

A BORDERS WALK

April 2026

A nine day guided walking tour starting in Scotland and ending in England



Itinerary in brief

- Day 1 - arrive Melrose
- Day 2 - Melrose to Dryburgh 12.0 km
- Day 3 - Dryburgh to Jedburgh 23.0 km
- Day 4 - Jedburgh to Morebattle 17.0 km
- Day 5 - Morebattle to Kirk Yetholm 11.0 km
- Day 6 - Kirk Yetholm to Wooler 21 km
- Day 7 - Wooler to West Mains 21.5 km
- Day 8 - West Mains to Lindisfarne 16.0 km
(and return)
- Day 9 - depart West Mains

April 12 to 20, 2026

A 120 km walk with Bruce Graham



Mealtime

Bed and Breakfasts serve "Full English Breakfasts" which generally include coffee or tea, juice, bacon, sausages, eggs, toast, blood pudding, fried tomatoes and toast and so on. A great starter to a full day walking. Breakfasts are included in the cost of accommodations.

Not included are packed lunches and evening meals. Evening meals will be enjoyed in close by pubs and eateries. Packed lunch options nearby.



Itinerary

Day one: Arrive Melrose. 6:00 pm group dinner at a pub.

Lodging: Melrose.

Day two: After breakfast, we walk to the start of St Cuthbert's Way at the Abbey. The trail climbs toward the Eildon Hills, with views of the River Tweed and our route to the Southeast. A short detour reaches the Wallace Statue, and time permitting, we'll visit Dryburgh Abbey's ruins.

Lodging: Dryburgh.



Day three: We follow the River Tweed past ancient lime kilns and the Benrig Holy Well, then join Dere Street after Maxton Church. Passing a 1545 battle site, the Waterloo Monument, and a 19th-century dovecote, we cross the River Teviot and arrive in Jedburgh. *Lodging: Jedburgh.*

Day four: We retrace our steps to rejoin the Way and a short stretch of Dere Street before a steep climb. Near Cessford we pass row houses (1834) and the ruins of the Castle. With the Cheviot Hills in the distance we enter Morebattle, with time to explore Kale Water or visit a deconsecrated church soon to be an arts centre. *Lodging: Morebattle.*



Day five: Today's short walk reaches Wideopen Hill (368 m), the route's high point, with final sight of the Eildon Hills behind us. An optional climb of Grubbit Law offers wider vistas. A long descent brings us to the charming square at Town Yetholm and then Kirk Yetholm.

Lodging: Kirk Yetholm.

Day six: We follow the Pennine Way from Kirk Yetholm before climbing from Scotland into England, passing the final housing for 15 km-Arts & Crafts Cottages. Crossing open hills, we watch for feral goats, red squirrels, and raptors. Moorland sheep abound. The descent to Wooler may bring sightings of Belted Galloway cattle. *Lodging: Wooler.*



Day seven: After breakfast, we take a short town tour before heading into the hills. From Weetwood Moor we can see Wooler and later on get glimpses of the North Sea. We cross the 16th-century Weetwood Bridge, follow a Roman road, and visit St Cuthbert's Cave. In Fenwick we may stop for tea before a brief but busy road section, our first real traffic for days. *Lodging: West Mains.*



Day eight: After a short walk, we reach the coast and cross the low-tide sands to Lindisfarne, following pole markers barefoot. We have just over four hours to explore the abbey, castle, and village before the tide returns. In the evening, we will enjoy a celebratory meal.

Lodging: West Mains.

Day nine: after breakfast everyone departs West Mains.



Travel firm in UK: [Letsgowalking.co.uk](https://letsgowalking.co.uk)

Group booking will be done directly with this firm.

Price per letsgowalking.co.uk:

£1,116.00 per person for twin occupancy and £1,748.00 for single occupancy.

An extra night in Melrose single occupancy is £146.00 per person per night.

Pricing can only be confirmed at booking.

Included in tour package:

Map set and guide book (1 per room)

7 luggage transfers

8 nights B&B accommodation

Logistics:

From Toronto Pearson YYZ, the airport Edinburgh (EDI) is most convenient.

From Edinburgh train/bus transit is available to Melrose (2 hours).

From West Mains simple Bus and Train service for return trip to Edinburgh (2.5 hours).

Contact Bruce for more information: 519-801-8230, brucedgraham@gmail.com

NOTE: Bruce Graham is not a travel agent or licensed guide in the United Kingdom. The trip described is simply the route he walked in April 2025. You're welcome to join him or follow the route on your own. No funds will be paid to Bruce Graham or The Avon Trail, and neither will receive any financial benefit from this trip.