

ENJOY WALKING IN TEESDALE

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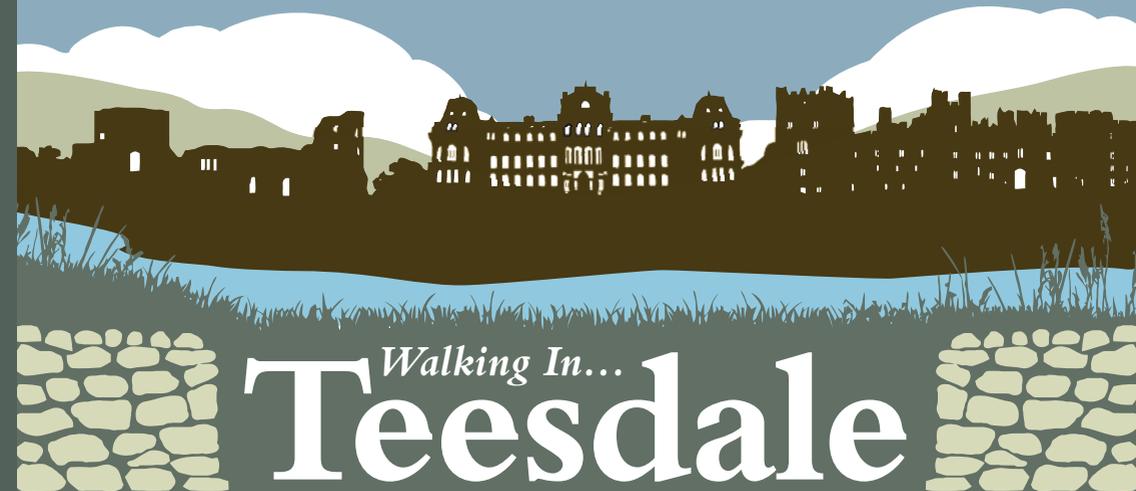
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Walking In... **Teesdale**

STAINDROP CIRCULAR

START AT: SPAR SHOP,
STAINDROP
DISTANCE: 4 MILES
TIME: 2 HOURS

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This is a leisurely circular walk from the attractive village of Staindrop, with one short steep bank with steps. First mentioned in 1050 as "Standropa", it retained its charter for a weekly market and annual fair until 1796 when Barnard Castle became the market town for the area. Nearby is Raby Castle, the home of Lord Barnard, which is open to the public.

Route Information

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Starting from the Spar shop in the centre of Staindrop, the walk will take you through fields along Sudburn Beck and close to Snotterton Hall. You will then climb gentle slopes through fields to the village of Cleatlam. On the way back to Staindrop you will have the choice of returning the way you came or walking back through the village.

Starting at the Spar in Staindrop(1), cross the road and across the village green on the cobbles. Slightly to your left is Scarth Hall, and to the right of it is Stangarth Lane. Go down this lane and at the bottom turn right to a stile. Over the stile bear left across a large field to go over a stile and a stony bridge. Continue ahead, bearing slightly right to a stile over the gully. Go over the stile and head diagonally to the right hand corner of

the field, to steps in the stone wall. Cross the lane, and another stile opposite, to follow along Sudburn Beck through a number of fields. After about half a mile go up some steps to join the main A688 road(2).

Cross the road with care and go over the old road to a stone stile. Once over this, keep straight ahead crossing a wooden stile and following closely the edge of



Raby Castle

Sudburn Beck as it bends left. Soon you will come to a gate in a stone wall just below the white-painted buildings of Snotterton Hall Farm on your right. Go through the gate and you will come immediately to a footbridge on your left(3). Cross the footbridge and climb up the steps in front of you, to come out into a large field. Follow the left-hand edge of the field to the main A688 road which you should cross with care. Exactly opposite is a wooden stile which you go over before heading diagonally left across the field to another in the corner of a second field. Cross this stile and follow the field edge to a third stile.

Once over this, bear right to another one close to where a fence meets a stone wall. Go over the stile and follow the wall to some steps which take you over into the next field. Turn right to another stone stile and cross this before bearing left to a gate close to farm buildings.

At the gate turn left along the road through Cleatlam village(4), passing the green and pond on the right hand side. Continue on the road through the village,

past all the buildings, and turn left along a signposted track. Follow the left hand edge of four fields. At the bottom of the last field follow the edge to the right alongside Sudburn Beck. This will bring you to a stile in the fence next to the lane. Turn left along the lane to the bridge over Sudburn Beck(5).

Here you can either turn right to follow your earlier route back to the Spar shop, or continue along the lane into Staindrop, passing the comprehensive school, then right at the main road and back through the village to the start.