Exploring Hadrian's Way  

The Riverside Route

Up to 12 miles / 20km  
Ideal for cycling and walking for all the family

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 Roman Fort at Wallsend and the Tyne Riverside Country Park at Newburn.

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

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

Further east the new Millennium Bridge frames the continuing transformation of the 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.

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.

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

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

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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.

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.

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

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Tyne Riverside Country Park

Heddon-on-the-Wall  
Newburn  
Newcastle  
Gateshead

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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.

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Key to Walks in and around Newcastle City Centre

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1. 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.

2. The Lower Ouseburn Valley & Jesmond Vale

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

4. In 1884 a huge fire in Spittalfield poured the town into darkness for three days. Thirty people were killed and thousands of pounds of materials were destroyed.

5. Benwell Nature Park

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Key to Walks West of Newcastle

- Bridges and Quaysides
- Around the Town Walls
- applebees
- From River to Wall
- Stephenson's Track

10. The Battle of Heslerton was fought here in 1640, when Charles I army faced the Scots across the river. The Scottish force won and went on to capture Newcastle.

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

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