

	Toon & Tyne (Newcastle) PT (PT 340 - 10Km)			
START VENUE	Directly outside the main entrance to Newcastle Railway Station (also known as Newcastle Central), Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DL which is situated in the heart of Newcastle City Centre.			
CAR PARKING	There are several multi-storey car parks in the vicinity, the nearest and most accessible being Times Square Car Park which is situated about five minutes from the start venue. This is also an alternative start venue. The entrance to Times Square Car Park is situated at the junction of Railway Street and Redheugh Bridge Road.			
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	The start venue is well served by public transport. Trains on the East Coast Main Line stop frequently at Newcastle Station as do trains on the regional network from the west. The Railway Station is also on the route of the Tyne & Wear Metro (Nexus) which services Newcastle and its suburbs, Sunderland and Newcastle Airport. There are bus stops and a taxi rank directly outside the main entrance to the Railway Station.			
GEOCACHING	Unknown			
DISTANCE/GRADE	10Km. Some short uphill gradients but a fairly easy walk. Not suitable for wheelchairs due to partial gravel path and short steep hill.			
TERRAIN	Mainly hard surface footpaths with some cinder tracks and paths. Mixture of urban, riverside and parkland settings.			
GENERAL INFORMATION	Newcastle upon Tyne, or simply Newcastle is a city and metropolitan borough in Tyne & Wear. It is situated on the north bank of the River Tyne and developed around a Roman settlement. It was a port and a major centre of British shipbuilding and repairs. Now famed for its nightlife, Greggs Bakery and Newcastle United FC, there are many famous landmarks including the Tyne Bridge, the 'Armstrong' Swing Bridge, Newcastle Castle, Newcastle Cathedral, Grey's Monument, the Gateshead Millenium Bridge (also known as the Winking Eye Bridge), St James' Park and Chinatown.			
REFRESHMENTS	Refreshments are readily available at the start within the station complex. There are public houses, cafes and restaurants all along this route.			
TOILETS	Toilets are available within the station complex at the start and also at various refreshment stops along the route.			
BWF / IVV	This trail is registered until 31st December 2024. BWF declaration on next page			
ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK / UPDATED	16 th July 2023. (Please make sure you are using the most up to date version, particularly if you printed this off a while ago). Section UK IPA Walking Group – BWF Club 113			
DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until 1st February 2025 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.			
ENTRY FEE	£1.50 per walker. Payment preferred by Bank Transfer to Metro Bank Account: 45237087; Sort Code: 23-05-80; Name: Region 3 IPA (NB: Metro Bank do not operate "Confirmation of Payee" so a warning indicating this account cannot be checked is likely). Please use PT 340 + Surname as payment reference. Cheques, payable to Mrs J A Smith, accepted only by exception when bank transfer is not possible please.			
AWARD	At the present time there is no award available for this trail. If you wish to be notified if an award (cloth badge) is produced please indicate YES/NO and include your email address in the space on P2.			
SOUVENIER LOG BOOK	A souvenir log book sticker is available – please indicate YES/NO			
CONTACT / ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS	Judith Smith (BWF), 13 Chantry Road, East Ayton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9EP. Email: judith.a.smith@btinternet.com Please use this form (page 1) to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps			
NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK				
DATE WALK COMPLETED		PAYMENT ENCLOSED	£	

EMAIL	(in case we need to contact you about your entry)		
PT INSERT CARDS	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books – YES / NO		
QUESTION 1		QUESTION 6	
QUESTION 2		QUESTION 7	
QUESTION 3		QUESTION 8	
QUESTION 4		QUESTION 9	
QUESTION 5			
BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.		

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

TL = TURN LEFT; TR = TURN RIGHT; SO = STRAIGHT ON

Start outside the Railway Station Main Entrance on Neville Street. With your back to the Railway Station entrance, face the Victoria Comet Public House on the opposite side of the road. It is situated to the left of one of the County Hotel, a Victorian Grade 2 listed building and one of Newcastle's original hotels.

TL and walk along the footpath keeping the station complex to the left and the taxi rank to the right. After about 100 metres, use the pedestrian crossing to cross Central Parkway. In front is the Life Science Building, part of the National Health Service (NHS). Continue SO and slightly left and walk through the large arch of the Life Science Building into Times Square (Times Square is used for large events so the area may sometimes be very busy). Continue SO and slightly downhill to the bottom of Times Square to a large exit. Use the exit to leave Times Square then TL onto Marlborough Crescent (no sign) and walk downhill keeping the Life Science Building to the left. Continue past the end of the building complex and, at the large T junction with Railway Street (no sign), [Safestore Self Storage opposite] use the pedestrian crossing to cross Railway Street using the pedestrian crossing on the left. Having crossed Railway Street safely, TR immediately then continue SO along Railway Street where you will soon see the Leonardo Hotel, (formally Jury's Inn) on the opposite side of the road. On the left is Times Square car park, a large multi-storey car park which can be used as an alternative start point.

At the end of the car park is the junction of Redheugh Bridge Road (roundabout). TL on Redheugh Road and walk past the entrance to the Car Park and underneath a series of railway bridges that cross the road. Vehicles are prohibited from using Redheugh Bridge Road but pedestrians are permitted to walk through. Continue SO downhill towards a roundabout. The Utilita Arena concert venue is on the right.

Continue SO at the roundabout into Shot Factory Lane (no sign) and walk downhill along the narrow, quiet road through a former industrial area. Continue SO and downhill for about 100 metres to the junction with Skinnerburn Road (no sign). At the junction at the bottom of the hill cross the road onto the Quayside Path. TL and the continue SO following the Quayside Path towards the bridges keeping the River Tyne on the right. The Quayside Path forms part of the National Cycle Route Network so please beware of pedal cycles using the path.

After passing under five bridges across the River Tyne, the last being the famous Tyne Swing Bridge designed and built by Sir William Armstrong, look for the Hard Rock Café on the left.

QUESTION 1: What was the building that now houses the Hard Rock Café used for previously?

After passing the Hard Rock café, TL onto Sandhill (no sign). Keep to the left-hand footpath and follow the road around to the left. On the right, on the opposite side of the road is the five-storey Bessie Surtees House, a rare example of Jacobean domestic architecture. The building was initially built as 3 separate merchant's houses. Bessie Surtees House is a Grade 1 listed building and is presently home to the regional branch of Historic England. The site where the house is has been a focal point of Newcastle upon Tyne since Roman times when around AD120, the first Tyne Bridge, the Pons Aelius, was built.

The High Level Bridge is now visible directly ahead. This is considered to be the most notable historical engineering work in Newcastle. Designed by the famous railway pioneer Robert Stephenson to form a rail link towards Scotland, it also incorporated a carriageway for road vehicles and pedestrians. It was officially opened by Queen Victoria in 1849.

Follow the footpath around to the left onto Bridge Street (no sign) then continue SO across the Swing Bridge. The Swing Bridge, opened in 1876, replaced the Old Tyne Bridge of 1781 which had been demolished to enable larger ships to move upstream to William Armstrong's armaments factory. The Swing Bridge is also on the same site as the Tyne Bridge of 1270 and probably of the original Roman Pons Aelius bridge.

Continue along Bridge Street keeping to the left-hand footpath and walk uphill around a left hand bend (ignore the gated footpath on the left). You have now crossed to the south bank of the River Tyne into Gateshead. As you walk around the left hand corner, look out for the second question on a plaque on the footpath.

QUESTION 2: Ann Cleeves, award winning crime writer and author of the Vera series, is a Newcastle Gateshead what?

With the Tyne Bridge visible directly in front, TL (signposted HMS Calliope) and walk under the Tyne Bridge keeping the large stone tower immediately to the left. This is one of seven road bridges that cross the River Tyne. It has become a defining symbol of the North East. This Grade 2 listed bridge was officially opened on 10 October 1928 by King George V who was the first to cross with Queen Mary on the King's state landau horse-drawn carriage, as thousands of people lined the streets for the opening ceremony. 20,000 school children were given the day off to mark the occasion. The bridge was constructed for the new age of motor vehicles and to cope with increasing traffic crossing the Tyne. The steel and granite construction was a major engineering feat of the early 20th century and at the time of its construction, was the world's longest span bridge. Construction of the bridge started in August 1925 using shipbuilding techniques by local shipyard workers. It was regarded a prototype for the construction of Sydney Harbour Bridge which, although started earlier, was completed four years later. It had the same design team as Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Cross the road when safe to do so and use the footpath on the right-hand side. This is Hillgate and as you walk, the arch of the Gateshead Millenium Bridge should come into view. When the footpath begins on the opposite side of the road, cross the road safely.

There is a long, grey military building on the left-hand side.

QUESTION 3: What is the name of this Royal Naval and Royal Marine establishment?

At the end of the military building, turn left then right and continue walking SO along a footpath between a high metal fence on the left and a wall on the right. At the end of the fence, the footpath opens out into a larger public square with the Baltic centre for Contemporary Art straight ahead and the Gateshead Millenium Bridge (Winking Eye Bridge) to the left.

The Baltic Centre is a former flour mill, built over a 12-15 year period by Joseph Rank (Baker), now park of the well-known global RHM (Rank Hovis McDougal) bakery business.

Use the Gateshead Millenium Bridge to cross the River Tyne back onto the north bank then immediately TR onto the riverside walk.

Continue SO along the river until you reach the end of the Riverside apartments. The path ends quite suddenly at the mouth to the Ouseburn River. TL and walk a few metres towards a track signposted 'Cycle Route 72'. On reaching the Cycle Route, which is also the access road to the rear of the Riverside apartments, TR and cross the Ouseburn River using Ouseburn Bridge. On the other side of the bridge on the left, is a small public house, The Tyne Bar. TL onto Malling Street towards the brick arch closest to the river in front of The Tyne Bar keeping the river to the left and the pub to the right onto Malling Street. As you pass under the brick arch of the bridge, take note of the unusual piece of engineering on the river on each side of the arch.

QUESTION 4: What is the unusual construction on the left called?

Continue SO under the arch and follow the footpath with the river on the left. This is Riverside Walk. There are some bakeries and gelateria's on this section of the route. Remain on this footpath. Continue under another bridge and after about 500 metres, you will arrive at a cross roads (cross paths) with a wooden foot bridge across the river. This is Panhaggerty Bridge.

TL and cross the river using Panhaggerty Bridge then, having crossed the river, immediately TR. Continue SO along the Riverside Walk but now with the river on the right-hand side. On the left you will pass Ouseburn Farm, a local community farm that is open to the public (free entry). The farm opens Tuesday to Sunday and has a café and toilet facilities which are available during opening hours.

Continue SO and follow the Riverside Walk around the perimeter of the Farm, until you meet another junction in the footpath system. Here, you will find yourself almost immediately under a large, brick viaduct.

TR to cross the river again and then immediately TL onto the gravel footpath. This is the only bit of gravel path on the trail and goes uphill for several hundred metres. It is a gradual climb.

Having crossed the bridge and turned left you will very quickly come to another junction. Proceed SO (essentially taking the left fork and continue to head uphill. This will take you under a second large, modern, concrete viaduct. When you come out from under the viaduct you are met with another fork in the path. TL (the right is to a play area) and walk uphill to pass under a third viaduct built of stone and cast iron.

Having walked under the third viaduct there is now a steep climb with the viaduct immediately on the left. At the top of the hill is a junction in the path where there are some apartment buildings on the right. TR and continue SO zig zagging uphill then almost immediately TL at another junction in the path. Continue uphill until the path veers to the right with a fenced area of gravel used by an equestrian centre on the left. At the end of the riding area there is another junction in the path. TL at this point and the ground levels out. Continue along this pathway with the playing fields (City Stadium) to the right.

When you get to the end of the playing fields the footpath meets a cycle path and another footpath which runs across the footpath you have just walked along. Continue SO and cross the cycle path, taking care as this is a busy cycle route. Walk in between the large diagonal wooden poles set in the ground onto the footpath then TL and follow the footpath to the road (Stoddard Street).

Having walked to Stoddard Street, use the pedestrian crossing close to the end of the footpath to cross the road then TR. Continue SO along the left-hand footpath (signposted 'Ring Road North & West') onto the B1600 Portland Road (no sign) keeping the mini roundabout on the right. Walk along the left hand footpath to some crossroads (Shield Street and Helmsley Road) where there is a small triangular shaped area of grass on the left.

TL into Shield Street and walk along the left-hand footpath passing student accommodation on the left. Continue SO past the junction of Barker Street to the mini-roundabout at the junction of Napier Street and Coppice Way. Continue SO cross to the opposite side of the road when safe to do so. There is an outdoor basketball court on the right. TR and walk a footpath between the basketball court and the adjacent blocks of flats.

At the end of the footpath, cross to the right-hand footpath and walk past a block of garages on the right keeping to right-hand footpath until a T junction with Rock Terrace and Falconar Street. TR at the T-Junction onto Falconar Street and remain on the right-hand footpath following the road around to the left. At the mini roundabout, continue SO into Camden Street. Stay on the right-hand footpath along Camden Street as the road bends to the left.

Keep right and take the ramp leading to the footbridge/cyclepath across the A167(M). Use the bridge to cross the A167(M). This bridge is used to access Northumbria University and can be busy at times. It is also frequented by food delivery riders so please take care.

At the bottom of the ramp exit from the bridge, you enter the grounds of Northumbria University. Please note that University Graduation Ceremonies typically take place in July. During Graduation events, this part of the route may be subject to security checks and bag searches. The route remains open but there may be some delays. Please check details on the university website (<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/university-services/student-library-and-academic-services/registry-records-and-returns/congregations/>) prior to walking the route. **Please

consider an alternative route shown at the end of this Route Description to avoid any delays caused by Graduation ceremonies.

Use the Zebra pedestrian crossing directly in front of you to cross the road and then walk SO keeping the Edison Building (large blue building) to the left onto Northumberland Road. This is part of the University Campus. It can be very busy but is a pedestrian zone (be aware of food delivery riders).

Continue SO along Northumberland Road, keeping to the right-hand side of the road to the junction with College Street. You are now leaving the pedestrian area. Cross College Street safely. The O2 City Hall Arena is at this junction.

QUESTION 5: Who performed at City Hall with Lindesfarne and performed over 120 concerts at the venue?

Continue to walk SO along Northumberland Road, crossing the junction with John Dobson Street to the junction with Northumberland Street. TR into Northumberland Street which is a pedestrian precinct. There are lots of options for refreshments and toilet facilities.

Almost at the end of Northumberland Street is the Haymarket Metro Station on the left. Walk past the Metro Station to the junction with St. Mary's Place to the South Africa Monument

QUESTION 6: This monument is dedicated to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of which Regiment?

From the Monument, walk around the side of the Metro station keeping it to the left and use a convenient pedestrian crossing to cross the busy B1307 road towards George Place then turn left keeping the B1307 road to the left.

Continue SO along the B1307 to the junction with St. Thomas Street then TR. Old Newcastle and new modern Newcastle appear juxtaposed here with old terraced houses on the left and modern office buildings on the right. Use a road narrowing to cross St. Thomas Street when safe to do so then continue SO to the junction with St. Thomas Crescent. Continue SO along the left-hand footpath following the crescent around to the right while you admire the beautiful old terraces.

The end of St. Thomas Crescent, at the junction with Leazes Lane, is a cul-de-sac and there is no access to vehicles.

QUESTION 7: What is the name of the 'World Famous' house on the left near the junction? (Clue – big hanging sign).

Use the nearby pedestrian crossing to cross Leazes Lane into Leazes Crescent opposite and continue SO. At the junction of Leazes Crescent and Leazes Park Road TR through large stone pillars into Leazes Park. TR along the footpath at the first junction and follow this footpath around to the left keeping the tennis courts and Leazes Park to the left and Richardson Road on the right. Stay within the park and continue SO to the Tower Café Car Park. TL prior to the car park and walk up a slight rise to the Tower Café (Refreshments & toilet facilities during opening hours) and Leazes Park Lake.

There are several footpaths that criss-cross each other in the park. Follow the footpaths keeping the lake to the left until you arrive at Leazes Park Bandstand from where you can also see St. James' Park. TR and walk up the steps to the nearby bust (statue).

QUESTION 8: who is the bust dedicated to?

Continue past the bust to a derelict house. TR in front of the house to the Jubilee Gates at the junction with the A189 Barrack Road. TL and then continue SO downhill keeping St. James' Park Football Stadium to the left. After passing St. James' Park, use the pedestrian crossing to cross the junction with Strawberry Place into Gallowgate and continue SO staying on the footpath on the left-hand side of the road. Look to the right as you pass St Andrews Street to see the China Town Arch.

Continue SO along Gallowgate to reach the junction with Newgate Street. Use the pedestrian crossings to cross Newgate Street to walk SO under the archway into Blakett Street and the Eldon Square shopping centre. Use one of the Zebra pedestrian crossings to cross Blakett Street then continue SO to the end of the shopping centre at the junction with Grey Street where there is a tall monument.

QUESTION 9: Who is the monument dedicated to?

You are now only a few hundred metres from the end of the Tyne & Toon (Newcastle) PT. From the monument TR into Grainger Street and walk SO downhill back to the Railway Station. Please note that Grainger Street has a mix of pedestrian areas and non-pedestrian areas with busy cross streets. There are a number of places suitable for refreshments and a glass of cheer before you arrive back at the Railway Station.

Before you get back to the Railway Station you may wish to spend a little time at Grainger Market which is just off the planned route on the right (west) of Grainger Street. International and traditional food outlets are available in the market.

Once you cross Neville Street, you are back at the Railway Station.

Welcome Back. The Section UK IPA Walking Group hopes you enjoyed the Tyne & Toon (Newcastle) PT and that you have enjoyed exploring this fascinating city with its many interesting historical connections, only a few of which have been mentioned during this walk.

****** Alternative route avoiding Graduation Ceremonies.

During Graduation Ceremonies, this alternative route may need to be used. At the bottom of the exit ramp from the bridge, TL and walk parallel to the A167 (the main road you have just crossed) which is now to the left. Walk to the crossroads indicated by another pedestrian crossing with a path and access to a footbridge on the left. Cross to the right-hand footpath and continue SO veering right into Ellison Place. (The pedestrian area on the right adjacent to large wooden platers may be closed). Keep on the right-hand pavement and walk under a walkway beneath a building.

At the junction (crossroads), TR turning into College Street and continue SO along the left-hand footpath to the junction with Northumberland Road (crossroads) where you will find yourself opposite the O2 City Hall Arena. Cross to City Hall for the next question (Question 5) and resume the planned route.