

Low Coniscliffe & River Tees

Relaxing on seat sculpture

Walk

Rural/Distance: 3.9 miles [6.3km] Grade: easy Time: Allow 2.5-3 hours



An easy walk, which includes a section of the Teesdale Way long distance footpath. Stroll through woodland and farmland alongside the River Tees. Look out for the variety of

wildflowers growing alongside the path and listen for the songbirds and water birds along the river.

Recommended route:

- 1 Walk from the entrance to Broken Scar Picnic Area onto Coniscliffe Road. Turn left and follow the road for approx 650 yards (600m), past Tees Cottage Pumping Station, before crossing a waymarked stile on the left almost opposite the Baydale Beck Pub. Follow the footpath through 2 fields and through the lane to emerge into Low Coniscliffe. Turn left and look out for a public footpath sign on the left after approx 88 yards (80m) pausing to read the important safety sign about Giant Hogweed. Turn into the footpath and follow the path next to the river for approx 440 yards (400m). Exit the path onto the end of Wood Lane.
- 2 Turn left and follow the public footpath sign through the wooden kissing gate at the end of the lane. Follow the main footpath. On a summer evening look
- 3 Continue along the main path for approx 0.6 miles (1km), as it bends sharply right, then follows the field edge. Notice the area of young trees and meadow to your right and follow the path along the grassy embankment and into the trees.
- 4 On reaching a fork in the path, take the right hand path to emerge into a field. Follow the waymarks to turn right onto the surfaced lane, heading away from the river. (At this point you could also continue further along the river to eventually reach High Coniscliffe). Continue straight ahead following all waymarks, and keep going as it rises up to cross the A1(M) road bridge, before heading back to Low Coniscliffe.
- 5 On reaching the road turn right and follow the road around for approx 440 yards (400m). Take the 2nd public footpath sign that you meet on the right and follow back across the fields to meet Coniscliffe Road. Cross the stile and turn right and follow the road back to Broken Scar.



Start & finish: Broken Scar Picnic Area, Coniscliffe Road

Map Key

How to get there: From Darlington town centre take the A67 (Barnard Castle Road), passing Elm Ridge Garden Centre on the left, about 1 mile further on are signs for Broken Scar, turn left into Broken Scar Car Park

- S Start & finish:** Broken Scar Picnic Area, Coniscliffe Road
- P Parking:** Free on-site car park
- Public Transport:** Public transport information [0871 200 2233](tel:0871 200 2233) (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) www.traveline.info Text [84268](tel:84268)
- Places of interest:** a Broken Scar Picnic & Children's Play Area
b Tees Cottage Pumping Station, [tel 01325 359846](tel:01325 359846)
c Seat Sculpture
- Refreshments:** The Baydale Beck Pub, Coniscliffe Road, [tel 01325 469637](tel:01325 469637)
- Toilets:** The Baydale Beck Pub, for patrons

