

# Deepdale + Lartington

A circular walk from Barnard Castle

**Terrain:** a mixture of woodland/field paths with some road walking

**Start/Finish:** Scar Top, Barnard Castle (NZ049166)

**Distance:** 6½ miles/10.4 Km

**Climb:** 490 feet/150 metres

**Time:** allow 3 hours

**Maps:** Ordnance Survey 1:25K OL31, OS 1:50K Landranger 92

**Refreshments:** Various cafes/pubs in Barnard Castle



NOTE: THIS SKETCH MAP IS NOT TO SCALE  
AND IS FOR ROUTE INDICATION ONLY.  
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CARRY AN  
ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP AND COMPASS  
AND KNOW HOW TO USE THEM



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**A delightful walk through the meadows and woods between Barnard Castle and village of Lartington. Ideal for anytime of the year, but probably at it's best during the Spring when the woods will be full of Bluebells or the Autumn months when hopefully the trees in the woods will be at their colourful best.**

From Scar Top go right past the paly area and then keep left, going downhill to join the path alongside the River Tees beside the footbridge. Cross the bridge, which gives great views of the castle, to the Lartington Road, go right along this until a footpath sign on the right. Take the track between the houses and follow it first across open meadows beside the river, and then into Pecknell Woods over a cattle grid. Continue on the track through the woods, passing a cottage on the right, until you reach a track going off on the left leading to a wooden gate. Go along this, through the gate and then across the meadow beyond aiming for a cottage. Pass to the right of this to join a track, which is followed to Pecknell Farm. Go straight through the farm yard in the same direction, exiting through a double set of metal gates. Then follow the path along the left hand edge of the field to reach some buildings on the Lartington Estate. Keep along the field edge behind these to reach a gate, go left here onto a track and then right at the junction beside Diary Cottage onto a road. Keep on the road to reach some more buildings, go right where the road forks to enter Lartington village. Go right along the B6277 through the village, which has many lovely cottages/houses until it splits, shortly after crossing the old railway line.

Keep left along Lartington Green Lane, sign posted to Bowes, and follow it as far as the track leading to Low Crag Farm.

Go left along this through meadows, where the track forks go right, to pass through a small wooded area, and then over open meadows again heading for Crag Pond. Keep on the track as it enters another wooded area, the pond is off to your right, but not visible because of the trees. Shortly before reaching a stone wall, leave the track at the footpath marker on the left and follow the path through the trees. At first this is level, but soon drops down into the Deepdale valley, sections of this can be very wet and muddy, care is needed in places.

The return back through Deepdale is lovely despite the lack of any distant views because of the trees. The path undulates along the northern side of the valley, sometimes alongside the stream, other times high above it. Navigation is easy enough, there are two junctions where the path forks, each time keep to the left. The first time you will climb slightly to reach a seat and then go right past this. The second time you will go down along a sunken lane which twists and turns to reach the footbridge over Raygill Beck. After crossing the footbridge, keep right to shortly reach a surface track, go left along this to reach the B6277 Lartington Road again. Cross this and walk a short distance to your left to reach the footbridge over the River Tees at the start of the walk. Go over it and then re-trace the outward route back to Scar Top.

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