

Trek26 Hadrian's Wall



Activity: Trek **Grade:**  **(Tough)** **Duration: 1 day**

Hadrian's Wall originally ran from coast to coast and spanned 72 miles. Today we are left with only sections of this famous landmark, which cuts through the Northumberland National Park and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Starting just a stone's throw from Hadrian's Wall, we trek a challenging figure-of-eight for 26 miles, both alongside the ancient Wall and through the surrounding area. As we walk we can admire ancient monuments, beautiful scenery and the skill of the Roman engineers who built this famous landmark. This is an extremely tough one-day event over hilly landscapes; at 26 miles, it forms an enormous challenge for walkers. A more moderate half-distance option is also available.

DETAILED ITINERARY

We meet at our Event Hub, less than a mile south of Hadrian's Wall, for registration and a briefing, and after warming up our muscles, we set off! It's uphill to the Wall itself, which we walk alongside for a few miles. To the north we enjoy great views towards Wark Forest and the barren landscapes of North Northumberland as we trek towards Cawfields Quarry. We leave the Wall and drop south and predominantly downhill, through the small village of Haltwhistle and on through farmland and small villages. A hilly stretch brings us back north to the earthworks of Walltown Crags, where a milecastle once stood. We walk beside some of the most visible sections of Hadrian's Wall, surrounded by the beautiful scenery of Northumberland National Park, with spectacular cliff tops. We drop back south again, before looping back north and back to the Wall again. Continuing on our undulating route, we head away from the wall briefly, passing the Crag Lough escarpment on our left. As we near the end of our demanding day, we pass probably the most recognised landmark of the day – Sycamore Gap, with its lone tree which featured in Kevin Costner's Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves film. Then we leave the Wall for the final time, with a short downhill hike back to the Hub.

The half-marathon route heads towards Cawfields Quarry and through beautiful scenery before re-joining the main route for the final section of Hadrian's Wall and passing Sycamore Gap on the way back to the Hub.

There will be refreshments at the end and time to celebrate before saying our farewells and heading home.

Trek approx. 26 miles / 13 miles

Breakfast Bap and Packed Lunch included

Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

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CHALLENGE GRADING

Our trips are graded from Challenging (Grade 1) to Extreme (Grade 5).

This trek is graded **Tough (3)**. Main challenges lie in the long strenuous distance on undulating terrain.

Many factors influence the Challenge Grading, such as terrain, distances, climate, altitude, living conditions, etc. The grade reflects the overall trip; some sections will feel more challenging than others. Unusual weather conditions also have a significant impact, and not all people are tested by the same aspects.

Our grading levels are intended as a guide, but span a broad spectrum; trips within the same grade will still vary in the level of challenge provided.