



Stage 12 - NEWTON St BOSWELLS TO MELROSE

Distance - 4.6km / 2.8 miles

Explorer maps - Galashiels, Selkirk & Melrose OS 338

Time - 1 - 1.5 hours average time based on Naismith's rule

Total ascent - 177m

Total descent - 147m

Description - This is a pleasant route that retraces the previous stage to Dere Street and then onto the St Cuthbert's way. Cross over the river Teviot using an interesting suspension bridge as the Roman bridge no longer exists. Pass or visit Monteviot House, home to the Marquess of Lothian to once again walk on Dere Street which is a wide grassy corridor on this section. Pass through Maxton and the parish church where worship is said to have taken place for over 1000 years, to reach the river Tweed. After an interesting section along the bank of the river join the Border Abbeys Way to walk through Newton St Boswells and onto the old main road to Melrose, past the Rhymer's Stone to end the stage at Melrose Abbey.

1. From the main street opposite a green field turn right onto Hamilton Place and right at the T-junction along the Croft. After passing the second lamp post on the left bear left with a hedge on the right and then left with the River Tweed on the right. The path continues above the river and then descends to reach a road. Turn left away from the suspension bridge and then right up the steps following the Borders Abbey.



2 - The track passes under the A68 to then reach a T-junction and a red bricked single height building on the right. Turn right on Tweeside road to the main road and turn right again to leave Newton St Boswells. Turn left on the road and National Cycle route 1, blue cycle sign - Melrose 2.5 miles.

3 - Continue onto the gated road, the old main road, and past the Rhymer Stone on the right to reach the A6091. Turn left and then right, signed Melrose to the roundabout. Turn right to reach Melrose Abbey and the end of the stage.



