

# Piercebridge Circular

with linear option



Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop

Stroll

**Rural/Distance:** 0.9 miles (1.4km) **Grade:** easy **Time:** allow 30 minutes-1 hour



**Start & finish:** Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, Piercebridge Village



Explore Roman heritage on an historic rural walk, through Piercebridge Village, downstream following the River Tees, on part of the Teesdale Way to Carlbury Vale and back to Piercebridge via the Roman Fort site. There is an option to make this walk linear by continuing along the river bank to High Coniscliffe.

- 3 Either take the linear walk option by turning right and following the Teesdale Way east downriver to High Coniscliffe then retrace your steps to Piercebridge.
- 4 Or continue the circular walk by following the field edge to a cream coloured garage then turning left. Pass in front of 2 cottages and onto a track to cross over Piercebridge Beck. At the T-junction, turn left and follow the track to meet the old road near Carlbury Bank House on your left. Follow the old road down towards the village, re-crossing the beck to a Public Footpath sign on your left. Go through a stone squeeze stile and onto the footpath. Follow the path to come to the Roman Fort site on your right.
- 5 Go through the gate into the Fort remains. Information boards around the site bring to life our Roman Heritage. After enjoying a trip back in time, leave via the gate on the western boundary of the site, and cross the road back to Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café.

**NB** You can enjoy some of the finds from the archaeological excavations at Piercebridge Roman Fort at the nearby Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle.

### Recommended route:

- 1 From Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, cross the road opposite to St Mary's Church, turn right and walk south to the end of the village, passing the Roman Fort remains on your left. The walk brings you back through this interesting Roman Fort site.
- 2 At the end of the village, just before the bridge over the River Tees, follow a Teesdale Way sign and turn left to the side of a pink house (Bridge House), through a kissing gate into a field. Walk east, with the river on your right, following the field edge to a stone wall. Go up 3 stone steps through a stone squeeze stile with a small gate, to enter a paddock.

At this point you have 2 options.

### Map Key

**How to get there:** Leave Darlington on the A67 (Barnard Castle Road), following signs for Piercebridge. Take a left turn onto the B6275 into Piercebridge Village

- S Start & finish:** Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, Piercebridge Village
- P Parking:** Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café for patrons Limited on-street parking in the village
- Public Transport:** Public transport information **0871 200 2233** (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) **www.traveline.info Text 84268**
- Places of interest:**
  - a St Mary's Church
  - b Wesleyan Chapel
  - c Roman Fort
  - d Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, **tel 01833 690606**
  - e Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, **tel 01325 374251**
  - f Medieval Ulnaby Farm Shop & Café, Ulnaby, Nr Walworth, **tel 01325 374337**
- Refreshments:** Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, (not Tuesday), **tel 01325 374251**  
The Carlbury Arms Pub, **tel 01325 374286**
- Toilets:** Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café and The Carlbury Arms Pub

