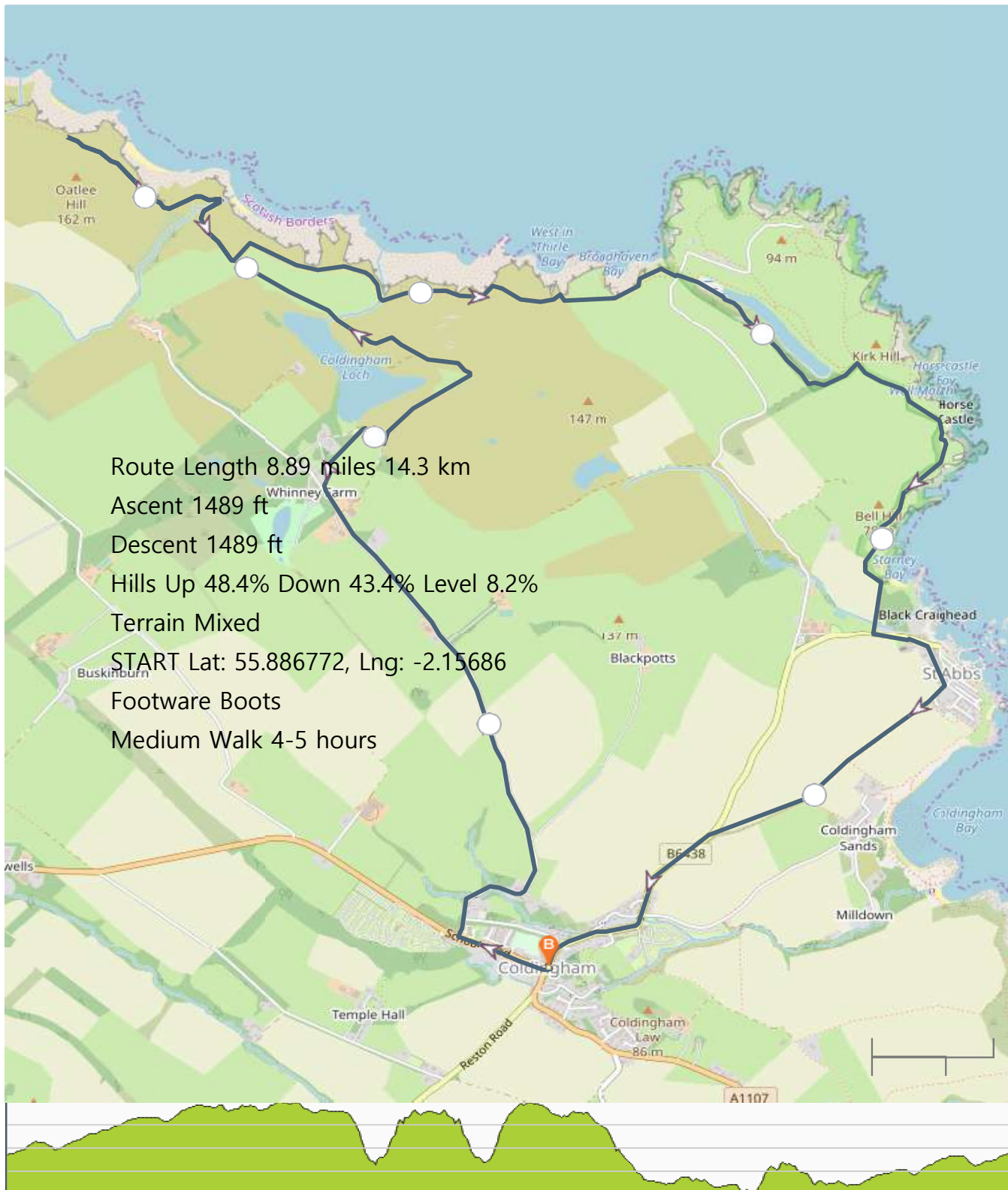


Coldingham – Oatlee – St Abbs – Creel Path – Circular



Pleasant quiet walk with fantastic views of the countryside.

Start and finish: Village Hall Car Park

Terrain: minor roads and cross country, **Boots Recommended.**

Toilets: Coldingham Village Car Park, key in cafe. Check opening hours.

The walk takes 4-5 **hours** taking in the views.

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Start and finish: Coldingham Village Car Park

Terrain: minor roads and grazing clifftop pastures

Toilets: Coldingham Village Car Park

This walk is **NOT OPEN** during April, May and June as sheep and lambs are on the hillsides during these months. With the kind permission of the farm landowners we have been given access to this scenic and pleasant walk over the sheep grazing pastures subject to the following understandings.

A) Routes with directional Arrows **MUST** be adhered to at **ALL** times and **DO NOT** leave the designated Paths.

B) **NO** Dogs

C) Litter must **NOT** be Dropped.

1. Leave Coldingham Car Park and walk straight ahead up School Road for about 400 yards turning right at the Primary School onto the West Loch Road (single track tarred road)
2. Following this road it drops down into Bogan dean crossing the burn bridge and then climbs to open higher ground. Continue on this road for about a mile.
3. Pass the West Loch Farm on your right directly after which there is a field on your right... before the West Loch House (fishing & self catering cottages) look for the stile over the fence/hedge with a wooden finger post marked **FOOTPATH**
4. Climbing over this stile, follow the fence on the left, passing timber chalets and a small woodland still on your left.
5. Continue walking down this fence, crossing two further stiles.
6. The jetty and boat house at Coldingham Loch can be seen over to your left.
7. There is a sign after crossing the second stile directing you to take a sharp right to lead you to a five-bar gate.
8. Proceed through this gate. Make sure you **secure it shut** after passing and go onto a farm track with a sign directing you to turn left.
9. Turning left then walk up this farm track for about 200m until reaching a gateway, where the track turns sharply to the left. (You will see the Admiralty Distance Posts immediately ahead – a useful marker for the walk).
10. Turn left and proceed along this farm track following the fence on your left and Coldingham Loch will come into view again.
11. Continue along this track which follows the right hand side of the Loch to the furthest end. Do not cross the fence along the shore of the Loch as this is privately owned Fishing Loch.
12. Then continue on until you reach a kissing gate that is part of coastal path.
13. Continue straight on downhill to Oatlee or turn right at the gate and head uphill on the coastal path to Tun Law.
14. Do note that the section to Oatlee which is 162m above sea level has a steep downhill and uphill section. At this point you are simply following the coastal path to Oatlee which is well signposted. Do keep to the path.
15. Having reached Oatlee where there are Admiralty Posts you can retrace you steps back to the first kissing gate you reached on this walk. Now just follow the coastal path which then takes you to Tun Law and onto St Abbs. There are spectacular views of the cliff formations all along this section of the coastal path.

16. On reaching St Abbs continue turn right along Briery Law Road. At the end of the road turn right onto Creel Road and in 100m you will see the Creel Path.

17 Follow the path until it reaches the B6348 road where there is then a pavement that will return you to Coldingham.



The stile just before Coldingham Loch. Cross over.



The next stile to cross. Continue keeping the fence on your left. The path will soon go downhill.



The jetty and boat house at Coldingham Loch can be seen over to your left. Image looking back up the hill. Go right towards farm gate then go left.



Walk up this farm track for about 200 yards until reaching a gateway, where the track turns sharply to the left. Go left.



Having reached the end of the loch this is the view looking back. Continue on to kissing gate.



You are now joining the Berwickshire Coastal Path. We are Heading on to Oatlee.



Taken just before the downhill section to Moor Burn.



Cross the Bridge over Moor Burn



Having crossed Moor Burn you have Moorburn Beach and Cliffs of Oatlee in view.



Looking back to Tun Law. St Abbs Head can be seen in the distance



Admiralty Distance Poles at Oatlee. Now retrace your steps back to Tun Law.



Returning to the kissing gate, head uphill and follow the coastal path to Tun Law.



Cliff Top View at Tun Law. Continue on and stay on the coastal path



Admiralty Distance Pole. Continue on to St Abbs via the Mire Loch. Stay on the coastal Path.



Follow the sign that takes you around the south shore of Mire Loch then turn left at end of loch.



After 100m or so turn right back onto coastal path. (This is the view looking from St Abbs)



Creel Path just off Creel Road, St Abbs entrance
Follow the path



Creel Path on a dry sunny day. Other days can be quite muddy. Follow back to Coldingham.