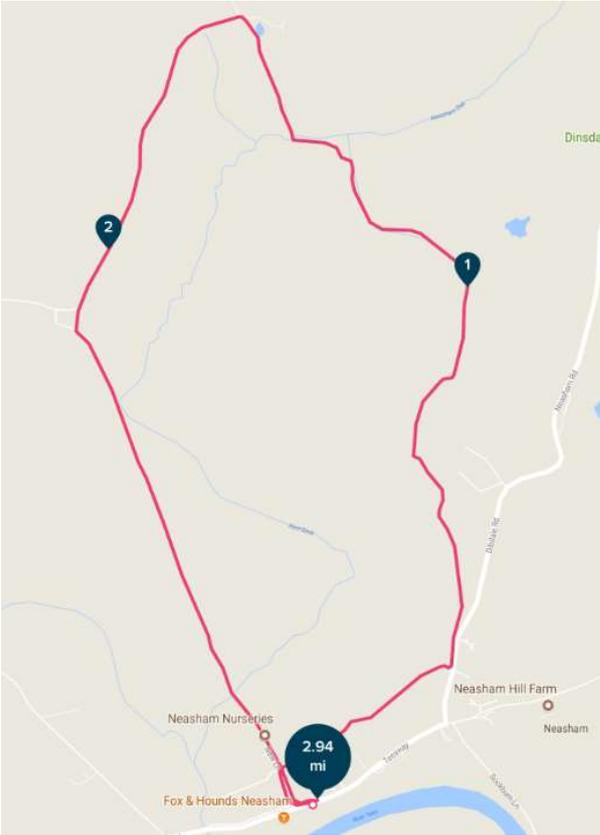


3. Neasham North

- Length 3 miles
- Duration 1 hour – 1 ½ hours
- Start With the Millennium Garden behind you facing the road
- Terrain Easy pavements and public footpaths
- Note After wet weather, the public footpath sections of this route can be muddy



- a) Cross over the road (Teesway) and turn left. Take the right hand turn into New Lane and continue as it bears right to cross over a stile at the end of the houses. Continue straight ahead towards the flood bank. The path then follows the field boundary on your right. Go through the small wooden gate, then through the gap to emerge onto Dibdale Road.
- b) Turn left and take the track that forks left before the hill to cross a waymarked stile, and continue on the path. Cross a waymarked stile and take the track bearing right for a short distance and cross over to the grass. The path bears left here at the old tree stump. Climb up and cross the waymarked stile in front of you. The path follows the fence line to a waymarked stile near the far right corner of the field. The path bears right to the far right hand corner of the field and then go through the gate onto a track.
- c) Turn left and continue ahead on the track. Go through the metal gate on the left hand side of the convoluted metal barrier. Walk diagonally left towards the wood keeping to the left hand side of the copse to cross a small bridge. Turn left to cross a waymarked stile and follow the path.
- d) Go through a waymarked gate and then turn left over a small bridge. The path goes straight ahead then bearing right in front of the trees. Cross the stile and the sleeper bridge continuing straight ahead through the wood to cross a bridge.
- e) Continue straight ahead up the incline and through the waymarked gate. In summer, the nettles are high here, so take a pole to bash them with. Continue to the stile in the left hand corner of the field to join a track. As the track bears right, turn left to follow the path with the hedge on your left.
- f) Continue straight ahead, going through a field boundary and the hedge is now on your right. Follow the track all the way to a farm and continue through the farmyard with the house on your left and barn on your right. Continue on the track as it bears left slightly and follow it back towards Neasham.
- g) Once you reach a metaled road (New Lane), continue straight ahead to the T-junction. Cross the road and turn left back to the start.