**Welcome to EARLSTON and THE LEADER WATER**

Since 2005, the Group has developed and maintained a network of waymarked footpaths around Earlston and Redpath. The popular walking routes include the Leader, River Path and the Diamond, Leader Path, which follow the Leader Water, south to the River Tweed, through woodlands, sections of the moorland and open farmland. Other suggested routes such as the Earlston Circular which takes you to the north, while close to the river the Black Linn provides a marvellous and rewarding hike. Other footpaths to the South Upland Way, one of Scotland’s Great Trails, give access to Melrose to the south or northwards to Lauder.

**Leadervale House**
A splendid example of a small Georgian mansion house, built in the late 18th century, set in a former deer park. The oval walled garden contains a National Collection of pre-1900 Gallica roses. Carolside is privately owned, but can be seen from both the Leader Water and Diamond Jubilee footpaths.

**Mellerstain House**
Mellerstain is one of the great houses of Scotland, entwined with national history for nearly five hundred years. Begun in 1725 and finally completed in 1748, this grand stately home has a fascinating history and is of unique architectural interest due to its link with James Adam and two of Scotland’s greatest architects, William Adam and his son Robert. This beautiful Georgian mansion house is a unique example of Adam design and presents an enthralling and complete picture, just as it would have done some 240 years ago. Set amidst 100 acres of parkland and ancient woodland the grounds and gardens of Mellerstain are perfect for walkers.

For more information and opening hours check the Mellerstain website.

**Old Melrose**
Below, on the promontory formed by a loop of the river, the original “Mailros” and present-day Melrose Abbey by David I in 1136 show that a “grange” or granary existed on the site now known as “Grange Hall”. In the late 19th century the old house was transferred to Melrose in 1136 by King David I.

**Footnotes**
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