



Walking In...
Teesdale

**BARNARD CASTLE
& LARTINGTON
CIRCULAR**

START AT: SCAR TOP,
BARNARD CASTLE

DISTANCE: 5.5 MILES

TIME: 3 HOURS

Series Walk...

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A leisurely walk, with one steep short hill, through the everchanging woods of Deepdale Wood Nature Reserve; through Lartington Estate with its large Hall; along open fields and finally back through the pine woods. These lead down towards the beck, which is heading for the River Tees, and takes you back to Barnard Castle.

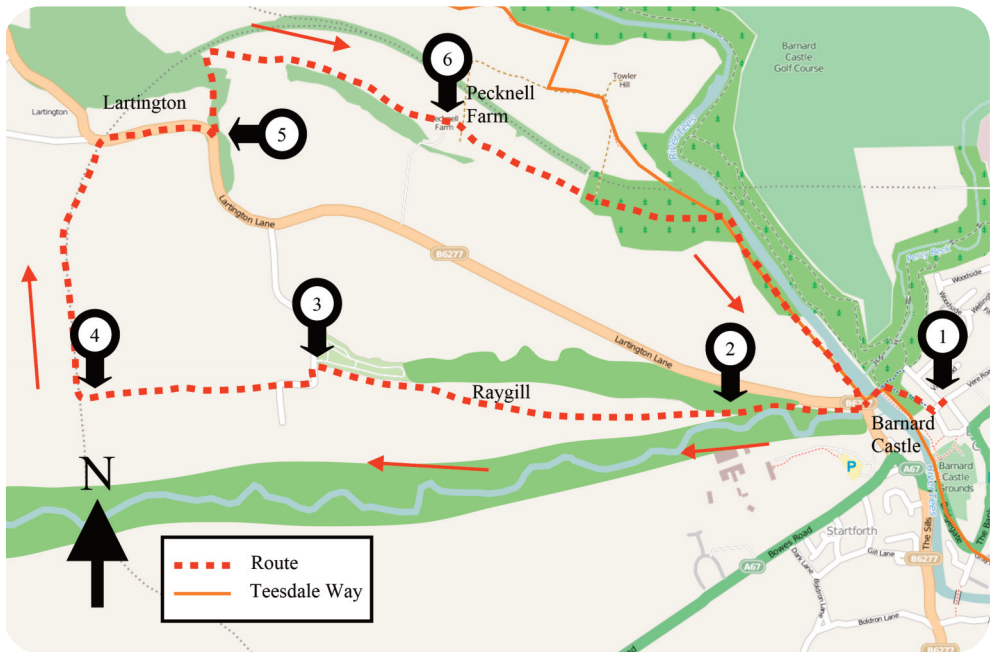
Route Information

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The start of this walk as written is from Barnard Castle. However it can be used as a circular walk from the Caravan Club & Motorhome site at Barnard Castle, the Camping & Caravanning Club site at Lartington, or the private caravan site at Pecknell Farm. The walk takes you through Deepdale Wood Nature Reserve; through the Lartington Estate and open fields; before entering woods again which lead back towards Barnard Castle and the start.

From Scar Top (1), near the entrance to the castle in Barnard Castle, take the footpath which goes along the side of the mini golf course, down past the former Gamekeeper's Cottage and into Flatts Wood, with the River Tees on your left. Cross over the footbridge on the left, which is an aqueduct built in 1898 by the Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Board and known locally as the Silver Bridge. Carefully cross over the road and

go through the gate into Deepdale Woods. Continue along the path until just before a ford across a stream, and take the right fork and over the footbridge (the narrow path on the right just before the bridge comes down from the Caravan Club site). Over the bridge, keep right to go up the hill. Continue forward to the top of the wood, where you will find a gate into a field.





Deepdale Woods

Go straight ahead to another gate and on to Raygill Farm. On reaching the farmyard, turn left, follow the signpost and then left again into the lane and follow it to a 'T' junction, with The Camping and Caravanning Club site on your right. Turn left here and follow the tarmac lane where it turns right, but where it turns left to Osmond Farm after about 100 yards, keep straight ahead on the unmade track through a number of gates, to reach a crossing lane which is the route of the old railway line (4).

Turn right along the lane until you reach the main road in the village of Lartington. Carefully cross the road and turn right through the village.

At the bend at the end of the village keep left (5), then straight through the designated gap in the hedge. Turn left and you will see Lartington Hall on your right. Stay on this tarmac drive and over a bridge to reach Dairy Cottage on your right. Turn left on the marked bridleway, a wide track, and after 25 metres turn right, as signposted, into a field. Keep to the hedge on your right, along the length of this long field.

The embankment on the left of this field carried the railway line, which until the 1960s ran from Barnard Castle to Lartington Station where it split into two. One line went to Cotherstone, then Middleton-in-Teesdale and the quarries beyond, and the other went up to Stainmore and over to Cumbria. That must have been an amazing trip.

Pass through a wooden gate and two metal gates on to the farm lane. You are now at Pecknell Farm and its caravan site (6), which is mainly to your left. You pass the farmhouse on your right to continue straight ahead through three more gates. The house ahead is Pecknell Cottage, which is to your right as you pass. Go through the gate and keep straight on through the middle of the field with the telegraph poles. Take the gate into the wood and then a path to your right which leads down through the pine trees towards Scur beck. Turn left onto this path, following it down beside the beck until reaching a metalled lane, and turn right. Almost immediately the lane crosses the Scur Beck, which you will see to your left where it enters the Tees. The lane is part of the Teesdale Way, stretching from the moorlands of Cumbria and Durham to the industrial landscapes of Teesside and the coast. Continue along the metalled lane and follow it to the main road, turn left along the footway, then immediately left over the Silver Bridge back into the woods, and turn right, up the hill and back to Scar Top.

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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