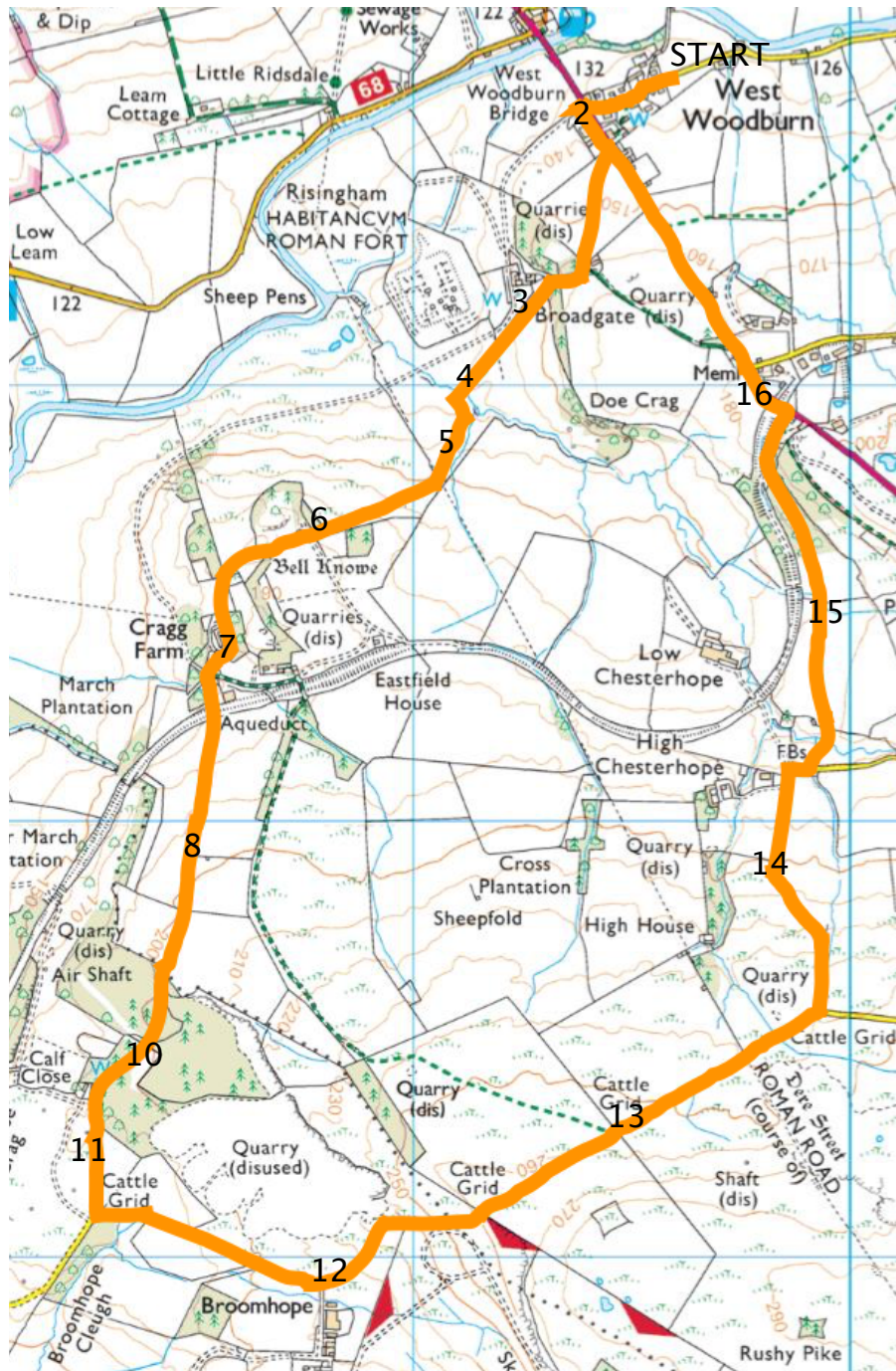


Corsenside Country Walks

Welcome to Corsenside

Corsenside is a county parish of Northumberland and is a vast expanse of beautiful rolling hills and farmland with three tiny villages: West Woodburn, East Woodburn and Ridsdale with about 700 inhabitants in total. As well as beautiful scenery this area contains many historic features of interest and an abundance of wildlife all best seen when walking.



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Walk 4 **ORANGE TRAIL: HISTORICAL WALK**

Distance: Approx 8km (5 Miles) To Complete 2 hrs Start: Corsenside Parish Hall (Parking Available)

From the Parish Hall Walk west towards the A68.

2. Turn left. Walk up past The Brandy Bank and cottages. Look right for a gap in the wall opposite. Cross the A68 go up the steps and through the gap. Cross the field diagonally.
3. Go over the stile on your right in the corner, then over a second stile onto a track and walk down to the right. As the track opens out keep to the left and head west down across the Chesterhope Valley. To the right is a georgian house and the outlined site of **Habitancum Roman Fort** (photo below) and the River Rede.
4. Follow the long mound down across the valley.
5. Cross the Chesterhope Burn by a footbridge. Turn left follow the track up slowly moving west again to the gate in the left corner.
6. Go west through the gate with the wall to your left up to a disused quarry. Go through the gate and follow the narrow track to the left. Cross the stile into a field. The bronze age burial site of **Bell Knowe** is situated here.
7. Head for the gate across the field. Go through, turn left heading south towards Cragg Farm. Pass behind Cragg Farm with it on your right.
8. Follow the farm track south with barns to your left and cross the Viaduct. Go through the right hand gate. Continue south on left side of the field.
9. Cross the stile in the top corner into a copse. Go down the bank, cross a drainage ditch. Go left until you come to a bridleway then turn right. Follow it south through the copse with pheasant breeding pens on your left.
10. Cross over a stile in a clearing and continue south. Walk along the mound to the right then down the left side back into the copse.
11. Keep going south with buildings to the right until you come to a gate. Go through the gate out of the copse. Head for the bridleway to right. Follow it round to the left to the cattle grid and a single track tarmac road.
12. Go up the road east south east with 19th C iron ore mine working spoil heaps on the left. Keep to the road as it turns north east past Broomhope Farm. Continue up the incline past the Steele Quarry on the right.
13. At the crest of the hill enjoy panoramic views north, east and west. Continue north east down the road until the T junction. More old spoil heaps can be seen to the right.
14. Turn left at the junction down into the Chesterhope Valley. The remains of **Ridsdale Iron Works** should become visible on the right. At the bottom of the hill follow the road right past a small flat area on the left then go through the gate down through the field.
15. Cross the Chesterhope Burn by the footbridge. Go up the bank on the other side to the gate at the top. Go through the gate and down the side of the field. Go through the next gate and still head north up through an Oak Wood to the top right hand corner of the field. Go over the stile and up onto a track.
16. Turn right towards the A68. Cross over the A68 and follow the road back down to West Woodburn.