

The Riverside Route

Up to 12 miles / 20km

Ideal for cycling and walking for all the family



Picture: Newcastle City Council



It's an interesting and sometimes exhilarating route with much to see along the way. At the eastern end, Segedunum Fort portrays life on the Roman frontier nearly 2000 years ago.

For much of its length Hadrian's Way follows the banks of the River Tyne. The rest is mainly along former railway lines and custom-built cycle paths, with small sections of roadway in between.

Welcome to Hadrian's Way

Hadrian's Way is an exciting new route for walkers and cyclists. It runs for 12 miles (20km) between Segedunum Fort at Wallsend and the Tyne Riverside Country Park at Newburn.

Picture: Graeme Peacock



At Low Walker the Riverside Park brings a taste of the countryside to an urban landscape.

Further west the new Millennium Bridge frames the continuing transformation of the Quaysides on both sides of the river.

Most of Hadrian's Way takes the visitor on a journey through Tyneside's industrial past.

The route passes the Ouseburn Valley, once the cradle of Newcastle's manufacturing greatness. Lord Armstrong's famous shipyard at Elswick built mighty battleships.

Along Hadrian's Way the remains of Newcastle's coal mining past can be seen, which fuelled Tyneside's industrial revolution.

From the Solway to the Tyne

Hadrian's Way forms the eastern section of Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail.

The National Trail, which was opened in May 2003, stretches 84 miles, from Bowness-on-Solway in the west to Wallsend in the east. Along the way it passes through some of the North of England's most beautiful and dramatic scenery.

From the broad horizons of the Solway Coast to the rugged volcanic cliffs of the Whin Sill, the Hadrian's Wall Path offers a memorable walking experience.



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For most of its length, the Hadrian's Wall Path runs beside or close to Hadrian's Wall itself. In some places the Trail diverges from the line of the Wall to take a more convenient or attractive route.

Through Tyneside, the route runs mainly along the riverside, and enjoys the historic Quayside area of Newcastle.

For more information on the Hadrian's Wall Path, and all the other National Trails visit www.nationaltrail.co.uk or telephone the Hadrian's Wall Information Line on 01434 322002.



Follow Hadrian's Way, part of Britain's newest National Trail, on this fascinating 12 mile (20km) route through Tyneside.

The path is accessible throughout for walking, cycling and wheelchairs.

The route can be followed in either direction and can be linked with the Keelman's Way on the south side of the river.

Frequent bus services run to Newburn and to Wallsend, which is also served by the Metro system.

Parking

Certain designated parking areas close to the routes are indicated on the maps.

Contact details:

Traveline
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www.traveline.org.uk

Hadrian's Wall Information Line
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Newcastle Tourist Information Centre
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To give feedback on these & other strategic routes in and around Newcastle, please contact:

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This brick cone was erected by the Lemington Glassworks, part of Newcastle's famous glass-making industry. It has been a familiar landmark for over 200 years, and is one of only four such cones to have survived in Britain. Now home to North Eastern Land Rover.

2 The Battle of Newburn Ford took place here in 1640, when Charles I army faced the Scots across the river. The Scottish force won and went on to capture Newcastle.



Picture: Roy Deane

Two Roman sites can be seen just south of the West Ford in Benwell. One is a small temple dedicated to Antenocitus, while the other contains the remains of a causeway crossing the Vallum Ditch.



Picture: Graeme Peacock

1800 years ago, Segedunum Fort guarded the eastern end of Hadrian's Wall. This award-winning museum now explains how Segedunum has changed between the Roman period and the present day.

5 This was the site of the Armstrong shipyard which built warships. Because the river is relatively narrow at this point, the ships were launched sideways into the water.

This leaflet can be used in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 316 Newcastle Upon Tyne

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9 One of the oldest railways in the country, the Wylam Waggonway was built around 1750 to carry coal from Wylam to the staithes at Lemington. It was originally horse-drawn, with 5ft gauge timber rails resting on stone sleeper blocks.



Picture: Graeme Peacock

Built by the North Eastern Railway over 100 years ago, Dunston Staithes were the last working coal staithes on the Tyne.



Picture: Ag Infinitum

7 In 1854 a huge fire in Gateshead jumped the river and destroyed many of the medieval streets along the Quayside.



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When it was built in 1938, Spiller's Mill was the tallest flour milling building in the world.

Key to map

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Key to Walks in and around Newcastle City centre

- 1 The Lower Ouseburn Valley & Jesmond Vale
- 2 Jesmond Dene – Lord Armstrong's Back Garden
- 3 Bridges and Quaysides
- 4 Around the Town Walls

Key to Walks West of Newcastle

- ▲ Across the Battlefield
- ▲ Walbottle Dene
- ▲ From River to Wall
- ▲ Stephenson's Track