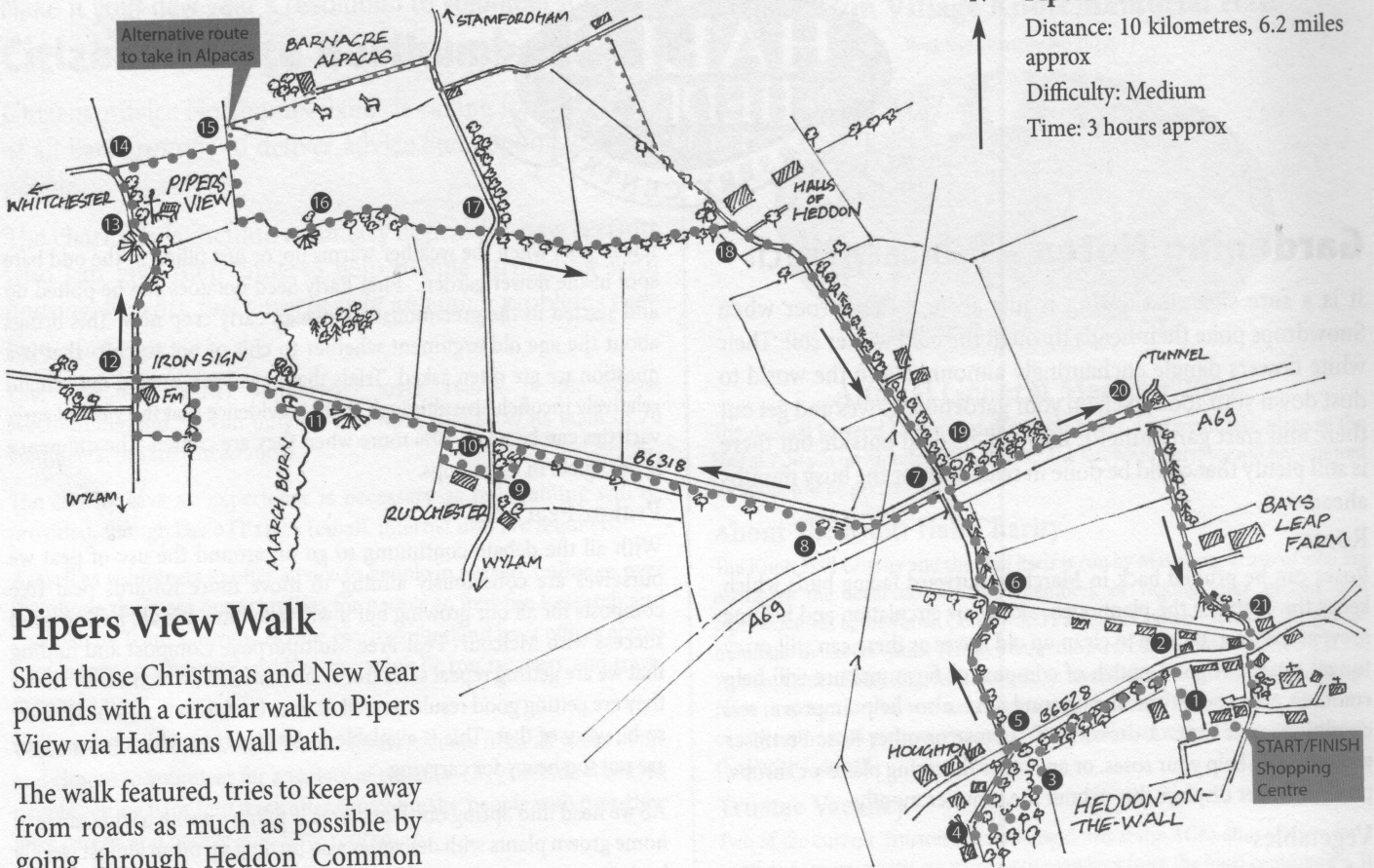


N Pipers View Walk

Distance: 10 kilometres, 6.2 miles approx

Difficulty: Medium

Time: 3 hours approx



Pipers View Walk

Shed those Christmas and New Year pounds with a circular walk to Pipers View via Hadrians Wall Path.

The walk featured, tries to keep away from roads as much as possible by going through Heddon Common and returning via Bays Leap Farm.

The route can start from anywhere in Heddon - but for this walk we start at the shopping centre, head west turning right up the path through the Welfare Field ① to the gate at the top of the field.

Go through the gate ② at the top of the Welfare Field and follow the main path up through the top common. Follow the path alongside the quarry until it forks ③ take the right hand path to Hill Head ④ where you can enjoy the view west. Take the metalled road down to the B6528 (old A69) cross the road and head towards Houghton until you come to the farm track ⑤ that takes you to the Military Road ⑥. Cross the Military Road (B6318) and follow the path over the bypass, cross the road and climb over the stile to join Hadrians Wall Path ⑦.

Go through the kissing gate ⑧ down the steps and continue west. The path can become boggy for the first 100 metres in wet weather. Follow the path until Rudchester ⑨ cross the road and follow path passing Vindobala Roman Fort ⑩. Go

through gate following the path taking in the view south west across the Tyne Valley. Cross the March Burn ⑪ and onwards to Iron Sign Farm when reaching the fence the path turns sharply South along the fence then right along a narrow path until you come to the minor road.

Take the minor road North until you reach the crossroads ⑫ carefully cross the Military Road as the traffic can be travelling fast and head towards Whitchester. Reaching Pipers View, ⑬ spend a few minutes to take in the view in all directions. Continue past Pipers View until the road bends left, take a right hand turn ⑭ and follow the farm track up the side of the field. At ⑮ you can turn left a take the alternative route and follow the finger signs to Turpins Hill home to Barnacres Alpacas. Our route turns right at ⑮ along the side of the field following the track taking in another viewpoint ⑯ before heading downhill until you reach the Stamfordham Road ⑰. Take care crossing the road and head down 'Green Lane' until you come to Heddon House and Halls of Heddon Nurseries ⑱. Follow the road towards the A69 until you come to the finger post at ⑲ take the path down into the small wood that goes alongside the dual carriageway until you come to a gate at ⑳. Turn right and head towards Heddon going through the tunnel under the A69 and along the farm track (which can be very muddy and heavy underfoot when wet, as far as Bays Leap Farm) until you come to the junction of the B6138 and the B6528 ㉑ at the Three Tuns. Cross the roads and back to the start.

The view south west before crossing the March Burn at 11



Wylam Waggonway - Temporary Closure

Resurfacing work on the Wylam Waggonway /Hadrian's Cycleway (NCN72) is planned to start on 17 January and last 7 weeks.

The path from Stephenson's Cottage to Blaney Row will be closed during the duration of this work.

Pedestrian access between Newburn and Wylam is along the unsurfaced riverside footpath.

Signs in village show alternative routes.



Pipers View - The seat and weather vane, looking towards Simonside.

Why the name Pipers View?

We once met 'the piper'

He explained that he can't practise at his home because of the noise so as he is a friend of the farmer, the farmer said he could come and practise there any time and wouldn't bother anyone.

The weather vane has been there a while but the piper just put the other sign up during lockdown.

It is wonderful to hear him if you are lucky enough to be there at the same time.

Lynda Henderson

Hi all, I put the seat there for the piper.

He used to stand and play his pipes.

It was also in memory of my late mother who used to push the children along the road when they were babies!

It gives me great pleasure to see that it is used to enjoy the views of the countryside.

The piper still plays and on a still evening I can hear him from my house.

Emma Spence

The Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- Be nice, say hello, share the space
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

For further information visit www.gov.uk/countryside-code

