

5. Back to the road and turn right onto the farm track which leads to Blaebeck. You'll see Blaebeck the farmhouse in front of you with Greygill Head the hill behind. Go over the cattle grid and continue until you pass a stone wall and some trees on your left, leave the main track here and continue instead up the left hand track and through a gate. Continue along this sometimes muddy track.

6. After a short while you'll spot a waymarker post on the hillside on the left. Make for the marker and then set off up the grassy hill path looking out for the next marker. The views from the top of Hind Hill are great. To the South you can see out to Moffat and beyond. To the West you can see the Annandale valley, while to the North you can see the Devil's Beef Tub in the distance and Greygill Head much closer.

7. Head down the other side of the hill again following the waymarker posts. Eventually you drop down to another farm track. Turn left onto the farm track as you now begin on the way back to Moffat. After a while you'll see a stony path and a gate on the right.

8. Go through the gate into the field and you'll immediately see another gate on the left. This takes you into a field with Gallow Hill in the distance. Keeping to the left boundary walk the perimeter of the field towards Gallow Hill. Ignore the first 2 gates you see and take the next one on the far side of the field. Go through the gate, walk up to the main track and turn right. Gallow Hill has been used for commercial forestry until recently when it was purchased by a local community group. The aim is to replant the area with native woodland species. The track you are on goes all the way around the hill, however today after a short walk you'll see a gate on the right, go through this and then immediately through another.

9. The two gates takes you into deciduous woodland. Follow the main track downhill through the wood and eventually out onto a road. Continue along the road downhill until you come to the main road. Turn left and make your way back to High Street and the centre of Moffat.

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Walks From The Town No 1

Moffat Well – Hind Hill – Gallow Hill

Length: 4 miles Duration: 1:30 to 2 hours

A undulating circular walk that visits the site of the famous well, a hill viewpoint and a deciduous wood. There is an option to shorten the walk and miss out the hill viewpoint. This walk involves roads, tracks and the optional short hill walking section. Sometimes muddy; boots required.

1. Starting the walk in High St you will find Well Street near the war memorial and the clock tower. Walk the length of Well St and continue straight onto Old Well Road. Keep going, past Dowding House on your left and the Old Well Theatre on your right. Keep going straight up the hill for a while until you get to a crossroads of signposted footpaths .

2. Turn right (signposted Heatheryhaugh) along a track that takes you out of town. Keep to the path, ignore a track on your right to Haywood Road. After a while go through the kissing gate ahead of you but ignore the next farm gate, instead carry on through the field with the wire fence on your right. Go through the next gate and walk along the track down to the road.

3. Turn left onto the single track road and stay on this for a while. When you get to Archbank Farm on your left you have the option of shortening the walk by going up past Archbank, keeping the farm buildings on your left and walking up the farm track until you come to a gate on your left where you rejoin this walk at Point 8.

4. On this longer route ignore Archbank and carry on up the single track road until you get to a single dwelling on the left and a small car park on the right. The dwelling used to be the custodian's cottage of the historic Moffat Well. Beyond the parking spaces is the gate that leads you down to the Well itself . Together with other spas nearby at Hartfell and Garpol Glen, the well ensured Moffat's success in the eighteenth and nineteenth century as a thriving spa town. The well is now housed in a small shelter. Once it was a very grand affair, complete with function room and teeming with tourists.

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