



Northumberlandia

A unique piece of public art and community park

Straight up and down

Step by step walking route

This walk is 1.3 km long and has steep and variable terrain so may not be suitable for all users. The walk should take approximately 20 minutes.

1. From the car park walk along the main entrance path through the woodland, as you emerge from the wood turn right. Walk past the first pond keeping an eye out for a grey heron feeding on small fish, or a flowering Orchid along the bank.
2. Take the first path on the left and make your way up towards the head. Once you reach the flat area under the face turn left and head up towards the head. Take the first steep path on your right up to the head and proceed with caution.
3. Once on the top of the head look north on a clear day and you get an excellent view of the Cheviots. If you look east you will see the sea and might even spot a tall ship in Blyth harbour. Looking south you will see Newcastle city spreading across to Gateshead. The view to the west gives you an unprecedented view into the working of a coal mine. Read the interpretation board to find out about the mining operations and the reclamation of the mine that will commence in the next few years!



0.8 miles/1.3km

Approximately 20 mins
1,690 steps



Opening hours: Every day dawn until dusk. Visitors Centre open 10am – 4pm



FREE entrance



Car parking: Yes – suggested donation



Toilets: During Visitor Centre opening hours



Café: In Visitors Centre



Dogs: To be kept on leads at all times.



Accessibility: Disabled parking, well surfaced paths, some flat. Some steep paths.

The countryside code

Respect - Protect - Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs





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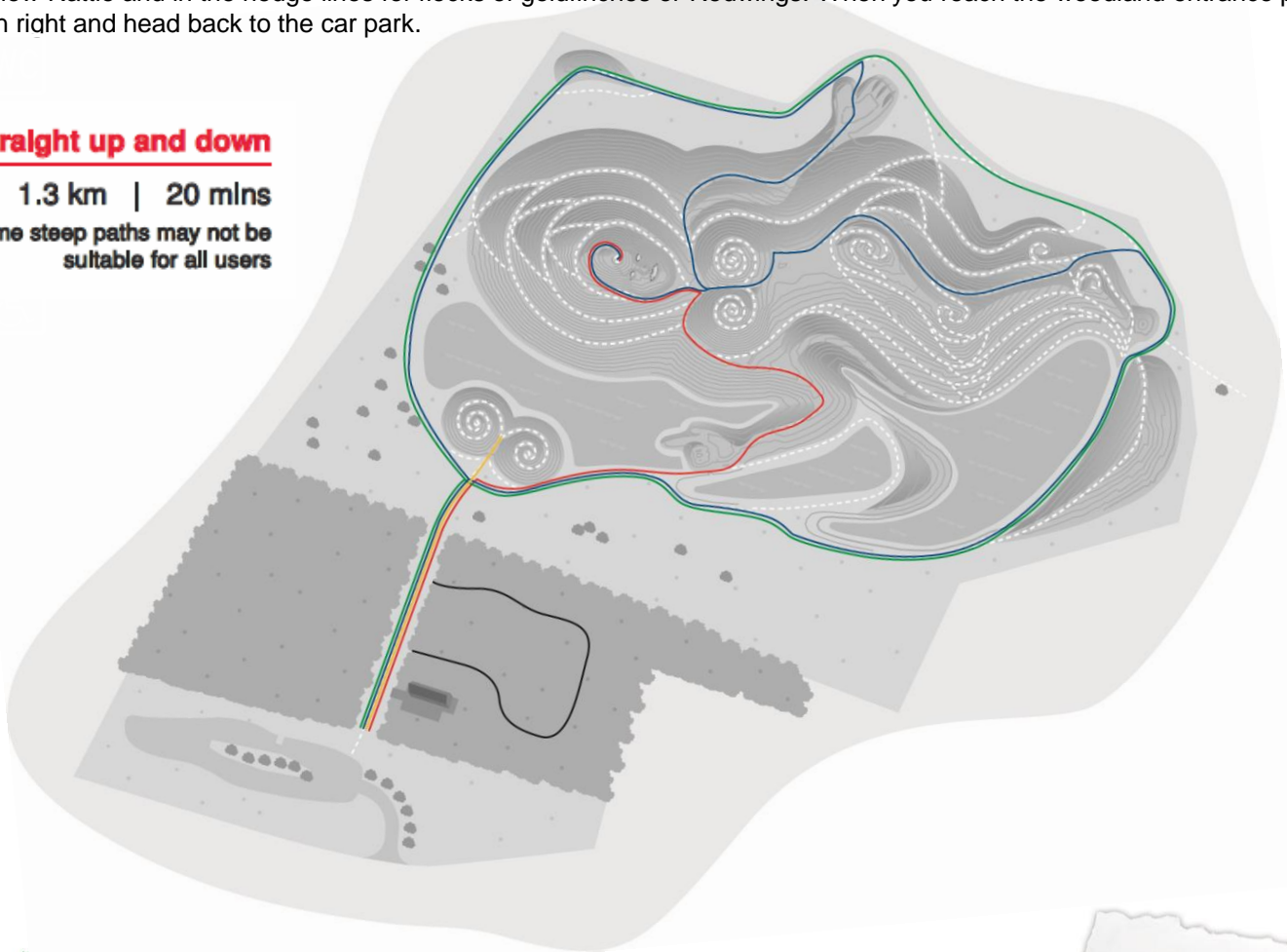


4. Once on the top of the head take the time to orientate yourself in your surroundings. If you look north on a clear day you get an excellent view of the Cheviots. If you look east you will see the sea and might even spot a tall ship in Blyth harbour. Looking south you will see Newcastle city spreading across to Gateshead. The view to the west gives you an unprecedented view into the working of a coal mine. Read the interpretation board to find out about the mining operations and the reclamation of the mine that will commence in the next few years!
5. Head back down the path that you have just come up back to the base of the face and turn left and start heading down a fairly steep hill towards the North hand.
6. Once you reach the path around the outside of the sculpture turn left. Keep a look out in the meadows for Orchids and Yellow Rattle and in the hedge lines for flocks of goldfinches or Redwings. When you reach the woodland entrance path turn right and head back to the car park.

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