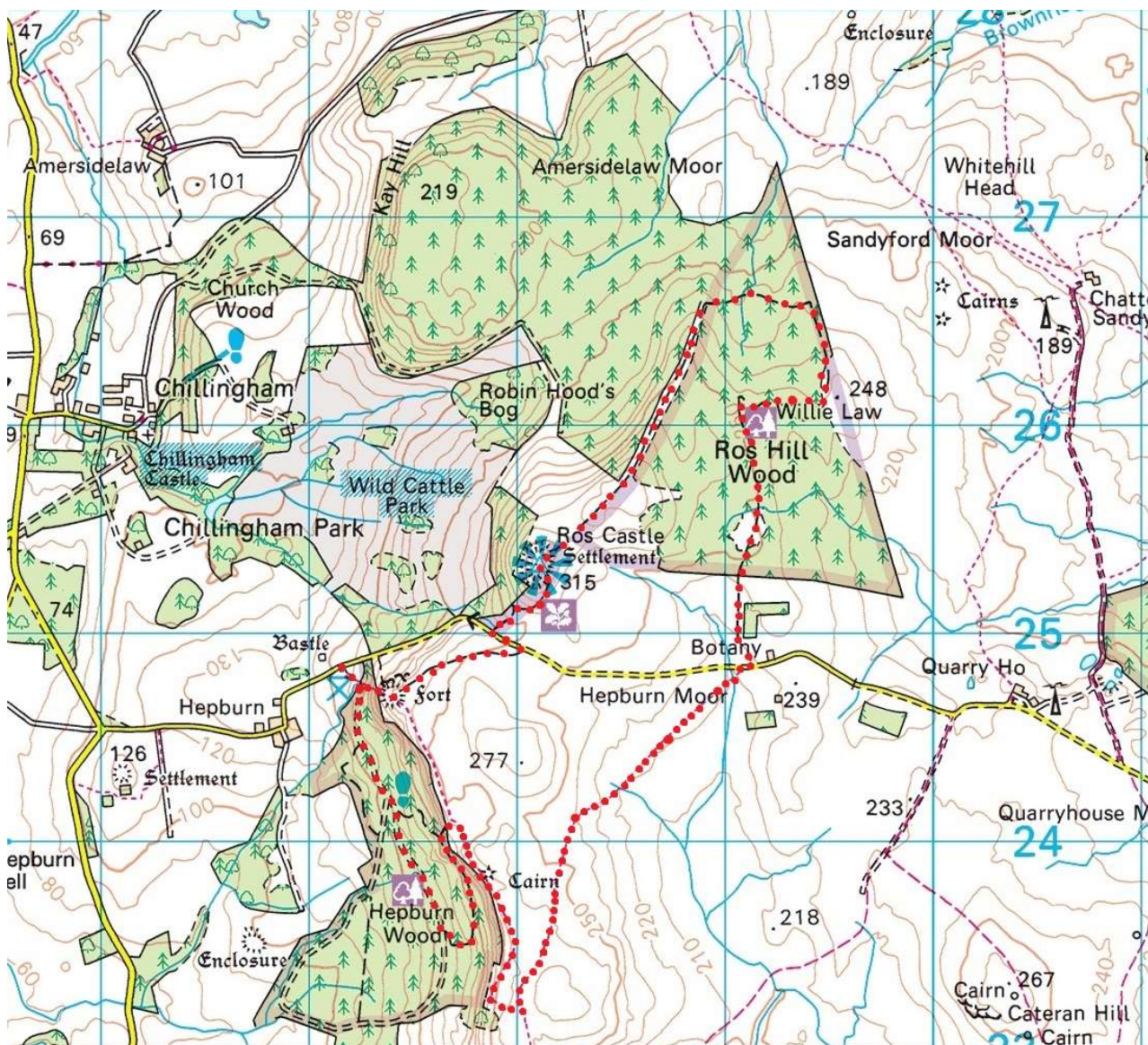


Ros Castle and Hepburn Moor

Meet at Hepburn Woods Car Park and picnic area, Northumberland, NE66 4EG, for a 7-mile circular crag and moorland walk skirting the sandstone escarpment of Hepburn Crag with 919ft of height gain. The walk visits bronze age forts, and a hill top with magnificent views on a clear day.



Walk east on a wide track with red waymarks prior to ascending left of the conifer clad upper slopes of Hepburn Crag to emerge at Hepburn Crag Fort.

A marked path heads over Hepburn Moor E and NE aiming for the prominent hill of Ros Castle. At the roadway cross to a marker post indicating the winding ascent path.

From the summit head NNE descending along Chillingham Castle's boundary wall, initially over moorland to a wicket gate at Shepherd's Cairn, and then onward to a gap in a fence into Ros Hill Wood.

Follow the forest ride for a mile to the heathery summit of Willies Law and then zigzag W and S to emerge onto fell and pasture. A grass track continues S to the moorland road at Botany Farm.

Turn right on the roadside for 70 yards to a fingerpost, 'Blawearie 2½ mile'. Follow a course by a raised dyke through a clutch of sinkholes to a crumbling shieling by a single thorn tree at GR083241. Vere left to a ridge top on an improving path for 0.62 miles to meet a public footpath coming in from the right.

With Hedgehope and Cheviot visible in the West turn sharp right above the wooded scarp of Hepburn Moor, walking N for a mile back to Hepburn Crag Fort and a marked return to the car park.