



This 3½ mile (5.5km) walk explores the historic landscape of Fallowfield Fell.

The northern section is mostly along quiet roads while the southern part crosses open fields and woodland. There are a number of short steep slopes, but otherwise the gradients are fairly gentle.

The route can be followed in either direction and can be accessed from the road at several points (see map). You should allow approximately 2 - 2½ hours to complete the whole route.

The Hadrian's Wall Bus runs through Wall Village, and the walk is best started from here. Parking within the village is

limited, but adequate parking can be found just out of the village on the north side.

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Walking around Hadrian's Wall

Wall Village and Fallowfield Fell

Up to 3½ miles / 5.5 km



Wall is one of the few villages in Northumberland to have retained a substantial village green.

Several of the present-day buildings surrounding the green were originally bastle houses. In the 16th Century it is likely that Wall was a defended village, and that livestock were brought on to the green at night for security from raiders.

Fallowfield Fell

This area is steeped in history. The Romans quarried stone at Written Crag on the Fell, while around Fallowfield itself can be seen the remains of a medieval village and field system. A small Iron Age settlement sits on the hill above Wall Village.



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↑ Wall War Memorial

In the mid-18th century, lead and coal mining on the fell employed over 80 people, many of whom lived at Fallowfield. The mines were abandoned in the 19th century and the workers' houses demolished. The mining and quarrying activity has left many mounds and depressions across Fallowfield Fell.

Roman Wall at Planetrees

The short preserved section of the Roman Wall at Planetrees shows a dramatic reduction in width from the Broad Wall (2.9m) to the Narrow Wall (1.7m). One explanation is that the quantity of stone required to complete the Broad Wall section down to Brunton Turret was thought excessive and the plans were thus altered.

↓ Lane near Planetrees



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Key to map

- ... Main route
- ... Other rights of way
- ☀ Viewpoint
- > Gradient - moderate
- >> Gradient - steep
- ① Access to road
- Ⓐ Point of interest
- P Parking
- WC Toilets
- ℹ Tourist information
- ☎ Telephone
- Ⓐ Picnic area
- 🚌 Bus stop
- ☕ Refreshments/Pub

Key to gradient profile

- ⌋ Gate
- ⌋ Kissing gate
- ⌋ Step stile
- ⌋ Ladder stile
- ⌋ Steps
- ⌋ Signpost
- ⌋ Bridge
- ⌋ Seat

Path surface

- Grass
- Firm/even ground
- Rough/uneven ground
- Soft ground

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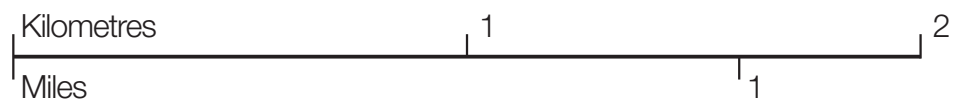
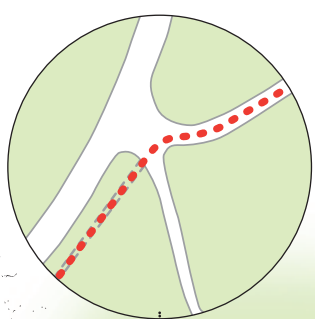
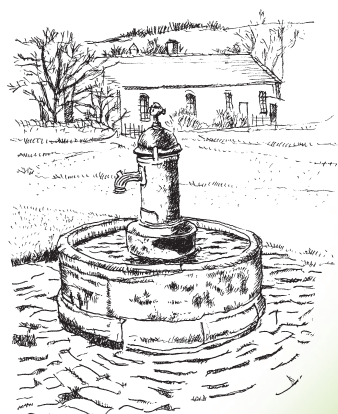
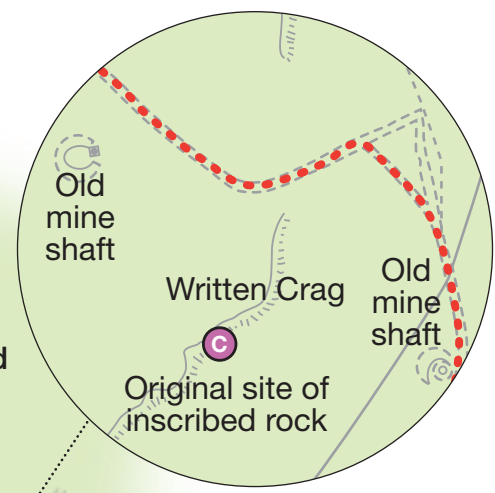
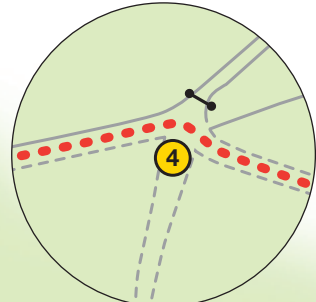


Illustration: Andrea Roberts



A The footpath on the north side of the lane leads to a preserved section of Hadrian's Wall at Planetrees.

B Beside the stone wall lies the base of a stone cross, perhaps once an important stopping point on the pilgrim route between Hexham Abbey and St Oswald's Church on the Roman Wall.



H The village pant, or fountain, is fed by a spring on the fell to the east of the village.

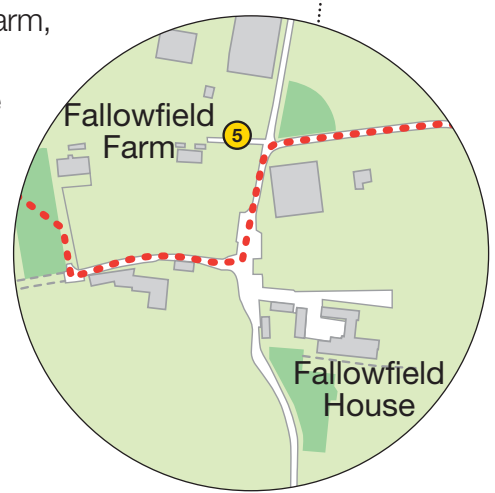


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G This roughly circular enclosure was a fortified Iron Age settlement. The remains of several huts were found within the earthworks.



F An extensive field system once surrounded the medieval village at Fallowfield. To the northwest of the farm, the medieval field banks overlie an earlier Iron Age enclosure.

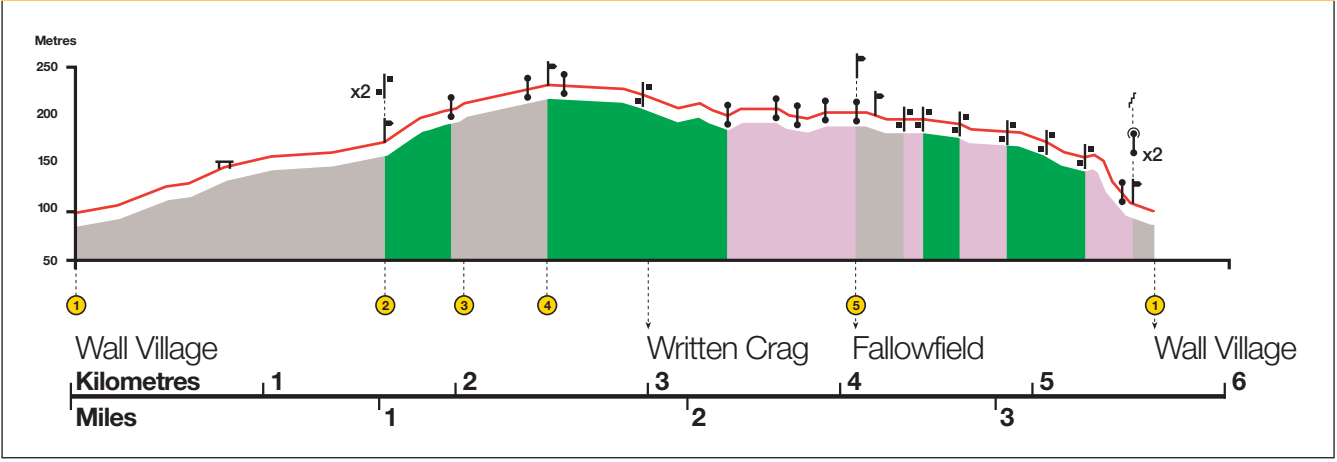


E The earthworks in these fields are the remains of the medieval village which was finally abandoned in the 15th Century

C The inscription PETRA FLAVI CARANTINI was carved on a sandstone block on Written Crag, perhaps by a Roman quarryman who was reserving the stone for a future job. The block was removed for safe-keeping and can now be seen at Chesters Museum.

D The ring-shaped mounds beside the track are the collapsed remains of mine shafts which once connected with coal workings below.

Wall Village and Fallowfield Fell - Gradient profile - slopes, structures and path surface.



↓ Written Crag



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