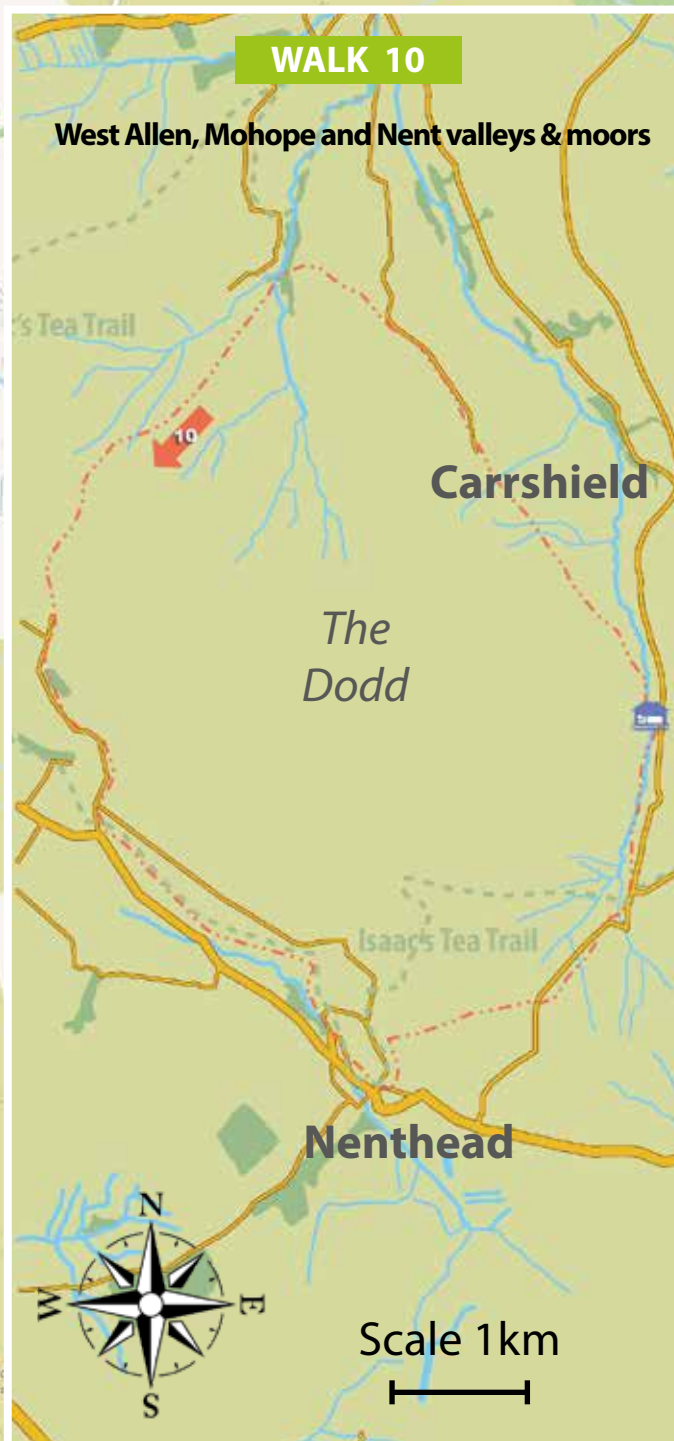


Please follow the Countryside Code whilst on this walk, especially: -

- Take litter home with you
- Dogs to be kept on leads or close control as sheep roam the hills across this area, there is also endangered wildlife breeding within the moorland.
- Take dog excreta away to ensure others can enjoy the walk.
- Do not damage trees and other vegetation as these provide valuable habitat for the wild life.
- Care must be taken on the roads; they are relatively quiet but agricultural vehicles use them at all times of the day.
- Stay on the designated footpaths.

Leave only footprints.
Create memories,
take only photographs

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Carrshield Camping Barn

WALK 10

West Allen, Mohope and Nent valleys & moors

A circular walk that encompasses three river valleys and their associated moors. The jewel of the walk is the beautiful, small and remote Mohope valley nestled between the two. Farming and mining have left their marks on all these areas, some nicely reclaimed by Mother Nature.

Distance:	Approximately 18.2 km with around 540 m of ascent.
Time to complete:	Approximately 6 hours, excluding meal breaks
Terrain:	Except for a short steep slope climbing away from Mohope Burn and a second steep slope at Hags Bank most of the walk is on reasonable gradients. However, under foot there are several areas that can be extremely boggy even in dry weather. With no clear footpaths to follow, good navigation skills are essential.
Maps:	OS Explorer Map OL31 or Landranger Map 86. Route available for free download to smartphone and tablet on www.ViewRanger.com

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WALK 10

West Allen, Mohope and Nent valleys and moors

WAYPOINT 1 Start at the Carrshield Camping Barn

Grid Ref NY 803 467

Leave the Camping Barn and progress along the track over the river. Follow this rough track until a footpath sign is found prior to the second house. Follow the path



anti-clockwise around this house and into the fields beyond. After a couple of fields, you enter Open Access countryside. Here the pathway is hard to follow, and the ground becomes very boggy in inclement weather. The target is the large mast and stand of trees at Farney Shield that can just be towards the top of the rise. Once at the farm take the obvious tarmac road which continues to ascend away from the valley.

WAYPOINT 2 Fork in road

Grid Ref NY 782 498

Approximately 200m after The Nook, the road forks. Take the left fork

up the slope until meeting a track. Turn right and then left in front on the houses. Use the stile over the



wall to the right into a field and descend directly to the farm buildings below. After negotiating the stile out of the field, pass between the farm buildings and continue to descend down to the tranquil, leafy banks of the stream that becomes the Mohope Burn.

WAYPOINT 3 Footbridge

Grid Ref NY 774 502

Cross the bridge and turn immediately left up the rise between the two streams, go around the remains of the Appletree Shield Farm, then follow the grassy track upwards to the gate giving access onto Open Access countryside and Halley Moor. Here the path is well signed but not well used. Take care not to get distracted with the numerous farm and shooters tracks, especially after crossing Moor Cleugh. Continue to follow the posts to the county border close to Blacklaw Cross.



WAYPOINT 4 Blacklaw Cross

Grid Ref NY 757 483

Go through the gate and follow the old track down into the Nent valley enjoying views across the valley towards Cross Fell and the high Pennines on the far side of the South Tyne valley. Continue the descent along the tarmac road. Ignore the left turn and continue on to the junction with the A 689 road adjacent to Nenthall Bridge.



WAYPOINT 5 Nenthall Bridge

Grid Ref NY 795 457

Turn left at the junction, passing the War Memorial, then left up the up the steps towards Nether Nentberry, (100+ steps just what you need at this stage of the walk!). As you probably noticed you have now joined the Isaac's Tea Trail route which is well signed as you weave between the various buildings along this side of the valley.



On reaching the large rocky track at Hags Bank turn left up the track then right onto the tarmac road. Greenends is where the Holden (family of Isaac Holden of Tea Trail fame) were miners and farmers.

WAYPOINT 6 Path near Greenends

Grid Ref NY 772 451

Take the path to the left prior to reaching Greenends, straight through the first field then into more open countryside and a small wooded area. Again, join Isaac's Tea Trail to ascend out of the Nent valley to the county border. After passing through the gate turn left and follow the footpath posts that lead to a track that passes anti-clockwise around the summit of The Dodd. Continue to follow the posts as they descend down the northern grassy slope.



WAYPOINT 7 Path junction

Grid Ref NY 789 468

At the path junction on the grassy plateau, turn right and descend down to the river. The path goes through areas of thick soft rush, which can also be wet under foot. Once the path reaches a wall, keep this to your left until you reach the stony track. Carrshield Camping Barn will soon be seen in front.



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