



# *Walking In...* Teesdale

## STAINDROP CIRCULAR

START AT: SPAR SHOP,  
STAINDROP

DISTANCE: 4.5 MILES

TIME: 2.5 HOURS

Series Walk...

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*This is a leisurely circular walk from the attractive village of Staindrop, with one short steep bank with steps. First mentioned in 1050 as "Standropa", it retained its charter for a weekly market and annual fair until 1796 when Barnard Castle became the market town for the area. Nearby is Raby Castle, the home of Lord Barnard, which is open to the public.*

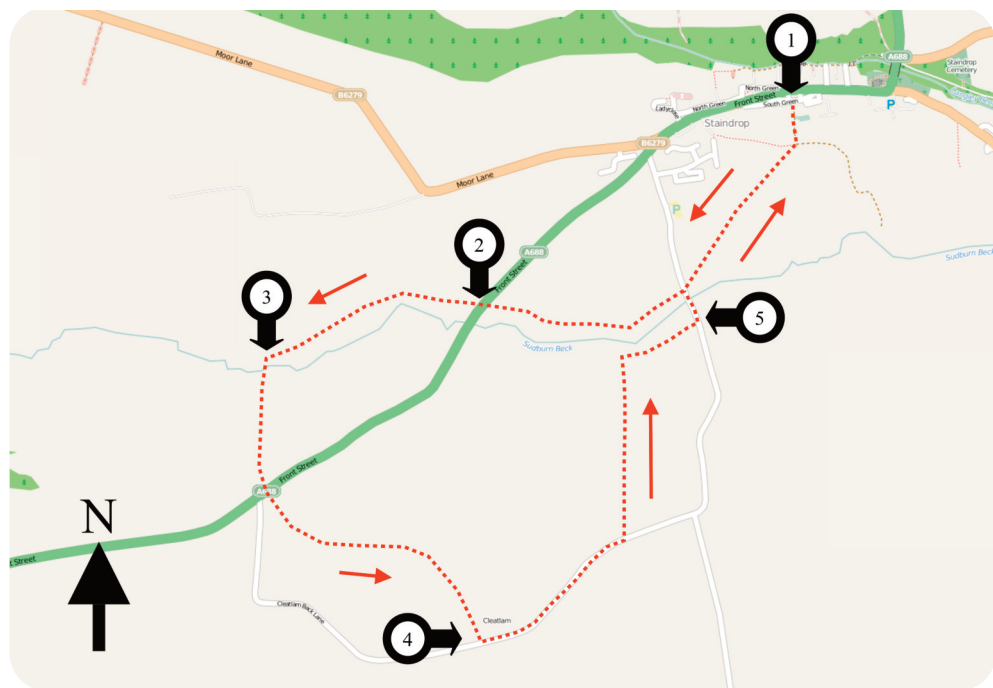
# Route Information

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*Starting from the Spar shop in the centre of Staindrop, the walk will take you through fields along Sudburn Beck and close to Snotterton Hall. You will then climb gentle slopes through fields to the village of Cleatlam. On the way back to Staindrop you will have the choice of returning the way you came or walking back along the green through the village.*

Starting at the Spar in Staindrop(1), cross the road and go across the village green on the cobbles. Slightly to your left is Scarth Hall, and to the right is Stangarth Lane. Go down the lane and at the end turn right to go over a stile. Bear left across a large field to go over a stile and a stony bridge. Continue ahead, bearing slightly right to a stile over a gully, then go diagonally to the right hand corner of the field to steps in the stone wall.

Cross the minor road, and another stile opposite, to follow along Sudburn Beck through a number of fields. After about half a mile go up some steps to cross with care the main A688 road(2), and continue over the old road to a stone stile. Now keep straight ahead crossing a wooden stile to closely follow the edge of Sudburn Beck as it bends left and go over another stile. Go through a gate in a stone wall just below the white-painted





**Raby Castle**

buildings of Snotterton Hall Farm on your right, go ahead to a footbridge on your left(3). Cross the footbridge and climb the steps to come out into a large field. Follow the left-hand edge of the field to the main A688 road which you should cross with care.

Opposite but slightly to the right is a wooden stile which you cross and head diagonally left across the field to cross another stile. Now follow the field edge on your left to a third stile, then bear half right across the field to another stile close to where a fence meets a stone wall. Go over the stile and follow the wall on your left to some steps which take you over into the next field. Turn right to follow the field boundary on your right to another stone stile and cross this to bear slightly left to a gate close to the farm buildings and the road.

Turn left along the road through Cleatlam village(4), passing the green and pond on the right hand side. Continue on the road through the village, past all the buildings, and turn left along a signposted track. Follow the left hand edge of the fields and at the bottom of the last field follow the edge to the right alongside Sudburn Beck. This will bring you to a stile in the fence and onto the minor road. Turn left to the bridge over Sudburn Beck(5). Here you can either turn right to follow your outward route back to the Spar shop, or continue along the road into Staindrop, passing the comprehensive school, then right at the main road and back through the village, along the green to the start.

# 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](mailto: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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Walk 1 Barnard Castle &  
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  
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