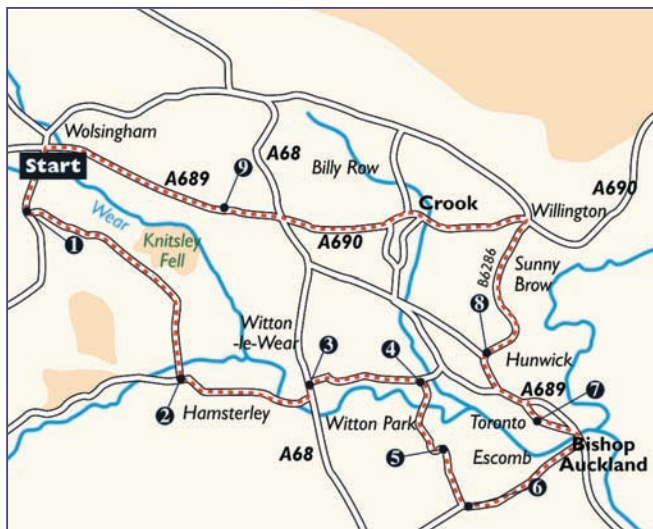


Loop (hilly) - 28 miles



1. Beginning in the recreation grounds Wolsingham, leave to the right on A689 turning right almost immediately onto the Causeway (signed Hamsterley), climbing Wear Bank;
2. Take the left fork onto minor road and follow along bearing left at T-junction to reach Hamsterley Village
3. Turn left and drop down to A68, turn right then left into Witton-le-Wear
4. In village bear right (take care on railway crossing) passing Low Barnes Nature Reserve on the right, turn right for Witton Park at T-junction;
5. Go through Witton Park, turning left at T-junction towards Escomb;
6. At 3 lane ends (bear left to visit Escomb Saxon Church then retrace back, or) turn right then left at X-roads towards Bishop Auckland, turning left just past Masons Arms (signed for A&E);
7. Continue along road reaching Newton Cap, bear left down hill and over old bridge to climb up into Toronto
8. Go through village and left onto A689 then bear right at

### More Info

- Wear Valley District Council
- Durham County Council
- Tourist Information Centre, Bishop Auckland
- Tourist Information Centre, Stanhope

roundabout onto B6286 to Hunwick and onto Willington

9. At mini roundabout turn left onto A690 passing through Crook, straight over at Harperley roundabout (passing POW camp on left) to return to Wolsingham

### Parking

parking is available at Demesne Mill Picnic Area

### Ordnance Survey Maps

OS Explorer Sheet 305 'Bishop Auckland'

OS Explorer Sheet 31 'North Pennines'

### Public Toilets

Public Conveniences can be found at the Recreation Ground in Wolsingham and are open daily.

There are Public Conveniences at Bishop Auckland Bus Station. They are open daily 7am – 8pm, all year.

### Places of Interest

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| Escomb Church             | see page. 3 |
| Auckland Castle           | see page. 6 |
| Newton Cap Viaduct        | see page. 4 |
| Harperley POW Camp        | see page. 5 |
| Bishop Auckland Town Hall | see page. 7 |
| Wolsington Properties     | see page. 6 |