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The
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a
hike

local walking guide

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Mickleton & Fell Lane

4 miles, 90 - 120 mins

From the Rose and Crown door turn right and walk up to the T junction. Fell Lane is the narrow road opposite. Head up the lane until you pass the houses and the old station and you will come to the old railway line on your right.

Follow the railway line until you come to cross the road just before Mickleton, this is the first road you come to. Take a left and follow the road up Bale hill, this is quite a climb.

At the very top of the hill you will pass an aerial mast and then come to a cross roads, take the left hand lane, this is Fell lane and will bring you back down into Romaldkirk where you started from.

This is a round trip of about three miles. The total journey time will be about two hours.

Fell Lane & Hunderthwaite

3 miles, 60 - 90 mins

This walk lies wholly on roadways so you can wear whatever clothing and footwear suit the weather.

From the Rose and Crown door turn right and walk up to the T junction. Fell Lane is the narrow road opposite. In just over a mile it climbs 400 feet, providing fine views to the East, North and South.

At the cross roads at the top of the lane turn left and then left again at the T junction at the end of the road. This road will lead you through the little village of Hunderthwaite, when the road forks in the centre of the village take the left hand fork sign posted Romaldkirk. At the end of this road turn left and you are back to Romaldkirk.

Old railway line to Cotherstone, returning via the river

6 miles, 2 – 3 hours, walking boots required

From the Rose and Crown door turn right and walk up to the T junction. Here take a left towards Barnard Castle. Take the first right along the Hunderthwaite road. Three hundred yards further on you will see a gate on the left taking you onto the old railway.

Half a mile along the track there is a splendid viaduct over the River Balder followed a further half mile on by a road to cross.

Continuing along the railway line you will pass under an old railway arch and around half a mile further on you will come across a stone ladder type stile on the left, beware there is no sign post, if you reach the road you have missed it. Use this to cross into the field and then walk directly down the field to the gate in the bottom right hand corner.

After exiting the gate follow the lane to your left down through the cottages to the road. Upon reaching the road turn left for a few metres and then take the lane on your right. Follow the lane down to the river passing a grass parking area and playing field. When arriving at the river follow the path to the left over a narrow foot bridge. On the other side of the bridge follow the path to the right along the Teesdale way.

Take the path along the river bank until it opens out onto a slightly sandy bank, at this point the path heads away from the river into fields.

Upon entering the field follow the right hand fence until you reach a stile which takes you back to the river side. Follow the path along the river and across a footbridge. The path now heads back into fields.

When entering the field head to the right then directly up the centre of the field over the brow of the hill, once over the brow head to your right and through the gate to the right hand side of the stone wall. Stick to the right of the next field and you will pass a farm house then come to a metal gate on your right. Pass through the gate and then walk on through the farm yard, passing the rental cottages and then a barn (usually with barking sheepdogs, don't worry though they are penned in!). As you pass down the right hand side of the barn you will come to a gate taking you into a field. Stick to the right hand side of the field and you will come to another gate. After this gate again stick to the right hand wall and head down towards the woods.

The path will now take you along the river bank through the woods. The path heads down through the trees reaching the

river before heading back up a stony bank which can be slippery, beware this area can also be very muddy. At the top of the bank you will cross a small beck with a stone wall before heading through another wooded area.

At the end of the woods you pass through a wooden gate into a field. Stick to the right of the field until you near the derelict cottage, head up to your left past the front of the cottage where you will find the next gate. Pass through the gate and past the cottage on your right, follow the track for around 50 metres then head to your right, up the bank towards the small gap in the hedge.

Pass through the hedge and cross the field diagonally heading to the far left corner where you will find another gate. Continue on the same angle across the next field and you will come to a wooden gate which takes you onto an enclosed lane.

Follow the lane and you will arrive at Romaldkirk village green, take a left at the end of the lane to return to the Rose & Crown.

Eggleston Bridge via Primrose Lane & Beer Beck

2 miles, 40 - 60 mins

From the front door of the Rose and Crown, turn left and follow the road to the corner near the church. Cross the road and take the lane which heads down the left hand side of the village green. Follow this lane right down as if you are heading to the cottages at the bottom of the green, just before the cottages that are on the right hand side a "Teesdale Way" signpost directs you along the narrow track known as "Primrose Lane" which is on your left. At the bottom of the lane an old stone footbridge takes you over Beer Beck, and fifty yards further on you cross a stone stile on the left.

Head diagonally across the field towards the telegraph pole near the wall, the stile is to the right of the pole. Turn right and follow the wall and fence around the edge of the field until you reach a wooden stile.

Cross the stile and continue to follow the fence on your right. As you near the bottom of the field head to the bottom left hand corner where you can see a small stone building. The stile here takes you on to the road and turning right will take you down to Egglestone Bridge where you can view the river Tees.

You can either return the way you came or take the road back to Romaldkirk, although this has a few blind corners so is not the best route if walking with children or dogs.



Mickleton via 'The Donkey Track' returning on the railway line

7.5 miles, 2 - 3 hours

From the Rose and Crown door turn right and walk up to the T junction. Fell Lane is the narrow road opposite. Head up the lane until you reach a cross roads. At the cross roads head straight across onto the track opposite, this is the 'Donkey track'. On a clear day the views are stunning with Cotherstone Moor across the dale to your left and Monk's moor in the distance on your right. Follow the Donkey track to the end, where you will see a farm house on the right. Take a right turn and follow this lane to its end, Grassholme reservoir can be seen on your left as you descend.

At the end of the lane cross the road and take the foot path opposite. Upon entering the field head diagonally to your right, cutting the corner off the field, to reach the wall on the right of the field. Pass through the stone stile and turn left following the wall, cross two wooden stiles and then as you approach the small corpse of trees cut the corner off the field, heading to the stone stile in the wall at the end of the field (to the right of the trees). Pass through the stile and again head diagonally to your right to the next stone stile. In this field head across and slightly to your left to the yellow post on the opposite side. From here you will see the gate at the top of the field, pass through this and the next wooden gate to reach a short track bordering some cottages.

At the end of the track, opposite the farm house, take a right down the lane until you reach the railway line walk on your right, there is an impressive viaduct immediately to you left. Follow the railway line to Mickleton where if you fancy some lunch or a drink the 'Crown' can be recommended. Alternatively follow the railway line all the way back to Romaldkirk.

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