



Walking In... Teesdale

BARNARD CASTLE & STANTON CIRCULAR

START AT: THE WITHAM,
BARNARD CASTLE

DISTANCE: 6 MILES

TIME: 3 HOURS

Series Walk...

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A leisurely walk from Barnard Castle through woods and across fields to Stainton village, from where there are extensive views both up and across Teesdale. On a clear day the famous Tan Hill Inn can just be seen to the south-west, atop a Pennine ridge. The return is along a historic minor road, across fields, and along traffic-free footways back to the town centre."

Route Information

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Leaving the Witham Hall in Horsemarket cross the street at the pedestrian crossing, turn right, pass the Methodist Church, turn left at the sign to the Castle and follow the footpath as it bears right along the side of the children's playground and the Mini Golf course.

Keep ahead down the road with the River Tees below on your left, pass the end of the footbridge over the Tees and follow the path around to the right into Flatts Wood, with Percy Beck to your left. Ignore the first footbridge to your left, and almost immediately cross the next much broader bridge to follow the path upstream through the woods, criss-crossing the beck several times. Ignore a footbridge over the beck to the right and follow the path as it climbs gently uphill to a sign-posted junction and turn left to follow the main path, crossing two more footbridges before reaching another path junction. Take the left path signposted to the Viaduct and Golf Centre, soon passing beneath the viaduct to leave the woods and continue beside the golf course to the main road (B6278).

Cross the road and go down the steps at the far end of the bridge, and through a gate into the first of a succession of meadows and gates. As you go into the third, in the walled enclosure on your left is the Red Well, an ancient medicinal spa. Keep along the wall (with to your right, the GlaxoSmithKline wind turbines) then halfway along the next field go left through a way-marked pedestrian gate and up the side of the field towards the wood.

At the top turn right through the gate, then straight up the field, through the pedestrian gate onto the old railway bridge. Ignore the first path on your left down onto the railway path, but almost immediately after this turn left onto the track across the fields and then round the field edges towards the village of Stainton. After two field gates, pass through a stone stile on your left and round the corner of the houses at West Farm.

At the end of their gravel drive, follow the direction shown by the yellow arrow on the way-mark post, to pass in front of the Old Farm House towards the next way-mark post by the double garage doors. Turn right down the narrow path by the side of the houses, then through a pedestrian gate into the field. Continue along the wide track beside the field, through a gate into a dip, then up and over a stile, and straight ahead to the A688 road.

Turn right down the footway and very soon, opposite the bus shelter, cross the road into a minor road (known as Town Pasture Lane, or Gypsy Lane). Follow this for almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the A67 road, taking care as it carries a considerable amount of 'short-cut' traffic.

Turn right along the wide grass verge past the entrance to the hotel until, where the verge narrows cross the road and walk with care along the narrower verge on the far side. Just after the farm on your right, look out on your left for a footpath sign and pedestrian gate into the field. Pass through and go diagonally right across to the next waymarked pedestrian gate, then across a succession of small fields with way-marked gates. The path passes a school playing field to the right before reaching an unmade lane, with a housing development opposite.



Turn right along the lane and after passing the school gates on the right, turn left into the signed Bartlemere estate and follow the pavement round to the right and down to a snicket at the bottom. Follow the tarmac path past a football field and play area to a street and turn left towards the high wall of the grounds of the Bowes Museum. Almost immediately turn right to pass the Police and Emergency Services Station on your left.

At the left bend of the road keep straight ahead with the Scout hut on your right to follow the footpath between cemeteries to continue ahead to Queen Street. Turn left, then second right into Hall Street, which leads back under an archway and right into Horsemarket back to the Witham Hall.



Red Well

ENJOY WALKING IN TEESDALE

It is recommended that you take the appropriate Ordnance Survey map with you, see inside, and know how to use it. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Whilst every effort is made to provide accurate information, walkers head out at their own risk.

If you encounter any problems with the condition of the public rights of way, please contact prowd@durham.gov.uk or ring 03000 265342 with the details.

There have been various incidents in recent years involving cows. This is very often when people have a dog but this is not always the case. It is advisable not to get between a cow and its calf. The NFU advice is that if you have a dog to let it go if cows threaten you.

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Abbey Bridge Circular

Walk 2 Abbey Bridge &
Whorlton Circular

Walk 3 Barnard Castle &
Lartington Circular

Walk 4 Barnard Castle to
Cotherstone

Walk 5 Cotherstone to
Barnard Castle

Walk 6 Cotherstone East Circular

Walk 7 Cotherstone West Circular

Walk 8 Staindrop Circular

Walk 9 Bowes East Circular

Walk 10 Bowes West Circular

Walk 11 Barnard Castle
& Stainton Circular

Walk 12 Barnard Castle West
Circular. The Bridges Walk

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