



This Route is a relatively easy 2 ³/₄ mile route (4 ¹/₂ km) that affords wonderful views across Weardale from pastures high up above Middlehope Burn, before returning along a pleasant riverside path back to Westgate. Allow 1 ¹/₂ hours to complete this walk.

1. Follow the road over the bridge across the River Wear up onto Front Street.
2. Turn left along the road.
3. Turn right before the Methodist Chapel up towards 'Weeds'.
4. At the houses, follow the left-hand lane up to a gate at the top of the farmyard. Follow the rough grassy track straight on up to reach a lane beside Low Crooked Well Farm.
5. A clear lane leads up passing High Crooked Well Farm on to reach a junction of roads, tracks and paths.
6. Turn left along the road for about half a mile.
7. Turn left into the yard of the Farm, through the gate ahead then steeply down across the middle of the hillside. At the bottom of

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the second field, head through the small wall-gate then continue down the hillside to join a track to the right of a house that leads down to the road.

8. Turn right along the road, over the bridge across the River Wear into Daddry Shield. (walk 12 continues on from this point)
9. After the bridge, turn immediately left and follow the riverside path on to reach a group of houses. Follow the lane between the houses, then straight on along a field-path to join a road just after some cottages.
10. Take the path opposite – river and old railway embankment to your left – and follow it up along the top of a low wooded ridge back to the start.

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