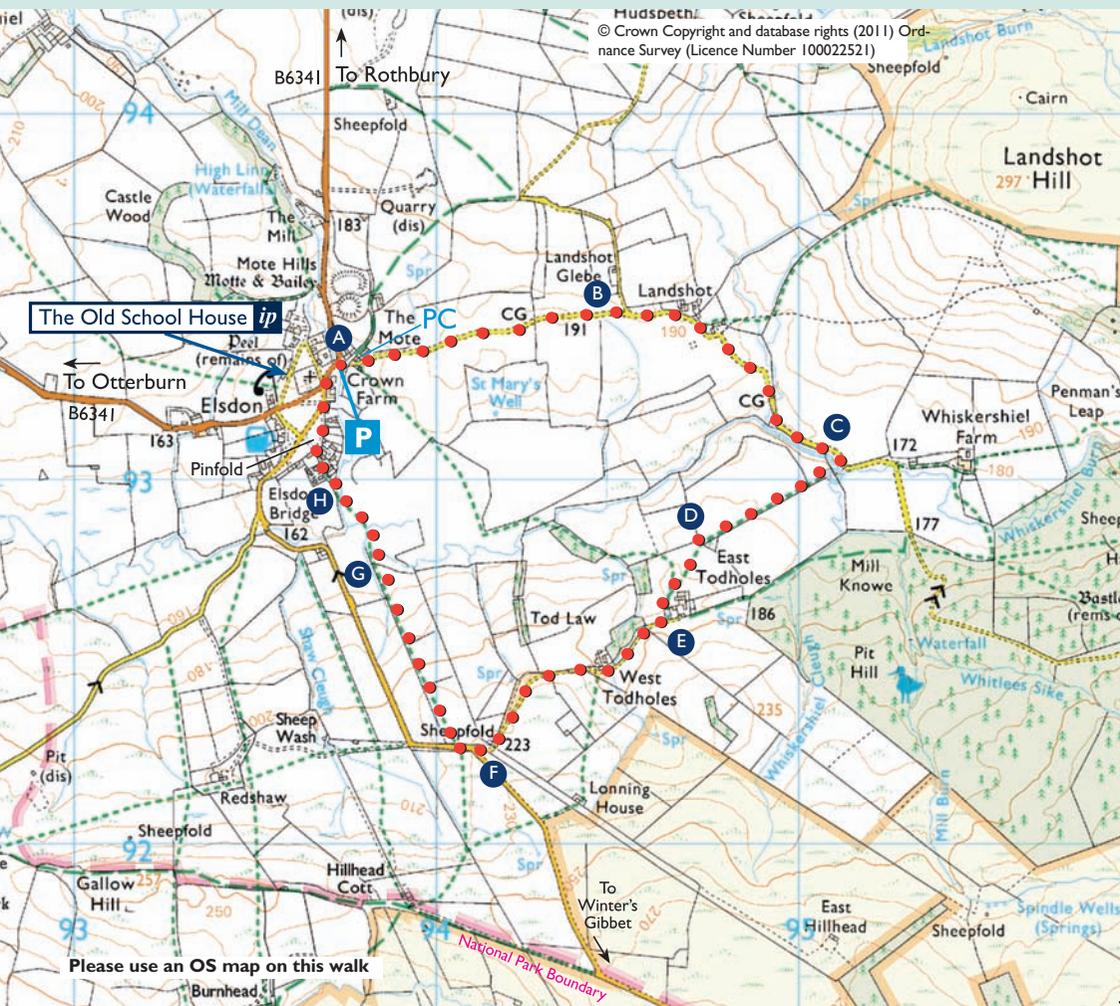
Toilets: Elsdon Village Hall (seasonal)

Local Services: Rothbury

National Park Information Point:
Elsdon - The Old School House Cafe

Parking: Car park at north end of Elsdon,
by the bridge over Elsdon Burn

Terrain: Roads and footpaths, with some
inclines, stiles



A From the car park take the minor dead end road that goes through the metal farm gate, signed 'Hudspeth / Landshot / Whiskershiel / Eastnook'. Follow the road uphill, and cross over a cattle grid.

B At the junction take the right fork signed 'Landshot / Whiskershiel / Eastnook'. Follow the road past Landshot Farm and shepherd's cottage on your left. Continue following the road down the hill and over a cattle grid.

C Just before the next cattle grid turn right and follow the footpath signed 'East Todholes'. Go over the sleeper bridge and through the wicket gate. Head over to the stone wall on your left. Keeping the wall on your left follow it up the field to a ladder stile by the corner of the wall.

D Cross the ladder stile and head diagonally over the field towards the right hand side of the big farm shed. On reaching the telegraph pole in front of East Todholes Farm turn right, keeping the stone wall on your left, follow the wall around to a gate and ladder stile over a wall.

E Cross over the ladder stile and turn right onto the farm track, passing West Todholes Farm on your right. Carry on uphill, along the farm road until you reach the main road.

F At the main road turn right, and take the footpath signed 'Elsdon'. Cross over the fence step stile and head diagonally left, across the field to the fence. Follow the fence downhill to the next step stile. Cross over the stile and carry on down to the bottom of this field. *During the summer months take care through this field as it is an important hay field.*

G Cross the step stile, and follow the track over the sleeper bridge. Turn left following the footpath over a small bridge. Keeping the burn on your left follow it up to the first of two footbridges in front of the houses.

H Cross the footbridge and turn right, go over the stile by the metal gate. Continue straight on along the track and then the road between the houses, to emerge at the village green by the stone pinfold. *A pinfold is an 18th century stone enclosure for stray cattle or sheep.* Turn right and follow the road back to the car park.



Barn Owl



