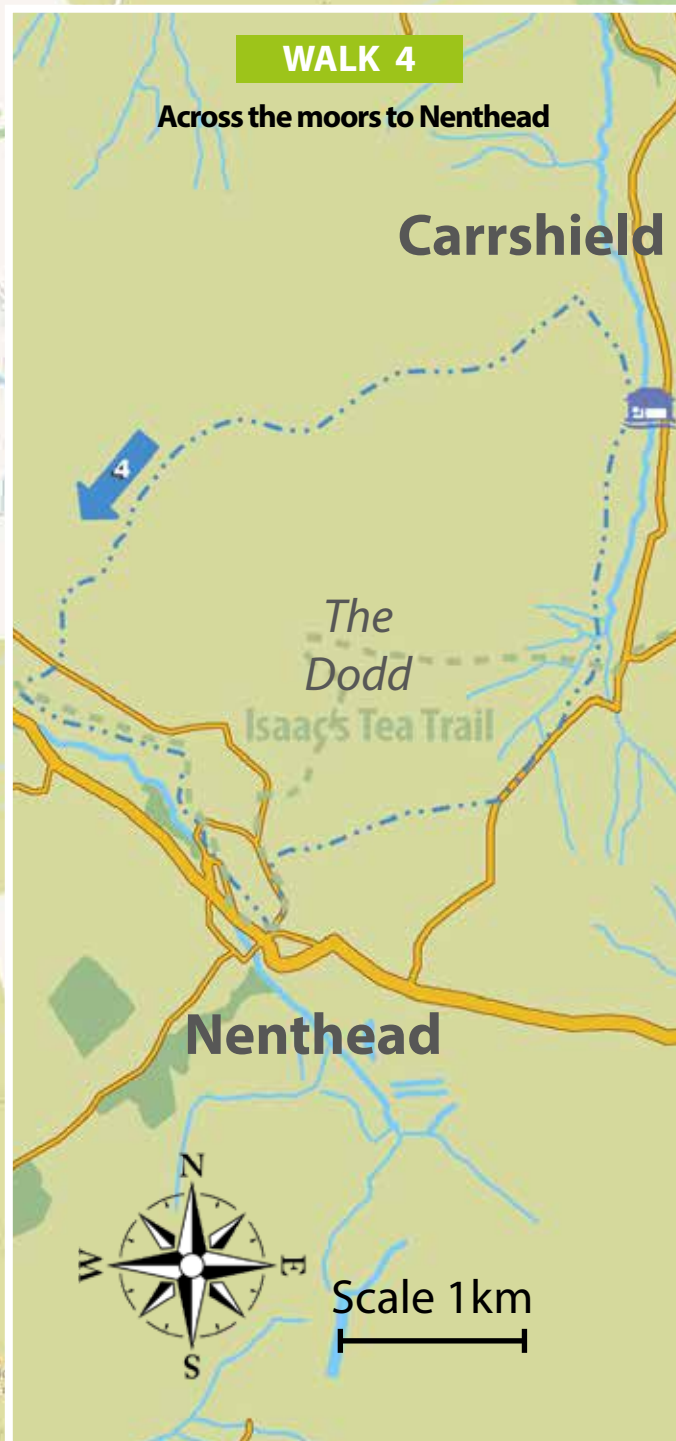


Please follow the Countryside Code whilst on this walk, especially: -

- 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 4

Across the moors to Nenthead

A good lengthy circular walk that takes in remote wild moorland and quiet gentle river valleys. The walk takes in contrasting historical mining sites as well as the beautiful moors that are home to some endangered birds.

Distance: Approximately 12.3 km with 470 m of ascent

Time to complete: Between 3.5 and 4 hours of walking

Terrain: There are some boggy areas at the beginning and end of the walk, but the central section is a combination of rough and smooth track with some short distances along tarmac roads

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 4

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WAYPOINT 1 Start at the Carrshield Camping Barn
Grid Ref NY 803 467



Leave the Camping Barn and progress along the track over the road bridge. Follow this rough track until a footpath sign is found on your left, just before the gate and remains of a kiln.

WAYPOINT 2 Turn left before the kiln, up the grassy slope - Grid Ref NY 799 473

Turn left up the grassy bank and follow this small bridleyway as it ascends to the ridge above the West Allen valley. There are places along this section that are steep and can be very boggy. For most of the way you will be close to the dry-stone wall. Where this turns to the right, continue upwards following the bridleyway signs.



WAYPOINT 3 Cross grassy plateau towards Wellhope Moor - Grid Ref NY 788 468

On reaching the grassy plateau continue across it on the small but marked pathway that



leads down to Wellhope Burn in the next valley. Enjoy the outstanding views from the high moorland vantage points. On a clear day it is possible to see all the way to The Cheviot (about 50 miles). Cross the small stream and climb out of the valley along the track that leads to the abandoned mine. On the far side of the mine buildings follow the gravelly track that leads to all the way into the Nent valley.

WAYPOINT 4 Cross tarmac road above Nentberry
Grid Ref NY 769 452

At the road, go straight over, following the path marked Haggs Mine. Part way down this rocky descent take the path to your left signed 'Isaac's Tea Trail'. Follow this route along the river Nent, initially through meadows, then past another old mine before arriving at a wide track beside the river. This takes you all the way into the village of Nenthead. Look out for the model village as you pass.



WAYPOINT 5 Centre of Nenthead
Grid Ref NY 781 437

Enjoy a few moments exploring this interesting and relatively modern historic village as well as taking refreshments in the old chapel that is the Visitor and Arts Centre. Take the road between the Community Shop and water fountain going up the steep cobble. Then up the just as steep lane that is amazingly marked as a cycle route! At the top of the lane at the county border turn left down the road until reaching a gate with footpath sign on your left.



WAYPOINT 6 Take to the footpath from road
Grid Ref NY 799 450

Go through the gate and meander along a very small pathway that gradually brings you back to another gate and onto a track just above a remote house. Turn right along the track and then left immediately after the house taking the pathway that goes to the right of the building into the small valley marking the start of the West Allen river.



WAYPOINT 7 Along the old road
Grid Ref NY 801 455

Follow the route of the ancient old road, through the gate below the house, then cross the small stream. Ignore the small path that heads towards the Sycamore tree by the main river, instead head up the boggy slope towards the line that contours along the hill. The North Pennines are due to fence this area off in 2020 in order to protect trees they are also planting; the fence will run just below the course of the path. Once opposite the Sycamore tree the line of the path is easier to make out and follow, although the reeds and boggy ground do not make for easy walking. Make your way along until reaching more footpath signs close to the mines and quarries near the Camping Barn. As you make your descent, be aware there are some steep slopes. These can be avoided quite simply by detouring around. On reaching the relative flatness of the riverbank make your way over the footbridge back to the Camping Barn.



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