

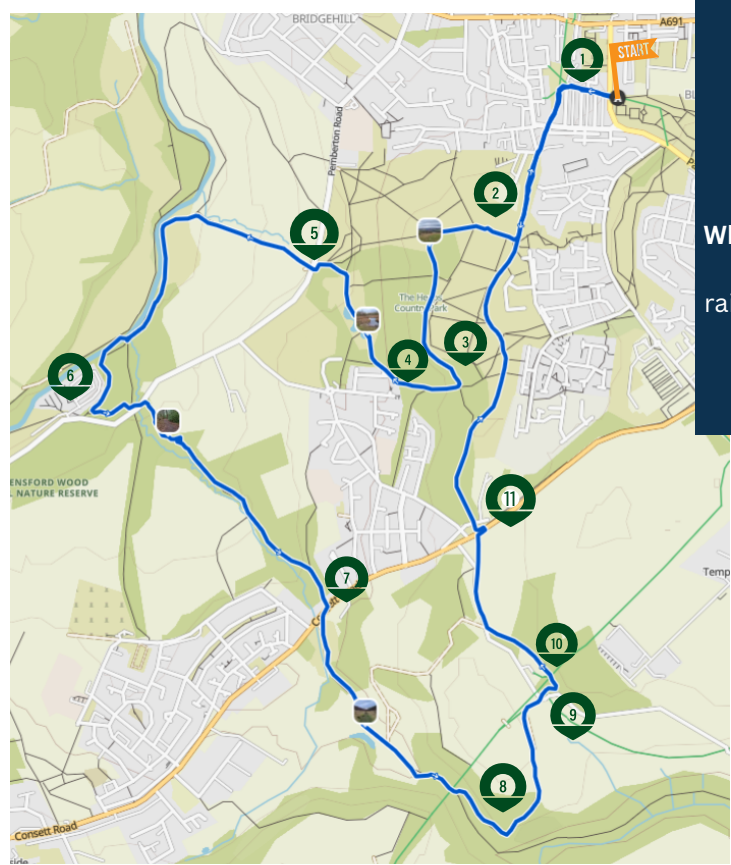


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- 1 From the start point walk through the park gates and cross over the road with St Aidan's Church on your right. Continue on until you pick up the Derwent Walk Path. Turn left onto the Derwent Walk.
- 2 Follow the Derwent Walk path continuing on till you reach a road. Cross over and continue on until you reach a wooden gate and the Steelworks memorial. Turn right at the memorial and follow the path as it curves around the hillside.
- 3 Continue along the path staying high with a field on your left as it continues to curve around the hill. Enjoy the views up the Derwent valley on your right. Eventually the paths brings you out at a crossroads. Turn right and head downhill.
- 4 Where the path forks bear right towards the housing. You have now picked up the Consett Heritage trail. Follow the path round the entrance of a nature reserve. Pass through the reserve with the ponds on your left continuing along the Heritage trail as it drops down towards the road.
- 5 Cross the road and pass through the black metal gate. Then follow the Heritage trail all the way down to the river until you reach the old pumphouse. Here turn left and follow the path with the river on your right. Cross a footbridge and carry on passing a raised wooden platform.

- 6 Continue on with the caravan park on your right and wood on your left. Continue until you reach the Heritage trail marker and then turn left heading up into the wood. Follow the path upwards passing a pond on your right until you reach the road. Follow the path to the left then cross the road and follow the Heritage trail and Heritage 100 marker.
- 7 Walk up through Deneburn wood for a long stretch on the Heritage trail until you reach the Consett/Moorside A692 road. Cross the road and head right picking up the Heritage trail again. Follow the path through the allotments and head towards the Hownsgill Viaduct in the distance. Pass under the viaduct and follow the main path uphill.
- 8 Continue uphill with the Gill caves on your left until you reach a metal gate. Pass through it and then through another gate passing by the Hownsgill tearooms and bunkhouse.

- 9 Follow the road down from the tearoom where it meets another road. Here, pick up the path at the sign for Lanchester valley walk but DO NOT follow the Lanchester valley path. Continue on the short path up to the junction of the Waskerley way.
- 10 At junction follow the sign for Rowlands Gill, Newcastle and Tynemouth. Follow the path until you reach a road turn right and walk along the road. Follow the road until you see a path to the right marked Derwent Walk This path will lead you back to the main road (A692) Cross the road and walk straight ahead to pick up the Derwent Walk. .
- 11 Continue along the path all the way until you reach the steel works memorial once again. Continue back along the Derwent walk before turning off towards the park where you reach the start/end post.



Distance: 6.1 Miles

Duration: 3 hours

Postcode: DH8 5SZ

What to expect: Countryside walk along grassy paths, railway paths and woodland. This walk contains a few steep inclines.





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