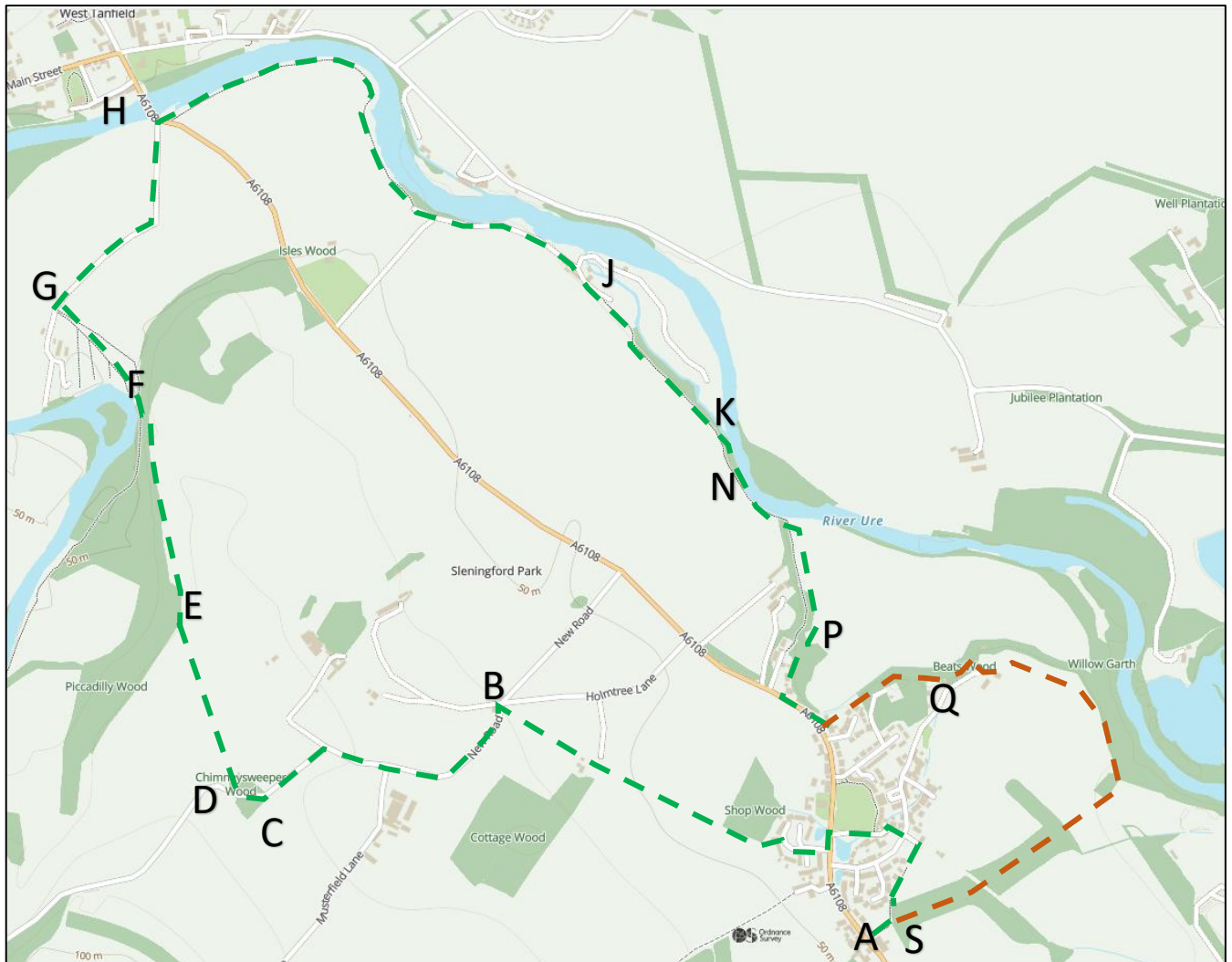


North Stainley Parish Circular Walk



Key:

Public Footpath



Permissive Bridleway



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North Stainley Parish Circular Walk, O.S. Explorer map 298 (Nidderdale)

A walk of about 5.50 miles with stiles, gates and dog chutes.

Uneven in places, suitable footwear needed.

Starting point: Staveley Arms, at the south end of the village of North Stainley (Grid ref. SE288767).

1. From the car park **(A)** turn R (A6108) to pass the front of the Staveley Arms then R between the pub and adjacent house. Follow the well made path Way Marker (WM) through a hawthorn hedge (ignore a path to the R) to emerge along a straight path (Lavender Walk). Pass by a gate to a wooden seat on your R. Turn L onto a tarmac drive, cross a road and take a gravel track between houses to pass the sports field, R and pond L, to cross the A6108.

2. Forward (a little left) into Roseberry Green (footpath sign), pass another pond on your R then skirt the green clockwise (do not cross) to pick up the path between house numbers 15 & 16 (footpath sign). Go through a narrow passage and a left hand bend then, in a few metres R, through a wood with a hedge and field on the L. Cross a stile to leave the wood then follow beneath an overhead power line, over another stile and bear L to cross a house drive where you cross over another stile into the field for a few metres up a small rise into another field, going forward towards a stone built lodge over a stile onto the Mickley road. **(B)**

3. Turn L. Proceed up the road towards Mickley for about half a mile (850m) ignore a T junction L with footpath opposite, pass a track on the R **(C)** to enter a small wood (Chimneysweeper Wood)

4. In the corner where the road leaves the wood and bends L **(D)** leave it and turn R through a gap into an open field (footpath sign). The right of way here is north, skirt the RH edge, around the field into the far right hand corner which is not visible at this point. Enter a wood, follow the path, which bears slightly left and then right again, until you are back in the field. Leaving the wood cross the stile **(E)** and continue northwards close to the wire fence on your L for about 400m. Follow this path until the next WM at Piccadilly Wood.

5. Turn L at the WM into Piccadilly Wood, down a steep bank for 20m. Care needed. There is a near vertical drop to the River Ure at the bottom. Turn R and continue down keeping the river on your L to a kissing gate and into a pasture **(F)**. Follow the path to the next Kissing Gate when you turn L and follow the path on the LHS of the field until you get to Quarry House Drive. Turn R which leads to **(G)** the A6108 at Tanfield Bridge **(H)**. A deviation from the route is to cross the bridge and turn L at the Bull Inn to visit the Marion Tower. Refreshments at the Bull Inn or the Bruce Arms, check for opening times.

6. From the south end of the bridge cross the A6108, go R for 40m then L at the Ripon Rowel WM, follow a well marked path with the River Ure on your L, pass the weir and Tanfield Mill (across the river) to a tarmac road. L to Sleningford Mill, enter the caravan site (WM in 150m). **(J)** At the site reception/shop pass to the R (WM) through a gateway and forward with an earth bank on your R and campsite on L, keep the mill tailrace on your L to a pair of wooden gates. **(K)** Pass through and sharp L to follow the LH edge of the field and river towards Sleningford Grange. **(M) (N)**

7. Pass through a gate L onto the top of a high bank & descend the bank diagonally, pass a pond R turn R up a track **(P)** to pass between a house, L, and bungalow, R, to the A6108 at North Stainley (WM). L along the A6108 for 120m then L just before a brick house for 10m and onto a well made footpath into Beats Wood.

8. In Beats Wood follow the path with a beck on the L, **(Q)** ignore a turning R, pass a seat then fork L (keeping the beck L) to ascend a set of steps. At the top go L and follow the LH edge of the field to the end, turn R and proceed forward. This becomes a wide track eventually passing through a wood (field on R) to a dirt road. R then immediately L into another wood (Laurel Walk) to meet Lavender

Lane (see part 1). Turn L then pass between the Staveley Arms and a stone wall to the A6108 and return to the pub car park **(S)**.

Points of Interest

- A. Look across the A6108 to view the old gazebo.
- B. Before turning L, take a few moments to look through the lodge gates into Sleningford Park; on the RH side in front of the great house is the site of the long gone mediaeval village of Sleningford.
- C. Look over the wall to see an old stone dovecote in the field on your R
- D. See the stone dated 1837 on LH side of the road where the old Sleningford road began.
- E. Notice an old sunken roadway across your route.
- F. There is evidence of a mediaeval hollow way here.
- G. Good views of West Tanfield with its church and 15 century Marion Tower (open to the public).
- H. Demarcation stones on the bridge mark the boundary between the old West and North Ridings of Yorkshire.
- J. The old Tanfield Mill is on your left, Sleningford Mill just a little further down river.
- K. If you divert along the downward path toward the mill race (before going through the gates) there are traces of the old cornmill.
- M. Note where the mill tailrace rejoins the river. Across the river to the L of derelict farm buildings is the site of the long gone medieval village of East Tanfield.
- N. Serious river bank/cliff erosion.
- P. The walled garden, visible to the L, contains a rare keyhole well (not open to the public).
- Q. Springs in the wood issuing from Beats Well.
- S. Evidence of Civil War stabling has been found in the vicinity of the Staveley Arms.

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D



F



J

