

Broken Scar & River Tees

Route 9 - 2 Hours / 5 Miles

A stunning trail along the River Tees, through woodland and Darlington's West End.

About the route

Follow a section of the River Tees before taking in the West End of Darlington, passing Baydale Beck and the historic Tees Cottage Pumping Station.

The route is uneven and not all sections would be suitable for pushchair and wheelchair users.

The walk is more challenging than others in this series.

Walking instructions

Start at Broken Scar picnic/car park area off Coniscliffe Road. You can also access from Blackwell, Carmel Road South and Carmel Road North.

- 1 Walk to the river, veering left onto the path along the River Tees.
- 2 Keep to the obvious paths, passing ruins of the hospital on your left and keeping the river to your right.
- 3 After 2 miles walk uphill to Blackwell. Cross the road to the footpath and go left along Blackwell. Turn left onto Carmel Road South and continue until the roundabout.

- 4 Cross Coniscliffe Road onto Carmel Road North.
- 5 Turn left and follow Wycliffe Way opposite.
- 6 Cross Baydale Road, continuing along Wycliffe Way opposite.
- 7 Cross Edinburgh Drive and turn right, taking the footpath on the left. Pass the tennis courts on the left. Continue, turning right into Lauriston Close then left into Greyfriars Close.
- 8 Take the path on the right and follow. Turn left and left again, keeping Baydale Beck on your right. Cross Coniscliffe Road and turn left to return to the start.



Health & safety

Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather. Be careful near the river and keep children away from the edge.

Be careful crossing roads. Follow the Countryside Code, take your rubbish with you and leave gates as you found them. Read Giant Hogweed warning signs and comply with instructions.

Things to see

Keep an eye out for the variety of wildlife, flowers and birds that are present in the different areas of this route such as: Bluebells, Ramson flowers, Grey Wagtails, Lesser spotted Woodpecker at the River Tees and Black Poplar trees and Song Thrushes at Baydale Beck.

This route links to

- South Park (Route 8) via Blackwell.
- Cocker Beck (Route 10) via Baydale Beck.
- This walk is close to bus route 75/76. This bus route is currently diverted due to a road closure which may be in place until 2014 - temporary replacement is in place.

