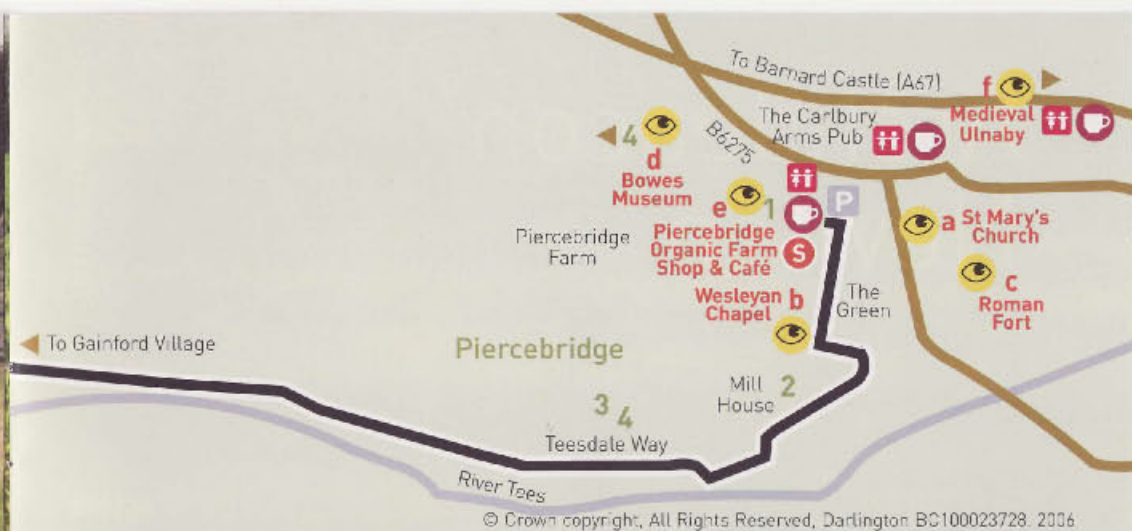


Piercebridge Linear

Piercebridge Organic Farm

Ramble

Rural/Distance: 5.6 miles (9km) for longest option **Grade:** easy **Time:** allow max 3.5 hours



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



Enjoy an interesting linear walk, following part of the renowned Teesdale Way, from the historic village of Piercebridge. Start and finish at Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café and travel upstream towards Gainford Village.

Recommended route:

As this is a linear walk you can continue as far as you like along this stretch of the Teesdale Way, which leads to picturesque Gainford Village. To return to your starting point in Piercebridge Village, you simply need to retrace your steps.

- 1 Leave Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café and turn right down the village green. Pause to see the old Wesleyan Chapel dated 1864 on your right. At the southern end of the attractive village green, follow the bridlway sign down a lane to Mill House, where you meet the River Tees, County Durham's border with neighbouring North Yorkshire. This is the Teesdale Way, (European Long Distance Route E2).

- 2 At Mill House bear left towards the river, leaving the tarmac lane and following the green route around the south and west side of Mill House. Go through a bridlway gate into a field and bear left (west) to follow the Teesdale Way [E2]. Follow the field boundary to another bridlway gate, leading onto a track. Note the millrace on your left, sited between the path and the river. The fields to your right are part of Piercebridge Organic Farm.

- 3 Now either: continue along the attractive tranquil riverside walk as far as Gainford Village and return, tracing your steps back to Piercebridge. This would be a 5.6 mile (9km) walk.

- 4 Or: stop at any time along this route and turn round to return to Piercebridge Village, having enjoyed part of the celebrated Teesdale Way route.

NB If you have time at the end of your walk you could stop for a coffee at Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café or drive to Walworth Gate to Archer's for a homemade Jersey ice cream!

Map Key



How to get there: Leave Darlington town centre 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

P Parking: Piercebridge Organic Farm Shop & Café, for patrons

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, The Carlbury Arms Pub and Archer's Jersey Ice Cream Parlour, for patrons



River Tees