



Walking In... Teesdale

COTHERSTONE EAST CIRCULAR

START AT: THE FOX & HOUNDS PUBLIC HOUSE,
COTHERSTONE

DISTANCE: 2.25 MILES

TIME: 1.5 HOURS

Series Walk...

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This is a leisurely circular walk, with lovely views of the River Tees, and the possibility of seeing deer and other wildlife. The walk passes the Quaker Meeting House, the tombstone of Abraham Hilton, founder of local charities, and The Hagg, former common pasture, with Hallgarth Hill above, site of a 12th Century Castle.

PART OF THE TEESDALE WAY

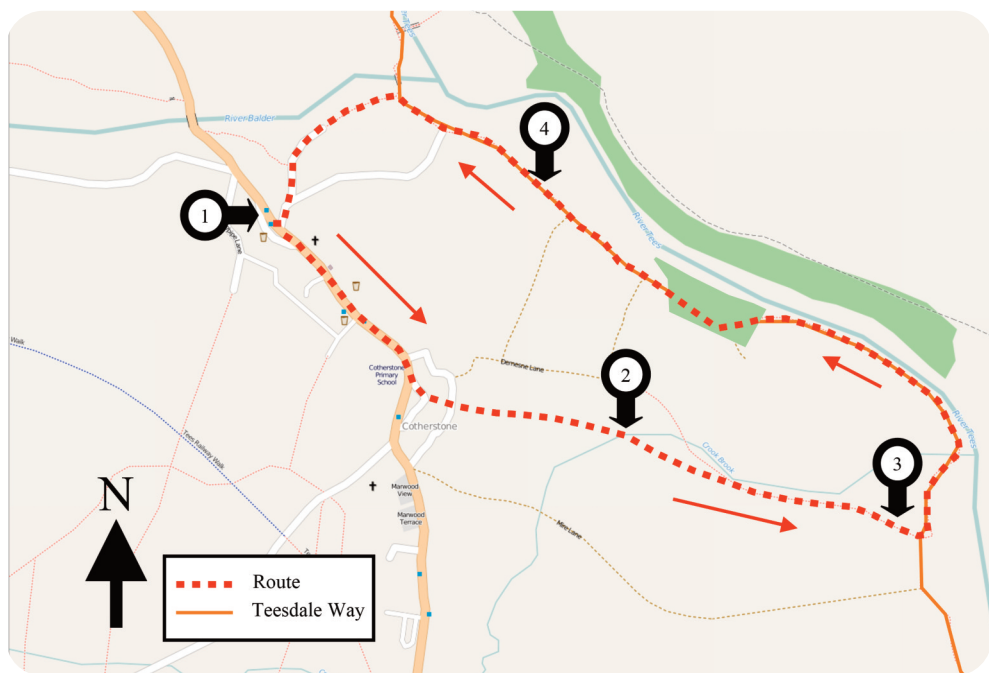
Route Information

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Cotherstone started as an agricultural community in Anglo Saxon times, and during the 19th century developed more as a commuter settlement with the coming of the Tees Valley Railway. Many cottages were rebuilt, new houses constructed and shops opened in this period, and the village became a popular centre for exploring the surrounding countryside. Cotherstone cheese is still made locally today.

From The Fox and Hounds public house in Cotherstone (1), walk eastwards along the main village street, past the former Wesleyan Chapel (left), Red Lion pub and then school (both right), to the Village Green, (left). Cross the stone bridge over a small stream, and go ahead down a pathway between the houses on the far side of the green. The pathway leads onto a back lane, which you cross to reach a gate into a field. Go through the gate, taking care to close it behind you,

and follow the left edge of the field to the Quaker Meeting House, one of the first in the country. Go over two stone stiles and continue across the next field to a wooden gate slightly to the right at the end of the field. Go through into woods and follow the stream to a stone slab footbridge. (Before crossing the footbridge, spend some time at the picturesque commemorative pond - known locally as 'Kennedy's Pond' which is up a short incline to your left (2).





Rowan Tree

Now cross the foot-bridge, and take the narrow rising path to a stile at the top of the bank. Cross over the stile then keep left through the next field to a narrow stile in a stone wall. Keep straight ahead, and follow the edge of the woodland with the stream below on your left. Continue to the end of the woodland and go through the gate abutting the wall, turn right and follow the edge of the field (past a now fallen rowan tree (3), once one of the ten largest rowan trees in the country) to join a grassy track from the outbuildings of Cooper House, with the River Tees far below. Here turn left down a grassy sloping track to a gate and foot-bridge over a stream (Lance Beck), with lovely views of the River Tees to your right. Cross the footbridge and follow the

right edge of a long meadow to a gate into a wood, where remains of a quarry can be seen on the left. Follow the path through the woods, and up to join a farm track. Turn right to follow the path high above the River Tees. When the track bends left continue ahead along a grassy path, through a wooden gate and on to cross a farm track, which leads to The Old Mill and river far below you on the right. Follow the path high above the river, going past the tombstone of Abraham Hilton (4), founder of several local charities, who died in 1902 aged 87 years.

Go through a gate into a field, and just beyond a group of sheds, go through a gate and turn right down the steps through some trees. Here in winter you will get magnificent views of the River Tees at its confluence with the River Balder (in summer you have to go a bit further down). At a junction in the path keep right down the steps and slope to reach the tarmac lane, where you turn left and follow it through The Hagg, a public open space which used to be common pasture. High up on your left is Hallgarth Hill, the site of a 12th Century Castle, home of the Fitzhughs, the medieval Lords of Cotherstone. Continue up the lane to join the village street opposite The Fox and Hounds where your walk began.

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 prow@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
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