

**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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return via East Allen**

**Carrshield  
Camping Barn**

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A circular walk that takes in the dominating summit of Killhope Law, as well as the historic mining village of Allenheads; then the gentle slopes of East Allen valley. There is industrial history perfectly blended with the dramatic landscape and amazing wildlife throughout the walk.

**Distance:** Approximately 20.5 km with around 620 metres of ascent.

**Time to complete:** Approximately 6.5 to 7.5 hours

**Terrain:** A long continuous slope from start to summit of Killhope Law and similar once Isaac's Tea Trail is joined for the return. There are areas of boggy ground along the length, but a majority is on good paths or tracks with roads being used in places.  
**The ability to use map and compass is essential.**

**Maps:** OS Explorer Map OL31 or Landranger Map 86. Route available for free download to smartphone and tablet on [www.ViewRanger.com](http://www.ViewRanger.com)

[www.carrshieldcampingbarn.co.uk](http://www.carrshieldcampingbarn.co.uk)

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

From the Camping Barn take the road up a gentle slope with dog bin on your right, through the



gate and onto the tarmac road. Go to the left along the road into the main part of the village to find Downview Barn on your right. Turn up the drive and circumnavigate the house to reach open fields on far side. Make your way across the first field then a more direct upwards route to the left of the ruin that is Loudside. After passing through the gate the route heads up the grassy (and boggy in places) slope to the right but it is not marked and little used. As the ground flattens on Carrshield Moor the route of Isaac's Tea Trail will be seen. Head for the higher of the marker posts then continue onto a more clearly visible track which leads to the road on the far side.

### WAYPOINT 2 Cross road onto old mine track Grid Ref NY 814 458

Cross the road and take the gated old mine road opposite. At this point you are leaving permitted foot-



paths into Open Access countryside. Please respect the signs and usage of this land ensuring dogs are always kept under close control. Follow the old road until about 100 metres before the Shooting Cabin, then take the obvious track to the left. This is a metalled roadway used by Gamekeepers and Shooters to access the higher ground avoiding extensive bog and heather moorland. At the top of this roadway head left to the summit trig point which gives amazing views in all directions, weather permitting.

### WAYPOINT 3 Summit of Killhope Law Grid Ref NY 819 448

The first part of this leg requires good navigation to the shooting cabins that lay on the eastern face of the hill,



a compass bearing should be used for safety, especially in poor visibility, from the trig point 101°. In clearer weather the roof of the old shooting cabin is visible from the large cairn on the east side of the summit plateau. Once at the hut continue down the track towards the East Allen valley, it gradually becomes more of a gravel track the further you progress.

### WAYPOINT 4 Junction of paths near Dodd Reservoir Grid Ref NY 847 459

At the far end of Dodd Reservoir take the track to the right, the ford at the bottom could be a challenge in very inclement



weather. Follow the well-marked paths through the farm fields and then clockwise around the outside of School Plantation. Not far after going into the plantation take the steep path down into the village. Turn right along a wide path at the rear of the old church that brings you into the centre of Allenheads village.

### WAYPOINT 5 Allenheads village Grid Ref NY 859 453

After enjoying the attractions of the village and taking refreshment, it is now time to retrace your steps along



the path at the rear of the old church. But turn right before the plantation. After leaving the village take the road over the bridge, then turn right on to the signed path just after a derelict building on the left. After climbing up the gentle slope from Burntfoot follow the footpath around the right-hand end of the barn at Hammer Shields.

### WAYPOINT 6 Hammer Shields Grid Ref NY 847 471

Cross the lane and over the wall into more meadows and paddocks. This path is not well used but is reasonably well signed. Parts



of this section can be quite boggy in places. Cross the road and go along the track for a short distance until a stile is seen on the right, pass between the two houses and then turn right at the rear of White Ridge. This path takes you down to Swinhope Burn that is crossed on a small bridge at Swinhope Mill. At the road turn left until reaching the Bridleway on your right just after the small cottages. Take this bridleway/track and remain on it until finding a large finger board at the junction with Isaac's Tea Trail.

### WAYPOINT 7 Isaac's Tea Trail Grid Ref NY 834 490

At the junction of footpaths turn left and follow the Isaac's Tea Trail as it gradually climbs up through the moors to-wards Blackway Head.



The path may be indistinct in places, but the yellow topped signs are plentiful. As you begin the descent from the summit onto Carrshield Moor you will find the junction of the path from Carrshield, turn right and retrace your steps back to Carrshield Camping Barn.



Carrshield, Hexham NE47 8AR

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