

What you can see

Middleton Tyas is an attractive, peaceful village less than a mile to the east of the hustle and bustle of the A1 at Scotch Corner. The name Middleton is of Anglo-Saxon origin and means middle-farm or middle-settlement. Tyas is a Norman family name but no evidence has come to light that Middleton Tyas once belonged to a family of that name.

The village lies on the eastern end of a limestone ridge which forms the watershed between the Tees and Swale catchments. Historically limestone was quarried locally for building stone and the production of quicklime. Quarrying for road stone still continues to the north of the village. There are extensive views over the Tees Lowlands towards the Cleveland Hills from high points on the walk.

Small deposits of particularly rich copper ore were mined near the village in the 18th and 19th centuries. You can see mounds of spoil dug from mine shafts in the fields near the church. The remains of the mine's engine house in the woods below the church can also be seen from the walk.

The Church of St Michael and All Angels is an ancient structure, with Norman arches and pillars on the north side, and Early English on the south. It was restored and renovated between 1867-79 under the direction of Sir George Gilbert Scott.



At a glance

How far?	3 miles/4.5 km
How hard?	Easy
Which map?	OS Explorer 304
Starting at?	NZ 2267 0574
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Car park, Five Hills Lane
Any facilities?	Pub, village shop

Short circular walk on grass field paths. Gates or kissing gates, no stiles. Some steps and moderate inclines. Muddy in places following wet weather.

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1. Starting from the Shoulder of Mutton Pub, in the middle of the village, turn onto Smithgutter Lane, with the pub on your right.
2. After 150m bear left onto a public footpath which descends through woodland before crossing a low lying field. Leave the field at the small gate opposite and climb a flight of

steps, continuing past the Vicarage on your right.

3. Turn left onto the Moulton Road for 80m, then turn right onto Church Avenue for 300m.
4. Leave the lane at the kissing gate by the corner of a wood and follow a public footpath down the hill, keeping the wood

on your right. Turn right at the bottom of the hill. Follow the footpath alongside Cow Lane Beck for 250m.

5. Turn left and cross Cow Lane Beck on a wooden footbridge. Follow the field edge footpath to the top of the hill.
6. Turn left onto a farm track towards the buildings at Murky Hill. Leave the track and follow the way marked public footpath through two fields keeping the buildings on your left.
7. Leave the second field at a kissing gate to join Cow Lane. Follow the lane as it turns left, then turn right onto a public bridleway for 200m.
8. Turn left onto a public footpath and follow it along the edge of two fields, cross over Cow Lane Beck and continue along the edge of a third field with a wood on your right. In the fourth field continue straight on up the hill to rejoin Cow Lane at a field gate.
9. Continue to follow Cow Lane back to the village. At the junction continue straight ahead onto School Bank. Follow the road as it turns left then right to return to your starting point.

