

THE HADRIAN HIKE

Northumberland

At Crag Lough, there is a steep drop.

The path will take you along the Wall as it cuts through woodland before opening up to incredible views of the historic monument snaking into the distance. You will pass Milecastle 37 – the remains of a small Roman barrack block.

This is the only section where you can walk along the actual Wall.

Continue along the path until reaching the top of Hotbank Crag. Another elevated spot where visitors can take in the scale of Hadrian's Wall. You will pass Hotbank Farm and another Milecastle 38 on your journey by Crag Lough.

Enjoy incredible views over Crag Lough

Head away from the Wall as you go downhill to reach the path running alongside it. Follow the "Roman Military Way" back to the visitor centre on, a route slightly less challenging than the main Roman Wall Path.

Sycamore Gap appeared in a scene in the blockbuster "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves" featuring Oscar winners Kevin Costner and Morgan Freeman.

Beyond the Crag, the path drops away on the way down to the iconic 'Sycamore Gap'. There is something incredibly thrilling about the sight – a perfect natural monument framed in such a perfect, remote and peaceful setting.

Continue on to Housesteads Roman Fort. Perched on a hill on Hadrian's Wall. The Fort is a remnant of one of the northernmost posts of the Roman Empire. Join the Roman Wall Path and head out on the hike.

As well as stunning views and incredible remains, don't forget to look into the oldest toilets you'll ever see!

The path temporarily rejoins the Main Roman Wall, heading past the farm. As you pass the wood, follow the path which heads to the right, as you return to the Fort and on to the Visitor Centre.

This was an administrative road along a ditch created to ferry supplies to the garrison.

At Housesteads Information Centre learn about the Roman history of the area. The centre sells locally produced arts and crafts and Roman souvenirs, that will help you remember a brilliant day "along the Wall".

There is a charge to gain access to Housesteads Roman Fort at the start of the Hike, for information visit: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/housesteads-roman-fort-hadrians-wall/

5.1 MILES BUS STOP

CHALLENGING – STEEP RISES AND ROUGH UNDERFOOT IN PLACES

A looping hike that takes in some absolutely breathtaking countryside.

Soak up rural Northumberland, from setting off at a former Roman stronghold to visiting one of the most famous trees in the country.

Set your heart racing on some challenging ascents and take in the history of the site as you coast back downhill.

THE ROUTE

1. Roman around
2. What did the Romans do for us?
3. Head for the woods
4. Lakeview
5. The Robin Hood Tree!
6. About turn, centurion!
7. Housesteads return

HOW TO GET TO THE START

Visit livemap.nexus.org.uk and enter the postcode NE47 6NN.

SUITABILITY



The Hadrian Hike is not suitable for wheeled pedestrians and cyclists

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