



This longer Route is a medium grade walk of just over 3 miles (5 km), although there is a short cut option that reduces the walk to 2 ½ miles (4 km). Allow 2 hours to complete the full route.

1. From the Market Place, follow the lane down behind the Town Hall then where it bends to the right, turn left over a bridge then right down to a footbridge across the River Wear.
2. After the footbridge, head up the field then turn right on to join a lane. Turn right then right again down to a ford and footbridge across the river.
3. Turn left after the footbridge along a riverside path down to reach the main road at Daddryshield Bridge.
4. Turn right along the road into Daddry Shield
5. Take the road to the left towards 'Brotherlee' then immediately right along a farm track footpath. Follow this up to a gate beyond the farm buildings.
6. Follow grassy track up, through a gate to the left of the barn then straight on up across the hillside to join a clear track across your path.

More Info

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

7. Turn right along this track on to reach a walled track.
8. Turn left up this track.
9. Where Thatch Mires Farm comes into view across to your right, turn right through a squeeze stile near to a gate. Head straight on across a field, over another walled lane then on across fields to reach a stile that leads down into the wooded confines of Harthope Burn.
10. Cross the stile and turn right down some steps, however, do not head down more steps towards the footbridge but follow the path on through the woods. After a short distance, some steps lead down to join a clear path through the woods with the burn on your left.
11. The path emerges from the woods and leads on over a bridge then down alongside the burn to join the road.
12. Turn right along the road down into St John's Chapel.

Parking

Parking is available either in the Market Place or beside the Cattle Mart.

Ordnance Survey Maps

OS Explorer Sheet 31 'North Pennines'

Public Toilets

Public Conveniences can be found in the centre of St John's Chapel adjacent to the Town Hall, which are open all year.