

## 161. Romans and Reivers

**Distance**        **40 miles/64km**

**Ascent**            **1748 metres**

**Start**              **Ae village, DG1 1RG**

**Finish**             **Craik Forest car park, TD9 7PS**

This route follows the Romans and Reivers waymarkers featuring a thistle in a hexagon.

Head north-east out of the village and across the Water of Ae to join the trail. Turn R and follow it generally north-east through the Forest of Ae, meeting a road and following it R over Beattock Hill and down to the A74(M) at Beattock (15 miles/24.2km). Continue on the trail east on roads past Duncrieff and onto forestry tracks across Eskdalemuir Forest (29 miles/47km). Turn L onto the B709 at the Samye-Ling Tibetan Centre and follow it for half a mile to a R back onto forest trails past Dumfedling. Continue generally east through the forest and up Craik Muir at 384 metres (34.5 miles/55.6km). Join the old Roman road along this ridge, crossing over Lamblair Knowe at 406 metres and Craik Cross Hill at 449 metres before dropping down to the finish.

<b>Miles</b>	<b>Km</b>	<b>Directions</b>
0.0	0.0	Head north-east out of the village and across the Water of Ae to join the trail. Turn right and follow it generally north-east through the Forest of Ae, meeting a road and following it right over Beattock Hill and down to the A74(M) at Beattock.
15	24.2	Continue on the trail east on roads past Duncrieff and onto forestry tracks across Eskdalemuir Forest.
29	47	Turn left onto the B709 at the Samye-Ling Tibetan Centre and follow it for half a mile to a right back onto forest trails past Dumfedling.
30.4	49	Continue generally east through the forest and up Craik Muir.
34.5	55.6	Join the old Roman road along this ridge, crossing over Lamblair Knowe and then up Craik Cross Hill.
36.3	58.4	Follow the path descending from here to the finish.