

INGRAM HILL FORTS WALK Landranger 81, Outdoor Leisure/Explorer 16

For a day when the wind is still, the sun shines, the skylarks sing, and you can see forever. (As there is no shelter from the wind anywhere, NOT a walk for wild weather)

Disance: 7 km. Also a long climb up hill but at such an easy gradient, it hardly feel like work!

Ingram is easy to find – from Newcastle, A1 north, then by Morpeth the A687 - direction for Wooler and Coldstream. A short way beyond Powburn, a turning to the left by some cottages, signposted "Ingram" Stop in the car park in the village just after you cross the bridge. NU018163.

Walk a very short way further on the road and then double back to the left. Pass Cheviot Holiday Cottages and at the next rectangular group of buildings on the left, turn right up a prominent track/roadway. And just keep going gently upwards. You will eventually see the hill fort a short way above you on the right, and it is worth tracking off over the grass to inspect it. From here, go over to the next rise, Cochrane Pike. Turn to the right through approximately a right angle and follow the path down. You will be going in the very general direction of a small rectangular wood. This is not shown at all on the Landranger map, and, on the "Outdoor Leisure/Explorer map, as an outline. On the map above, I have covered it green. The path goes into a gully with a small stream, and traverses the opposite bank a little further to a hairpin in the path where you ascend to the left into more pre-history. From there skirt the upper edge of the wood. Note that opposite the far left hand corner of the wood is s style over the fence. Take this to get the path down to the road. (You can also descend through a wide track from the middle of the bottom of the wood but have to deal with fences etc further down). No facilities.

(Note the squares on the maps, are I km square. Hence the use of km throughout these descriptions)