

## Bellingham Club Site – Hareshaw Linn

Camping and Caravanning



### Route Summary

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A stunning walk taking in the village of Bellingham and the wooded gorge that climbs to the hollow containing the waterfall of Hareshaw Linn. The route can be rough in places and there are several bridges to cross. The final descent to the viewpoint for Hareshaw Linn is quite steep and rough.

### Route Overview

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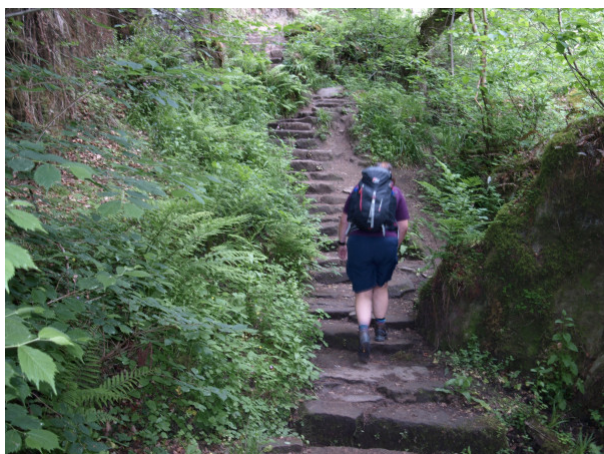
Category: Walking  
Length: 7.940 km / 4.96 mi  
Last Modified: 12th September 2017  
Difficulty: Medium  
Rating: Unrated  
Surface: Moderate  
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### Description

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**HARESHAW LINN FROM BELLINGHAM CLUB SITE**



**HEADING FOR HARESHAW LINN**

Hareshaw Linn is a very dramatic place. Yes, it's a waterfall [and a very decent one at that] but the approach up a wild wooded gorge is very exciting and once the falls are reached most people just stand silently taking it all in for many minutes. Hareshaw Linn tumbles down in an atmospheric rock basin that has hanging vegetation and feels more like a clearing in an Amazonian rainforest than a tree-hung gorge in Northumberland. This walk makes a great half day outing and on the way back you can stop for a drink or something to eat at one of the pubs or cafés in Bellingham. The walk takes in a section of The River North Tyne but it is the long walk up the gorge to the falls that make this such a great outing. The going to Hareshaw Linn is rough and steep in places with six bridges to cross and steps to climb up and down. Make sure you wear boots to protect your ankles and feet. If using a GPS the mileage will be given as 5.15 miles and the walk should take you around two and a half to three hours at a leisurely pace. You should take along Ordnance Survey Outdoor Leisure Explorer 42 Kielder Water and Forest.

## **THE WALK**

**Start** - From the Club Site at Bellingham follow the approach drive back to the B6320 and go left using the pavement on the right side of the road. Pass a little chapel and cross the road bridge over the River North Tyne to reach a footpath junction with a 'Pennine Way' sign on the right.

**2** - Go right taking the footpath down steps to take a path ahead that curves left by the river past picnic benches to pass through a gap and continues following the river through trees.



### **WALKING BY THE RIVER NORTH TYNE**

Continue on the surfaced path staying ahead at all times to reach the end of it. Now curve left to pick up a Tarmac track through houses passing a garage. At a crossroad of lanes in Bellingham go ahead (signposted 'Hareshaw Linn'] and pass Brookside Cottage and a further row of cottages beyond. Curve left passing through buildings and rising to go right at the top of the road. Walk through the village soon going right to cross a bridge just before Bellingham Garage Services. Now go left following the sign for 'Hareshaw Linn Car Park' and follow the path by a beck left.

**3** - Walk through the car park continuing beyond it on a Tarmac drive (signposted 'Hareshaw Linn 1.5 miles). Soon stay left up a grassy path walking besides the driveway to pass through a kissing gate. Take the rising track beyond passing caravans. Rise to curve left and continue ahead passing through a gate by a gate. Detour left to see the information board and viewpoint.



### **AT THE NOTICE BOARD AND VIEWPOINT**

Return to the main path and rise gently on it to soon descend in trees. Pass through an open area with picnic tables and follow the sign for 'The Waterfall 1 mile' to rise up steps and pass through a gap. Take heed of the warning



notices and continue to follow the undulating path through trees. The surfaced path continues with the beck down left and further on climbs up more steeply to continue up steps and descend to cross a bridge. Descend again to cross 'Bridge 1'.



#### **BRIDGE CROSSING IN THE GORGE OF HARESHAW LINN**

Go right continuing to rise with the beck now right. Pass a bench viewpoint for a small waterfall and continue on the path soon cutting right over 'Bridge 2'. Go left continuing to go left over 'Bridge 3'. Go right following the path by the beck.



#### **WALKING IN HARESHAW LINN GORGE**

Continue to rise and fall up the narrowing gorge to cut right and cross 'Bridge 4'. Go left rising up to go left over 'Bridge 5'. Continue following the path by the beck rising up steps and continuing over boardwalk. Climb more steps and cross 'Bridge 6' above a waterfall to go left. Follow the path rising up more steps.



### **APPROACHING HARESHAW LINN WATERFALL**

After a bench make a rough descent beneath a rockface dropping down more steps underneath overhanging rock to reach the waterfall of Hareshaw Linn.



### **HARESHAW LINN WATERFALL**

**4** - Retrace your steps back over the six bridges. Continue on your outbound route after Bridge 1. Continue to follow outbound route to rise over a bridge and pass a bench to descend. Follow your outbound route continuing down steps past a picnic area and follow your outbound route to reach the information board and viewpoint. Pass through a gate by a gate and pass caravans to go through a kissing gate. Follow the Tarmac drive continuing to pass through the car park. From here continue to follow the path by the beck back to the road bridge and go right continuing to the end of the road.



## THE RETURN TO THE CAR PARK

5 - Go left following the main road towards The Black Bull Inn.



## HARESHAW LINN HAS GOOD INFORMATION BOARDS

Continue on the main road past St Cuthberts Church. Near a children's play area curve left following the road to pick up your outbound route at the bridge over the River North Tyne. Cross the bridge and follow the road and your outbound route back to Bellingham Club Site.

## Waypoints

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