



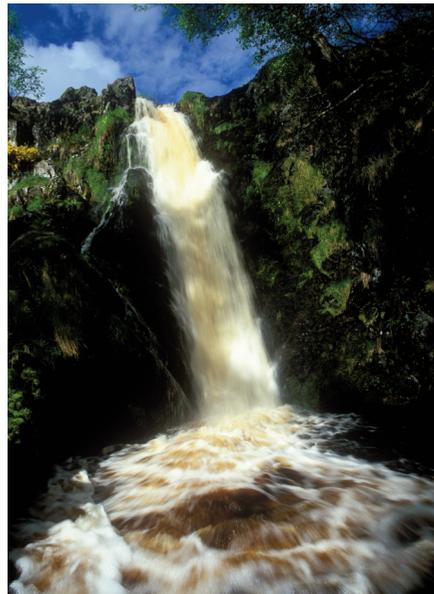
Linhope Spout (Breamish Valley)

Grade: Moderate | **Length:** 3 miles (4.8km) | **Time:** 2 hours | **Map:** O.S. Explorer OLI6

- A** Leave Hartside on the road up the valley. Pass a wood on your right, with rhododendrons flowering in the spring, before the road descends to Linhope. Views towards Cunyan Crags & Dunmoor Hill to the right & ahead to Shill Moor.
- B** Cross the bridge over the Linhope Burn and follow the road around to the left, passing a house on the corner. Bear right, following the fingerposts. Follow the clear stone track along the side of the plantation.
- C** Upon reaching the corner of the plantation, a fingerpost guides you off the stone track and onto a clear grassy track. Follow this alongside the plantation and through a gate. Follow the path as it zig-zags down the hill to the Linhope Burn and Linhope Spout. Views towards Great Standrop and Hedgehope Hill ahead - look out for Scots Pine nibbled by red squirrels!
- D** Return by the same route.

Note: Part of the route is on permissive footpaths, where access is allowed by the landowner. Please keep dogs on leads and follow the paths. The route also runs across Open Access land where the landowner has a dog restriction in place.

For more information visit the Open Access website:
www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk



Start at O.S Grid Reference: NT 976 163

Car Parking: Hartside Farm-park on grass verge just before farm. Keep gates/access clear

Toilets: Bulby's Wood car park & National Park Centre, Ingram

Local Services: Powburn & Wooler

Nearest National Park Centre: Ingram

Terrain: Road, stone track, grassy paths, some steep ground



Grey Wagtail



Linhope Spout walk

Getting there

The walk start point is 5 1/2 miles/9km west of the A697 Powburn to Wooler road. Leave the A697 at the junction signed Ingram, which is 1 mile/1.6km north of Powburn. Follow the valley road as it goes, up to Hartside Farm, passing the National Park Centre and Bulby's Wood car park. Park before Hartside Farm, on the grass verge on the left-hand side of the road, just before the junction with the private road to Alnham Moor.

If you would like to go to the National Park Visitor Centre follow the valley road for 3 miles, on crossing the River Breamish park in the Ingram Bridge Car Park immediately on the left. To reach the National Park Visitor Centre follow the signed Woodland Walk through the wicket gate.



Cotton grass



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Local facilities

The Poacher's Rest at Hedgeley Services just north of Powburn on the A697 serves food and drink all day. The services has a petrol station and farm shop/butchers - Meat of Excellence. Located in Powburn village, The Plough Inn is a family-run pub serving home-cooked dishes such as fresh trout & game pie.

Refreshments, gifts and an information service is available at our National Park Centre, Ingram which is an ideal base for starting out on a number of walks or for just spending a day exploring the valley. The centre is home to a fascinating display of local archaeology with interactive exhibits and examples of Bronze Age pottery.

Follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



Salmon leaping

Points of Interest

The largest of Britain's waders, the curlew, is used as the logo for the National Park. It is very distinct with its downward curving bill, and can be seen out on the moors from April onwards.

Northumberland is renowned for its wide open moorland which covers about 70% of the National Park. Much of this moorland is grassy, particularly in the Cheviots with heather cover being sparse. In Northumberland the heather clad hills are called 'blackland' as opposed to the grass-covered 'whiteland'.

Red squirrels can be seen on the way up to the Spout, however if you are not lucky enough to catch a glimpse of these shy creatures look out on the forest floor for the Scots Pine cones which they have been feeding on.

The domed hill in the distance, to the north west, is Hedgehope Hill, which stands at 714m and is the second highest of the Northumberland hills.

Linhope Spout is a 60foot (18m) chute of water which lands in a plunge pool 6ft (2m) wide and 16ft (5m) deep.



Wood sorrel

Caddis fly