

Fourstones

Walk 1: East to Warden Hill - 3 km/2 miles
Walk 2: Frankham - 1 km/½ mile

Here are two good walks from Fourstones designed to take in great views and a lovely section of riverside walking.



Length: 2 km/1¼ miles
Allow: 45 mins

A short, easy walk with a good view of the fells above Newbrough and a delightful return route along the River South Tyne.

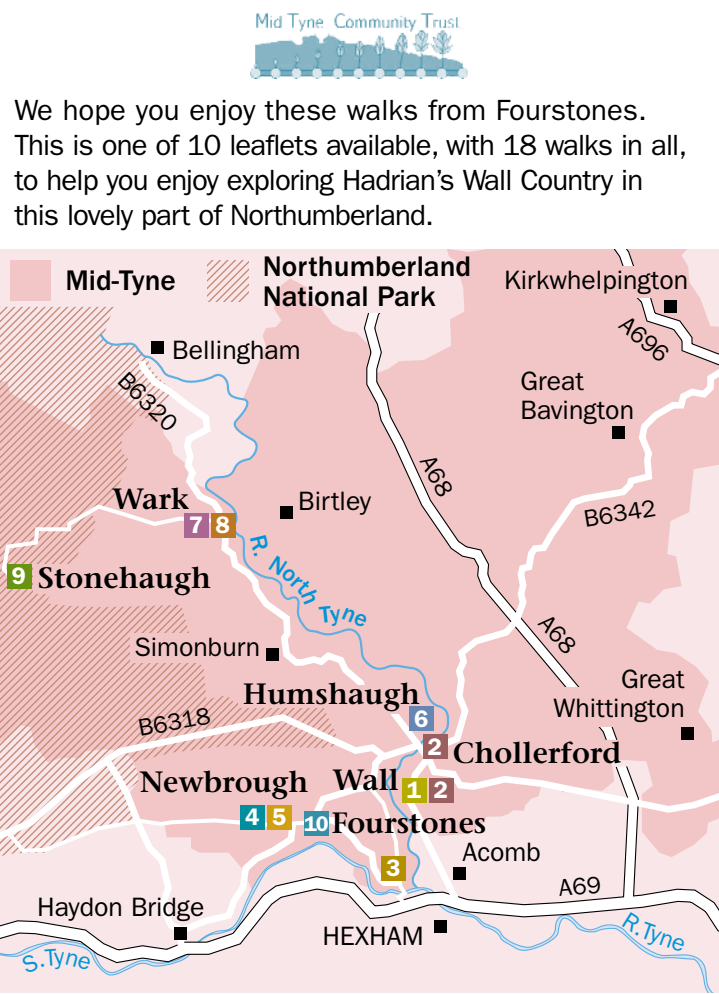
As Walk 1

From the Post Office walk up the road for about 250m (the road is signed to Chollerford).

- 1 At the bend with a layby take a footpath on your left signed 'Frankham ½'. Follow the track with the wall on your right, through a gate at the bottom of the hill and past Frankham Farm buildings. At the road turn left and walk down to the main road.
- 2 Turn right and just after the school warning sign, turn left (signed Haydon Bridge). After 20m turn left again, down a lane, to cross the railway line - take care to follow the safety warnings.
- 3 Pass a cottage on your left and then turn left to follow the riverside footpath.
- 4 After about 500m you come to another house (Railway Cottage). Turn left here, up the gravel drive to cross back over the railway line. Walk up the road, past the Railway Inn to the start.



The Ellen Wheel, Settlingstones Mine (1690-1969). Restored in 2004 as a memorial to all the men and women of Newbrough, Fourstones and Warden who worked in the local lead mines, coal mines and quarries.



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Walk 1 : A view of Fourstones and beyond


Length: 3 km/2 miles

Allow: 1 hour 15 mins

This pleasant walk to Warden Hill rewards you with excellent panoramic views across south west Northumberland.

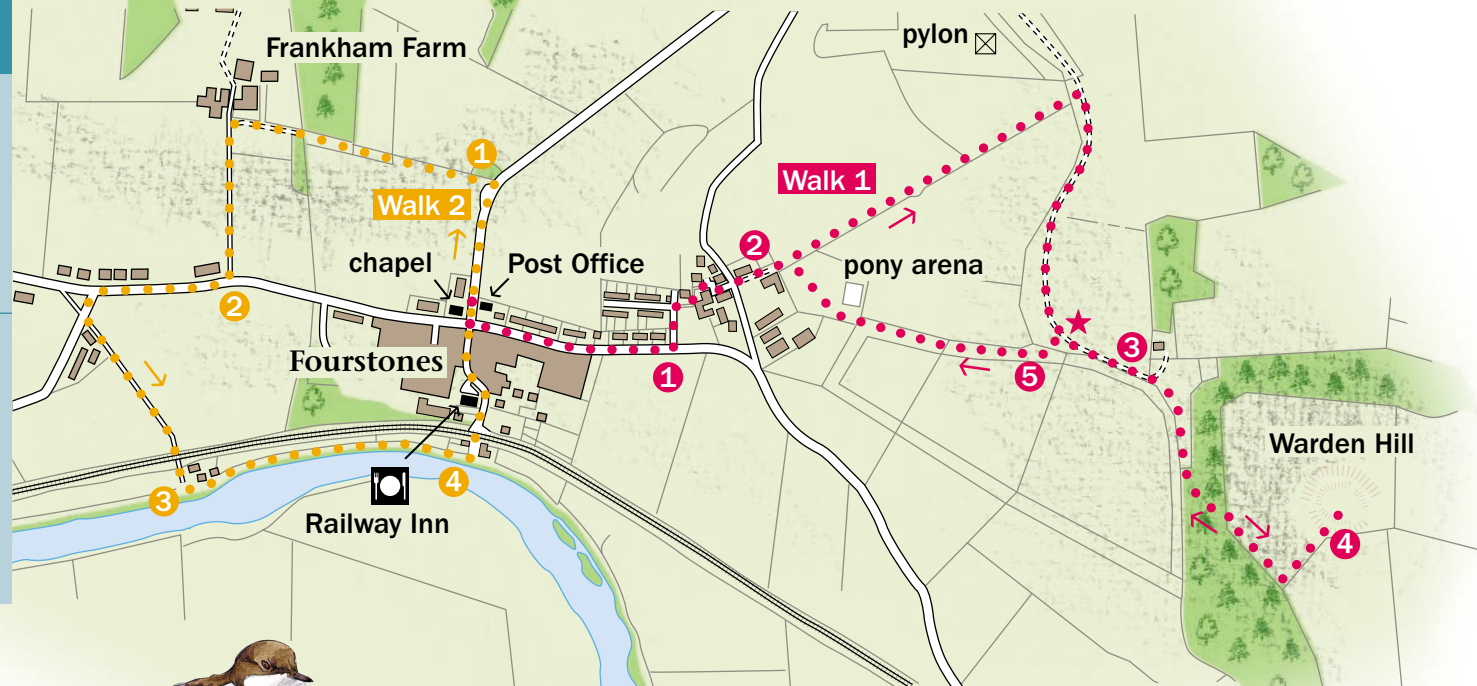
 Bus stop Fourstones
(Tyne Valley Coaches 01434 602217)

 The Railway Inn (01434 647711) serves meals and welcomes walkers.

 In a safe place beside the Post Office or nearby.

From the Post Office, walk down to the main road and turn left (towards Hexham).

- 1** Turn left up a road at the end of a row of houses. After 30m turn right, following the footpath signed 'Whinney Hill ½ mile'. Follow the yellow-waymarked path between gardens, through a kissing gate, then another gate and then cross straight over the road to join a public bridleway. This is signed 'Warden 2, Bridge End 2'.
- 2** Cross a stile next to a gate and follow the path up the fell, with a wall on your right. Cross another stile with gate and at the end of this field you come to a ladder stile. Cross the stile to a track and turn right. Follow the track up through banks of gorse. At a second area of gorse, stay on the track as it turns left, following the fingerpost sign to Warden (★).
- 3** Go through a gate at the top of the field and where the track turns left to a house turn right to follow a grassy path. After 100m go through a gate and very soon turn left, up through Scots pine woods, on a path signed 'Warden 1½'.



Sand and house martins visit the river in summer, the dark brown dipper (left) is a year-round regular as are the heron and gooseander.

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Leave the wood and turn right to the next wall; don't go through the wicket gate, instead turn left and climb the hill beside the wall to get to Warden Hill and its wonderful viewpoint.

- 4** Once you have soaked up the view, retrace your steps to the fingerpost next to the track (★). At the fingerpost take a sharp left, through a gate and then right to descend the hill.
- 5** Walk down the fell with the wall on your right, through two gates, then just past a pony arena turn half right at a waymarker to cross the field to another gate. You have now rejoined your outward route. Turn left and retrace your steps back to Fourstones.

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The River South Tyne

The source of the South Tyne is in the peaty mosses of Alston Moor. It is joined by the Tipalt Burn near Haltwhistle and by the River Allen near Bardon Mill. By the time it flows past Fourstones this is one of Northumberland's impressive wild rivers.



This sculpture by Gilbert Ward marks the source of the South Tyne