

12. Cross the road and follow field-edge paths to the next road.
13. Cross the road and follow field-edge paths to Point 4. Follow the path along the edge of the field, passing the tumuli again (this time on your left), and back through the woods into Piercebridge.

#### What you can see

- Piercebridge Roman Fort
- Piercebridge Roman bridge (see photo below)
- Bronze Age burial mounds (tumuli) at Betty Watson's Hill
- The old Forcett railway, built in 1865 to carry lime from the quarries near Forcett Park
- The extensive earthworks of Stanwick Camp, a Brigantean centre of power and trading
- Stanwick Church, with its 9th century stone sculpture
- The packhorse bridge in Aldbrough St John, dating from the 16th or 17th century.

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## At a glance

How far?	<b>10 miles (16km)</b>
How hard?	<b>Moderate with stiles</b>
Which map?	<b>OS Explorer no.304</b>
Starting at?	<b>Piercebridge NZ 212 159</b>
Buses?	<b>traveline 0871 2002233</b>
Parking?	<b>Layby on minor road by Carlbury Bridge, off B6275</b>
Any facilities?	<b>Pub in Aldbrough, farmshop/ café &amp; pubs in Piercebridge</b>

**Explore Roman remains, Iron Age earthworks and more on this circular walk along field paths and minor roads.**

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# ny walks

**Piercebridge & Stanwick archaeology walk**



1. Take the footpath running south along the back of the village. The remains of Piercebridge Roman fort are through a gate on your right and are well worth a look around. Continue south along the path, under the pink archway and over the bridge across the River Tees.
2. Follow the road past the George Hotel and take the

path on your left signposted to the Roman Bridge. Here you can explore the remains of the Roman bridge before returning back to the current road bridge.

3. Just before the bridge, take the footpath on your left and follow it up through the woods and out into a field. Going straight ahead, walk along the edge of

the fields, looking for tumuli on your right, until you reach a tarmac track.

4. Turn right and follow the tarmac track for about 500m, cross a stile on your left and follow the field-edge path to a reservoir surrounded by a stone wall.

5. Turn right just before the reservoir and follow a grass track to Allan's Grange Farm. Do not go into the farmyard, but follow a field-edge path to the right of the farm buildings. Cross a stile on your left, keep the farm buildings on your left, then turn right and follow the track west. Keep walking west. The track turns into a field-edge path, then, keeping to the right hand side of the hedge you will pass a small wood before reaching a lane.

6. Turn left and follow the lane to the road junction. Turn right and follow the road to Eppleby (take care on the road!). Follow the road through the village.

7. At the end of the village take the footpath on your left, follow the track across the beck, turn right in front of Mill Farm and head across the field towards a line of electricity poles. Go uphill & follow the poles across the old railway line and through a metal gate. Keep on the field-edge paths and go across a paddock to reach the road at Forcett.

8. Turn left along the road and you will soon come to the English Heritage Guardianship site, part of Stanwick Camp Iron Age fortifications. Go through a gate on your left and climb up onto the earthworks. A short way along you can see a section of the ramparts that have been excavated to show what they would have looked like. Return to the road.

9. Continue along the road for a short distance, then turn right and follow the path across fields to Stanwick Church, which is also worth a visit. Climb up the stile in the churchyard wall and follow the path to the church, taking the right hand fork towards the road at the church entrance. Cross the road, climb down the stile beside the bridge, and follow the path along the southern edge of the beck. Cross a little bridge and follow the path along the northern side of the beck until you get to the road.

10. Turn left onto the road for a few metres, then turn right over a stile and across fields towards Aldbrough St John. When you reach the point where two becks meet, cross the footbridge and follow the beck into the village.

11. Turn left and cross a stone footbridge to the village green. Continue along the road to the edge of the village. At a footpath signpost go through a little white gate on your left and follow the path alongside a garden and through two paddocks. Cross an arable field then follow the field edge to the road.

