

# MOSEY AROUND MORPETH

Northumberland

2.3 MILES

MOSTLY FLAT

BUS STOP

TRAIN

Travel along the banks of the Wansbeck, following the woodland pathway. Head along this route until you reach the Mitford Road Bridge, cross over and pass Morpeth Rugby Club.

Keep your eyes peeled for herons, ducks and other wildfowl.

Cross Skinnery Footbridge back to the High Stanners from Dogger Bank. Built in 1904, the iron bridge sets you back on your way to Oldgate.

Pass the Stepping Stones (or “The Bakehouse Steps”) – concrete blocks set at regular intervals in the river bed. **Do not be tempted to cross the stones if the river is in flood!**

When Edward I returned from Scotland in 1296, he passed the newly built Chantry before spending the night in Morpeth Castle.

This time, cross Oldgate Bridge and head by Morpeth Clock Tower, one of the town’s most famous landmarks.

Begin your Mosey at the Chantry, a 13th Century Grade I listed building on the banks of the Wansbeck. It has been used for a variety of purposes – from a cholera hospital to a mineral water factory.

Look out for Collingwood House, former home of Admiral Lord Collingwood.

After exploring Carlisle Park, head along the riverside to Oldgate Bridge, built in 1970. Don’t cross it – instead, head under it and follow Challoner’s Gardens path along the river or “High Stanners”, as it’s known.

Davison is buried in nearby St Mary the Virgin Church.

Visit the Emily Wilding Davison statue, unveiled in September 2018. The statue was commissioned to honour the life of the Northumberland campaigner, who died “throwing herself” under King George V’s horse at the 1913 Derby in support of the British suffragette movement.

Cross Telford Bridge to award-winning Carlisle Park, which sits at the heart of Morpeth. It contains the William Turner Garden, an aviary, play areas, paddling pool, ancient woodland, picnic areas, toilets, tennis courts, bowling greens and a skate park.

Can you find the William Turner Garden in Carlisle Park? A tribute to the ‘The Father of English Botany’.

It is recommended that pushchair users go over Oldgate Bridge (before point 4) and pass the clocktower to return to the start.

One of Northumberland’s most unique and best-loved market towns, Morpeth has a wealth of attractions and landmarks for the cyclist and walker.

History and heritage combines with hustle and bustle in this picturesque town where its proud traditions are maintained while it embraces the needs of the modern visitor economy.

With its vibrant town centre, stylish retail outlets and upscale bars and eateries, Morpeth combines irresistible antiquity while showcasing its heritage and beauty.

## THE ROUTE

1. Chantry launchpad
2. Embark to the park
3. Local hero
4. Bridge over untroubled water
5. Woodland by the Wansbeck
6. Close the loop
7. Skipping over the river like a stone
8. For whom the bell tolls

## HOW TO GET TO THE START

Visit [livemap.nexus.org.uk](http://livemap.nexus.org.uk) and enter the postcode NE61 1PD.

## SUITABILITY

Full route	Not suitable	Partial route	Not suitable

The Mosey Around Morpeth is not suitable for wheeled pedestrians and cyclists – a shortened route is accessible for pushchair users

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