

18. From the stone, continue along the lane until you reach the outskirts of the town.
19. Turn left at the first lamppost and go along Lombard's Wynd to the main road where you can turn right to the centre of Richmond, or left back to the start of the walk.

What you can see

- Station Bridge was built to give vehicles access to the railway station from the town, but during World War I the road was extended by Italian prisoners of war to give access to Catterick Camp, then under construction. It was renamed Mercury Bridge in honour of the town's association with the Royal Corps of Signals.
- Passing St Martin's Priory, look for a Norman doorway, a tower and fragments of walling in the field to your right.
- Easby Abbey was home to the White Canons or Premonstratensians. It was founded in 1155 and destroyed in 1536. It is now managed by English Heritage, with free entry all year.
- While walking through the wood at map point 13, keep an eye on the river for flashes of white or yellow. You may see dippers and grey wagtails feeding in the river. Otters are also found in the Swale.



At a glance

How far?	6 1/4 mile (10km)
How hard?	Moderate
Which map?	OS Explorer Map No. 304
Starting at?	NZ 117 008 The Station
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	The Station, Richmond
Any facilities?	Plenty of choice in Richmond

A kaleidoscope of ruins, river, landscape and legend following an old railway, field paths and lanes.

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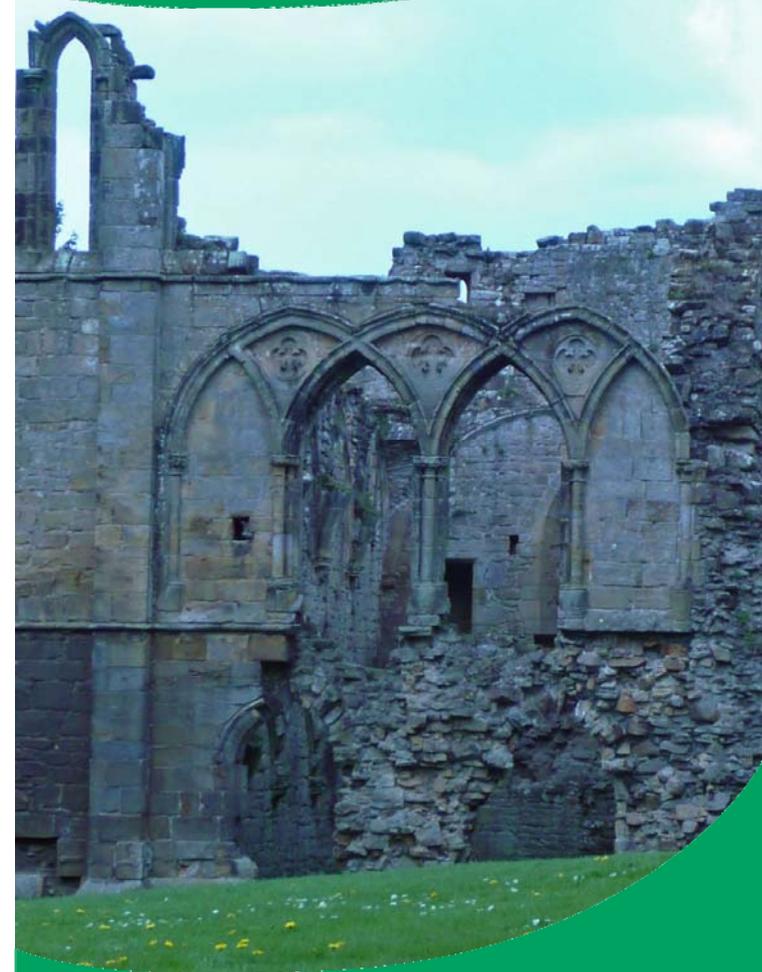
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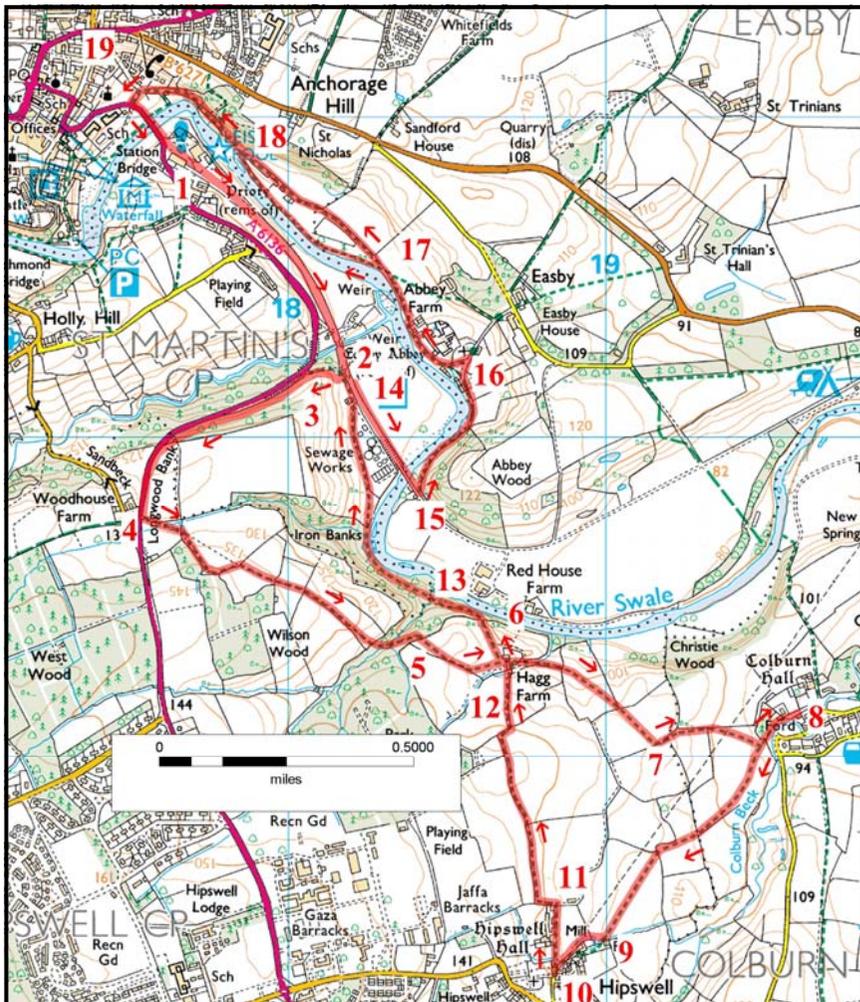
Richmond, Colburn Village and Iron Banks



1. From the former railway station – now The Station arts and community centre – follow the route of the former Darlington to Richmond branch line, noting the old Priory on your right and Easby Abbey to your left. After about ½ mile (800m), look out for a picnic bench near a gate/cattle grid on your right.
2. Turn right here, go through the gate and take the track sharp right. Walk up the tarmac drive to the next gate/cattle grid.

3. Take the left fork and continue uphill along the tarmac track parallel to the road, to a white metal bollard.
4. Here, turn left through a farm gate and follow the waymarked route across fields, and through a kissing gate into a wood. Keep straight ahead, across a little bridge and uphill to go through a kissing gate into a large field.

11. Continue to the end of the buildings, turn left and follow the path round the edge of two fields, enjoying fine views ahead and to the right. At the end of the second field, the path turns to the right and then left through a gap in the hedge. Walk towards the wood.
12. Go through the kissing gate down the side of the wood and cross the beck near Hagg Farm. Take the path ahead and go through the remains of the farm, continuing to a kissing gate into Hagg Wood.



5. Continue ahead to the farm track and the remains of Hagg Farm (now only some large stones).
6. Here is a junction of paths: but keep ahead along the track and into the field. Then follow the waymarkers across two more fields to a Coast to Coast signpost.
7. Follow the path along the field edge and through the wood to the village of Colburn.
8. From Colburn, retrace your steps to the kissing gate. Cross the field and head towards the rooftops at the end of a line of trees to your left and follow the waymarked route across fields towards Hipswell.
9. Just before reaching the village, a couple of surprises are in store. The path crosses a curious little squeeze bridge, then goes through a building that once formed part of the old corn mill.
10. At the end of the driveway, the lane to your left takes you into Hipswell. However, turn right to pass in front of Hipswell Hall and some farm buildings.
11. Continue to the end of the buildings, turn left and follow the path round the edge of two fields, enjoying fine views ahead and to the right. At the end of the second field, the path turns to the right and then left through a gap in the hedge. Walk towards the wood.
12. Go through the kissing gate down the side of the wood and cross the beck near Hagg Farm. Take the path ahead and go through the remains of the farm, continuing to a kissing gate into Hagg Wood.
13. After about 200m, the recently restored woodland path descends towards an idyllic waterfall and a footbridge. Take care as there is a steep drop alongside the path. Continue along Iron Banks, through the wood and into the field beyond. Keep ahead, skirting to the left of the sewage works and then back through the gate to rejoin the old railway track bed.
14. Resist the temptation to retrace your steps to the starting point. If you do, you'll miss many highlights. Instead, turn right along the old track bed to the bridge that once carried the railway over the River Swale.
15. Cross the bridge, turn left at the T-junction and continue along the lane to a car park.
16. Turn left along the lane to the magnificent ruins of Easby Abbey. Continue along the lane, through the grounds of Abbey Mill (now a private house) and pass through a gate leading into the field beyond. Keeping the fence on your left, walk up the field and go through a kissing gate.
17. Here you can choose to take the lower riverside path or to take the top path alongside the wood. Both paths converge at a stone commemorating Richmond's Little Drummer Boy, a legend that may have connections with Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.