



Walk 4
The mile
of stiles

Wolsingham Circular Walks

The Mile of Stiles

An easy circular walk to Newlands Hall, returning via the mile of stiles.



This leaflet was prepared by the Wolsingham Wayfarers, an independent voluntary group, dedicated to monitoring, looking after and promoting the 140 miles of designated footpaths in the Wolsingham Parish.

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Walk information

DISTANCE - 4 miles (6.5 km).

MINIMUM TIME - 2 hours.

ELEVATION GAIN - 73m (239ft).

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - Easy.

PATHS - Farmland with livestock, farm tracks and fields.

STILES - 7 stiles and 6 ladder stiles.

PARKING - Demesne Mill Picnic Area.
Nearest postcode DL13 3DB.

PUBLIC TOILETS - At the junction of Market Place and Angate Street.



Please follow the Countryside Code

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About the walk

The Mile of Stiles

If you're a fan of stiles, this is the walk for you. This relatively simple, four-mile walk takes you out to the farm at Newlands Hall and brings you back across farmland where evidence of the medieval strip farming system can still be seen.

The route is known locally as 'The Mile of Stiles.' We've counted thirteen stiles and ladder stiles along the route with ten of them appearing in quick succession along 'The Mile of Stiles.'

When you're not climbing over stiles, make sure you take time to look around at the beautiful views of the valley.

Welcome to wonderful Wolsingham



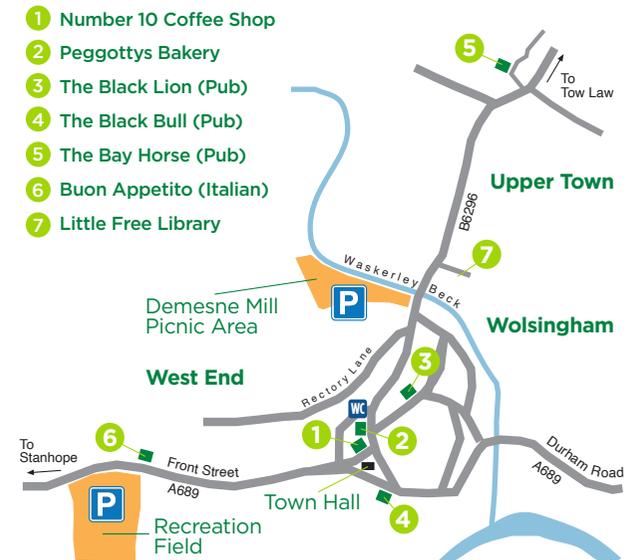
This is one of a series of walk leaflets produced by the Wolsingham Wayfarers, created to showcase Wolsingham's extensive public footpath network. With more than 140 miles of designated footpaths, most of them interlinked, there are plenty of opportunities for creating your own circular walks. A map showing all the footpaths in Wolsingham Parish can be found on the wall of the Town Hall in Wolsingham Market Place. Walks from Wolsingham are covered by OS Explorer maps 307 and OL31.

Ample parking for walkers is provided at Demesne Mill Picnic Site (off the B6296 Tow Law road) and at the Recreation Field (off the A689 Stanhope road). Visitors are asked to keep the market place in Wolsingham clear for local shoppers and library users. The amount of time you can park in the market place is also restricted. For information on public transport ring Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

Several tea shops, cafes and pubs are shown on the map below. They offer good food and a very welcome drink at the end of a long walk. A few also offer accommodation.

The Wolsingham Wayfarers run regular free guided walks, a great way to discover new paths and routes. Check out our website and social media pages for up-to-date information on walks and activities (information on back page).

Wolsingham's parking and facilities



A The walk sets off from the picnic area at Demesne Mill off the B6296 (Wolsingham to Tow Law road). From the car parking area follow the path that runs out alongside the beck into the picnic area, turning left up the hill when you reach the fork.

B At the top of this path turn right. After a short while stay on this path as it turns left, ignoring the kissing gate in front of you. Continue on this path which runs alongside the field, and then takes you through a series of gates, which will eventually bring you out on to Leazes Lane (Tunstall Road).

C Cross the road and go onto the farm road opposite (signposted Leazes Farm). Continue on the farm road and stay right as you approach the farm buildings.

D Continue on and once past the large farm buildings, go through the metal gate ahead of you, and stay on the farm road as it turns left towards the buildings at Lason Field (ignoring the kissing gate on your right, and the gate and track in front of you).

As you pass the buildings at Lason Field go through the gate on the right and continue up the track between the two fields.



E At the end of the track go through the gate and head straight over the field to your first stile, closely followed by a ladder stile taking you over the stone wall ahead.

F Head straight over the next field and through a gate located in the middle of the wall. Keep to the left of the field next to the fence, and after the next gate keep on the track to the right of the field and then through two more gates into Newlands Hall.

G Turn left down the farm drive, ignoring the gate ahead of you that would take you into the farmyard. After 100m, turn left again on to a rough track taking you across the centre of the field towards a gate (look for the yellow arrow painted on a stone) and back towards Wolsingham.

Go through the gate and continue straight on through the field, keeping the fence on your left. Go through the next gate and stay right along the boundary of the field. Follow the boundary as it turns right and go through the gate into the next field.

H Keep right into the corner of the field, through the gate and turn sharply left around the gate post to follow the fence on your left side.

You are now following the route known locally as 'The Mile of Stiles', returning you through gates and stiles to Leazes Lane in an almost straight line, crossing on the way a series of long narrow fields, relics of the medieval strips which formed West Field, from which the modern farm (out of sight below on the road) takes its name.

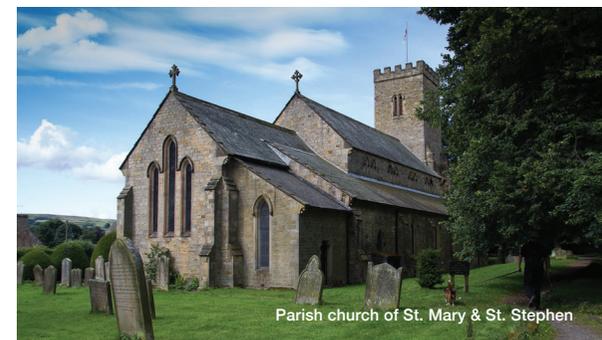
I Through the next gate, head straight over the field towards a stile over the stone wall. It's then straight across to a ladder stile and then straight over the next field to another ladder stile. The next ladder stile has a door to keep adventurous sheep in place. Continue straight over to a stile over a fence and through the gap in the wall to the next field.

Go through the next gate and straight over the field to a stile in a wall. Head slightly right over the next field to another wall stile, then again straight over the field to yet another wall stile.

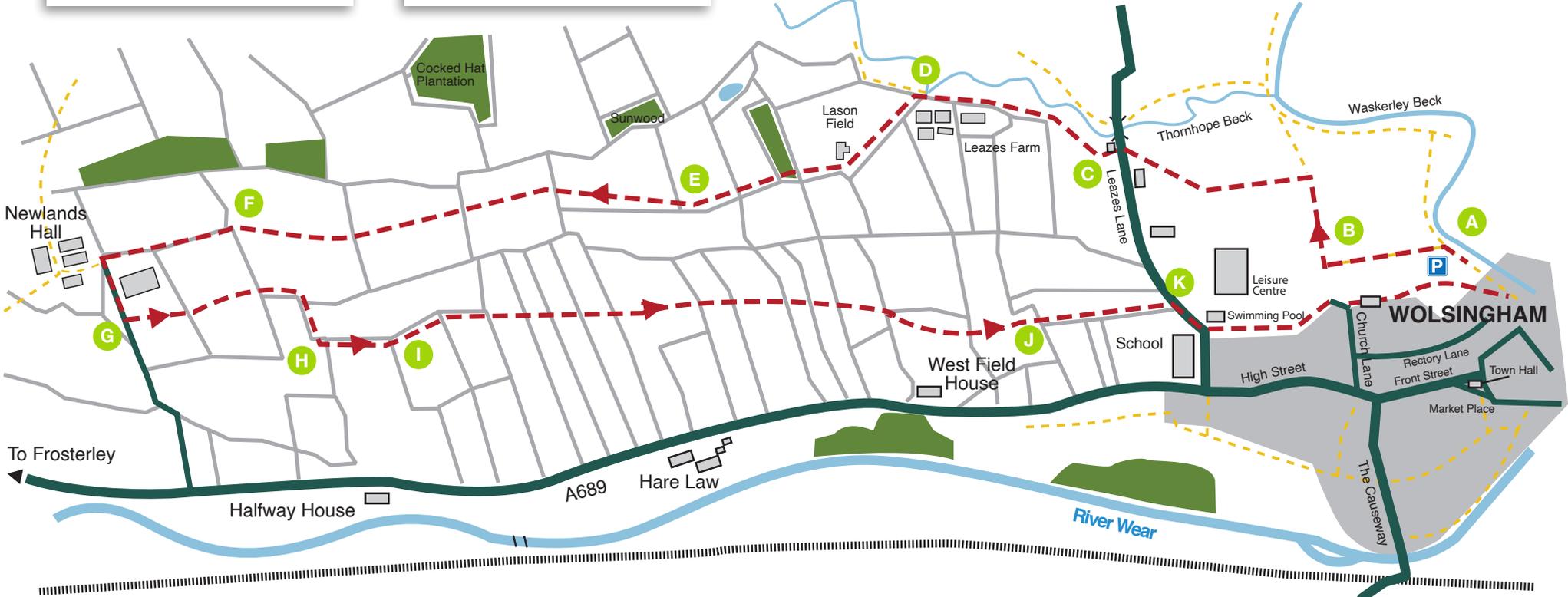


J Go through the gate ahead of you, over the next ladder stile, and then head slightly right across the next field towards two gates. Take the gate on the right, and head across the field to a ladder stile. Go straight across the field and through the kissing gate. Follow the path and over one final stile back onto Leazes Lane.

K Turn right onto Leazes Lane and then take the second left towards the Leisure Centre (signposted Community Sports Hall). Follow the public footpath to the right of the gates. Turn right into the church grounds and follow the path keeping left towards a kissing gate. Head diagonally left across the field and take the stone steps down the bank. The kissing gate at the bottom takes you into the car park at Demesne Mill, and the end of our walk.



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To Frosterley

To Hamsterley

-  Circular Walk
-  Footpaths
-  Railway
-  Wooded Areas

