

Roman Wall – Once Brewed and Cawfields

The September Sunday **BLACK** walk (with 809ft of ascent) will start from The Sill National Park Centre at Once Brewed [NE47 7AN]. Meet there at 10am. Pay and display parking is available there. This is a moderate 7 mile walk and should take about 4 hours. The walk heads up onto the wall near Steel Rigg Car Park, along the wall to Cawfield's Quarry and then returns to The Sill on footpaths, tracks and some sections of quiet road.

Leave the car park and turn left to reach the main B6318 Military Road. Cross the Military Road and follow the minor road ahead uphill. Take the second footpath on the left through the kissing gate signed 'Caw Gap'. Head onto the footpath alongside Hadrian's Wall. Look out for the remains of Milecastle 40. And then for the triangulation point on top of Winshields crags which marks the highest point on the Wall, 1,132ft/345m. From the trig point, follow the footpath alongside the wall for about 1 mile, passing Milecastle 41. This section has a number of ascents and descents and eventually drops down to a minor road at Caw Gap. Cross over the road, go through the kissing gate and follow the path signed 'Cawfields Quarry'. Head along to Cawfields Crags. Some of the best preserved sections of Hadrian's Wall can be seen here, along with wonderful views of the surrounding countryside.

We could take a short diversion here to Cawfields Quarry lake where there is a nature trail and limited refreshments are available.

Skirt Milecastle 42 and take the slightly indistinct grassy tack on the left over the field. This becomes a farm track heading towards a gate in the wall. Go through the kissing gate and turn left along the minor road. Cross over the Military Road and go straight up on the minor road, passing the Milecastle Inn on the left. After the cottage on the left take the footpath signed 'Hallpeat Moss' and go over the stile. Follow the grassy track straight on. Oaky Knowe Crags are on your right and lots of old mineral workings in the field. Go straight ahead towards Hallpeat Moss Farm. When the track becomes a bit indistinct take the grassy path that curves to the right, heading for the field gate and stile in the corner of the field below the crags and wood. Cross the stile and follow the path straight on, with the wall on your left and the crags on your right. At the minor road turn right, heading uphill. At the top of the hill by a bend in the road take the second footpath signed 'Public Right of Way'. Go over the ladder stile and follow the farm track straight on. Go past Cranberry Brow Farm to the minor road. Turn left along the road to return to The Sill.



