

### BORDERLINE TRAIL

**TRAIL START**  
Kielder Castle car park

**TRAIL FINISH**  
Kielder Castle car park

**TRAIL LENGTH**  
3.7 miles/6km

**TRAIL GRADE**  
● Green Easy

Safety information and full Kielder Water & Forest Park map overlap »

### WHAT'S IT LIKE?

This cycle trail follows the former Border Counties Railway. It is an easy trail that takes you through Kielder Campsite via The Anglers Arms (ideal stopping point for lunch or evening meal) before riding along the former railway line.

Once on the Borderline simply follow the route, which stops at the Scottish Border just beyond the former Deadwater Railway Station.

The return is using the same route - riders will get a real feel for the former railway line, look out for remnants of the rail era along the way.






















The cycle trail goes through active farmland so dogs must be under control at all times and gates must be closed to protect the livestock.

Also well worth a visit (this time on foot) is a visit to the Kielder Viaduct - for more information call into Kielder Castle.

Once you have tackled the Borderline, why not try Lakeside Way which goes around the shoreline, for beginners the South Shore between Kielder and Mirage art work is the easiest section to start on.

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### MAP KEY

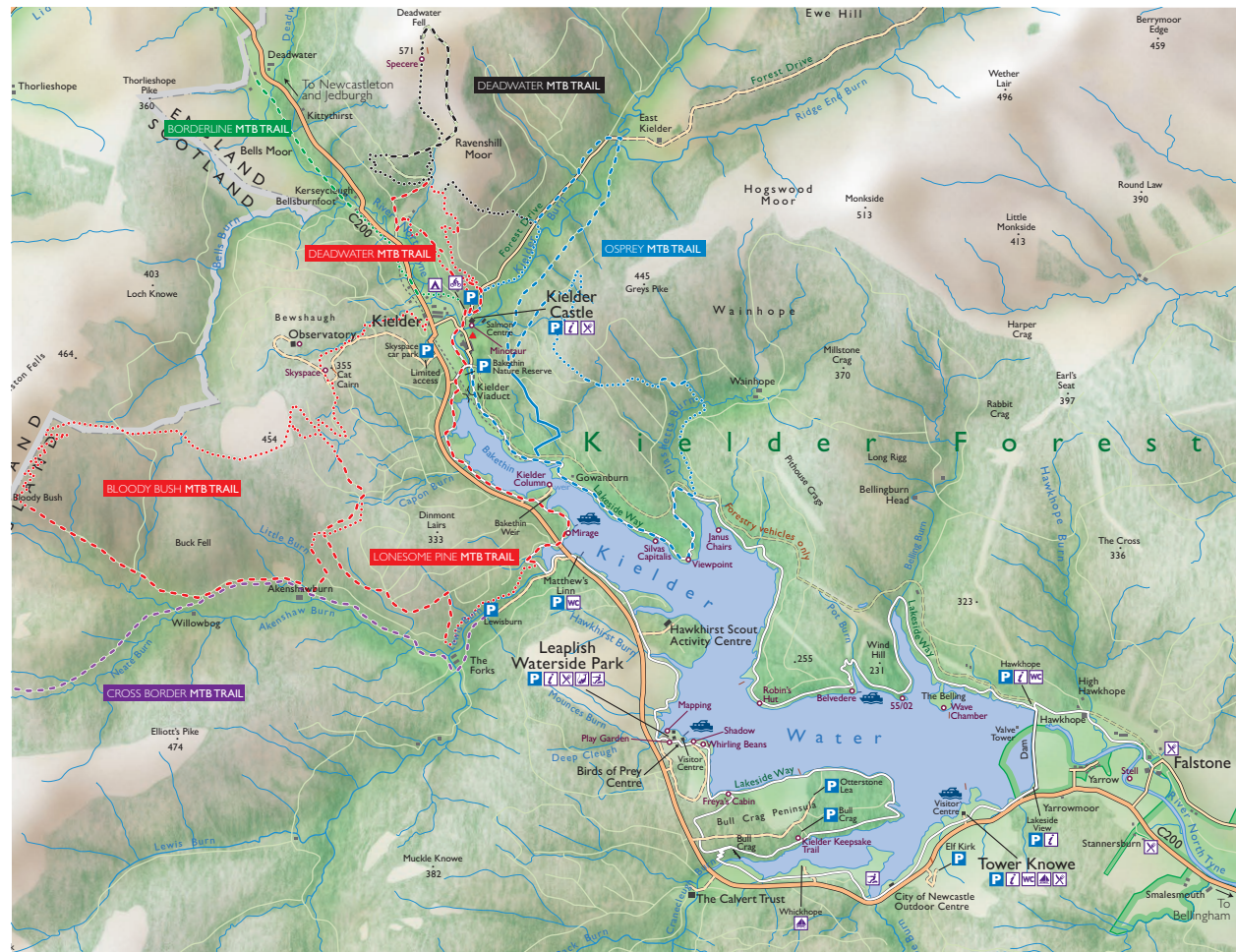
-  A road
-  B road
-  Minor road
-  Other road
-  Main track
-  Other tracks
-  MTB cycle trail (on Lakeside Way, public road or forest road)
-  MTB cycle trail (singletrack)
-  Line of old railway (disused)
-  National border
-  National Park boundary
-  Ferry
-  Car park
-  Visitor information
-  Toilets
-  Refreshments
-  Bike hire
-  Camp site
-  Youth hostel
-  Art / Architecture programme
-  Viewpoint



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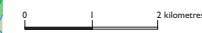


# KIELDER WATER & FOREST PARK OVERVIEW MAP



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## BORDERLINE TRAIL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**Nearest A&E Hospital:** Hexham General Hospital, Corbridge Rd, Hexham NE46 1QJ 01434 655 655.  
**In case of an emergency:** Call 999 and ask for police. When connected be ready to provide the following details:

- A. Incident location (grid ref, name and number or nearest waymarker post)
- B. Number of people in party
- C. Any injuries (if so ask police to inform the ambulance service)
- D. Inform Forestry Commission England 01434 220 242.

**Mobile phone coverage:** Leaplish Waterside Park.  
**Nearest public phone:** Kielder Village.

Mountain biking is a potentially hazardous activity carrying a significant risk. It should only be undertaken with a full understanding of all inherent risks. Routes may change owing to tree felling and other forest operations. No motorbikes, quadbikes, dogs or horses are allowed on the MTB trails.

## TRAIL GRADING IS THIS TRAIL FOR YOU?

### ● Green Easy

**Suitable for:** Beginner/novice cyclists. Basic bike skills required. Most bikes and hybrids. Some green routes can take trailers.

**Trail and surface types:** Relatively flat and wide. The trail surface may be loose, uneven or muddy at times. May include short flowing singletrack style sections.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** Climbs and descents are mostly shallow. No challenging features.

**Suggested fitness level:** Suitable for most people in good health.

### ■ Blue Moderate

**Suitable for:** Intermediate cyclists/mountain bikers with basic off road riding skills. Mountain bikes or hybrids.

**Trail and surface types:** As 'green' plus specially constructed single track. Trail surface may include small obstacles of roots and rock.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** Most gradients are moderate but may include a short steep sections. Includes small TTFs.

**Suggested fitness level:** A good standard of fitness can help.

### ▲ Red Difficult

**Suitable for:** Proficient mountain bikers with good off road riding skills. Suitable for better quality off-road mountain bikes.

**Trail and surface types:** Steeper and tougher, mostly singletrack with technical sections. Expect very variable surface types.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** A wide range of climbs and descents of a challenging nature will be present. Expect boardwalks, berms, large rocks, medium steps, drop-offs, cambers, water crossings.

**Suggested fitness level:** Higher level of fitness and stamina.

### ◆ Black Severe

**Suitable for:** Expert mountain bike users, used to physically demanding routes. Quality off-road mountain bikes.

**Trail and surface types:** As 'red' but with an expectation of greater challenge and continuous difficulty. Can include any useable trail and may include exposed open hill sections.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** Expect large, committing and unavoidable TTFs. Sections will be challenging and variable. May also have 'downhill' style sections.

**Suggested fitness level:** suitable for very active people used to prolonged effort.

### ○ Orange Bike park

**Suitable for:** Riders aspiring to an elite level of technical ability, incorporates everything from full on downhill riding to big-air jumps.

**Trail and surface types:** Severe constructed trails and/or natural features. All sections will be challenging. Includes extreme levels of exposure and or risk. Jumping ability obligatory.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** Will include a range of small medium and large TTFs, including downhill trails, freeride sections and mandatory jumps.

**Suggested fitness level:** A good standard of fitness, but technical skills more important.

### Forest road and similar

**Suitable for:** A wide range of cyclists. Most bikes and hybrids. Ability to use maps helpful. Routes may or may not be waymarked.

**Trail and surface types:** Relatively flat and wide. The trail surface may be loose, uneven or muddy at times. These roads may be used by vehicles and other users, including horse riders and dog walkers.

**Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs):** Gradients can be variable and may include short steep sections. Occasional potholes may be present.

**Suggested fitness level:** A good standard of fitness can help.

# BORDERLINE MTB TRAIL INFORMATION

