





Primroses

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**Follow the Countryside Code**

- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under control.

**Route 2 (easier route)**

8 mile route mainly along flat railway paths.

The walk begins from the well signed Broompark Picnic Area car park (1). Consult display board (2) and follow signs for Lanchester Valley Walk (the old railway line). After about two miles (3) you will see on your right the bridge over the River Browney and the ruins of Beaufrepaire. Continue along the railway path for approximately a further mile and, taking the footpath on your right signed to Witton Gilbert (5), follow the field edge footpath (6) and cross the footbridge over the River Browney (7).

You will approach St Michael's Church from the south west. A steep lane leads alongside the churchyard wall to the lychgate (8). Turn right, down a farm lane, and at the foot of the hill turn left through a chicane barrier into the southern end of Witton Gilbert Dene (9). Follow the path alongside Dene Burn and go through the barrier at the northern end (10). Turn left and continue up the surfaced footpath, through a kissing gate (11). Continue left to the lychgate and visit the church. For the return journey retrace your steps.



Bridge at Beaufrepaire



Witton Dene. Traditional tools, new path.



This farmhouse has developed from the medieval leper-hospital, from which this blocked window still survives



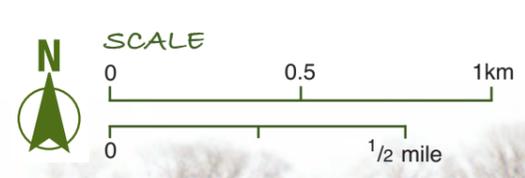
Close-up of window of medieval leper hospital, now blocked up.

**Key**

**Route 1** 9 miles 14.4km circular

**Route 2** 8 miles 12.8km

Follow the small Pilgrim Places signs



Roe Deer

**Route 1 (harder route)**

9 mile circular route mainly on field footpaths, hilly and muddy in places.

Like the monks who went to Beaufrepaire, find your own way from Durham Cathedral to Waddington Street (see inset map). At the top of Waddington Street, go through King's Lodge entrance archway (1) and, following public footpath through Flass Vale Local Nature Reserve, keep walking ahead (you will go down one set of steps) until you exit the reserve. Walk along Flassburn Road and turn left at the T-junction into Fieldhouse Lane and then left again into Springfield Park. At the first bend in the road take footpath on your right (2); this takes you to A167, straight opposite Club Lane bridleway. Cross with care and follow bridleway until you reach a gate which leads onto a farm track (3). Turn right and follow track down to bridge, past the ruins of Beaufrepaire, and over River Browney. Continue across bridge and up track, then turn right onto Lanchester Valley railway path (4). Continue along the railway path for approximately 1 mile then take the footpath on your right signed to Witton Gilbert (5). Follow

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