

FEELING ADVENTUROUS? GET ACTIVE AND EXPLORE HARTLEPOOL



✓ WALK ✓ DOG FRIENDLY

~ ROUTE 2 DETAILS ~

This walk is through farmland, along a country road and includes a steep sided dene and woodland. There are moderate/steep ascents and descents, and a couple of stiles to cross.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO :

Respect Other People

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors, and leave gates and property as you find them. Follow paths unless wider access is available.

Protect the Environment

Leave no trace of your visit, take your litter home, and keep dogs under effective control.

Enjoy the Outdoors

Plan ahead and be prepared! Follow local signs and advice.



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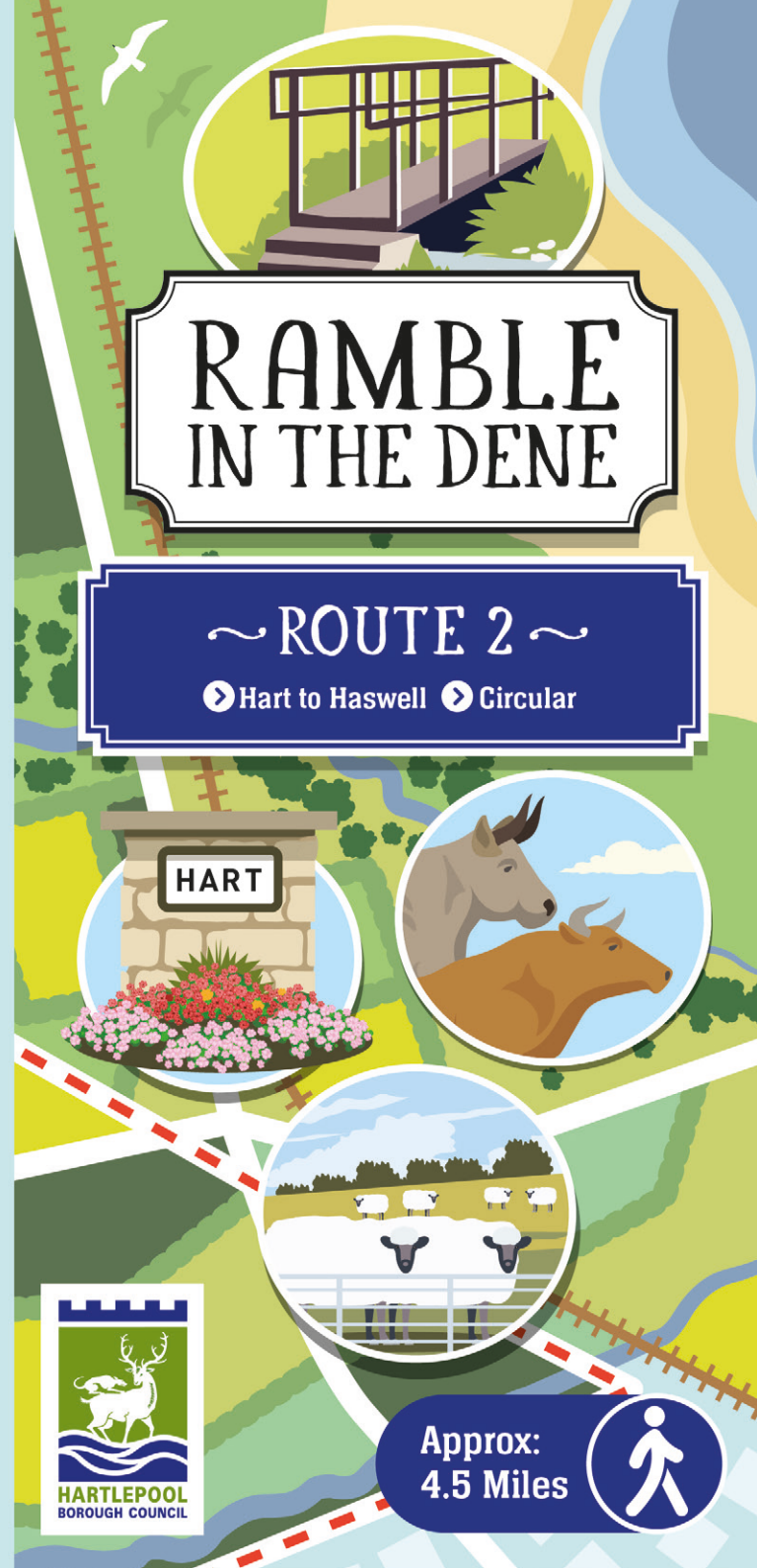
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RAMBLE IN THE DENE

~ ROUTE 2 ~

▶ Hart to Haswell ▶ Circular

HART



Approx:
4.5 Miles



RAMBLE IN THE DENE

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From the car park **1** Enter St Mary Magdalene Churchyard through a white gate and follow the path along the front of the church. Turn left off the main path onto a side path that leads towards a small gate to the right of a field gate, in an old limestone wall. Go through the small gate and follow the fenced off path, beside a stone wall, towards North Hart Farm. **2** Go through another gate turning right into an enclosed path onto and through the next gate. Walk straight ahead and follow the boundary of the small paddock around to the opposite diagonal corner and go through another two gates leading you to a farm track. Take a right onto the track, **3** through another small gate and continue along it until you reach a field gate ahead, go through a small gate to your left into a large pasture field. **4** Follow waymarkers around the field boundary until you reach a gate on your left that leads onto a small bridge. Cross the bridge, through another small gate, and keep straight ahead on the field edge path. Go through the next gate ahead, and then another directly to your right. **5** Continue straight across the field and through another gate

directly ahead, onto the start of a farm lane. With Nelson Farm on your left, enter the lane **6** heading away from the farm, eastwards. Follow the lane to the Coast Road **7** (A1086). Carefully cross the main road into Hartville Road and follow the sign to the Hart to Haswell Walkway.

HARTLEPOOL HISTORY

8 The walkway was originally a major rail route for carrying coal from the local collieries to the docks at Hartlepool. The famous engineer, George Stevenson, who built the Rocket designed the railway which was built in 1835. The line was heavily used until the coastal railway from Sunderland to Hartlepool was opened in 1905. The line was finally closed in 1980. This former railway line is now a Local Nature Reserve and supports an array of wildlife due to the rich mix of magnesian limestone grasslands, ponds, semi-mature and mature woodlands.

Follow the walkway for 1½ miles until you reach a waymark post on your left (if you reach the pond on your right you have gone a few metres too far). The path on your left will lead you downhill into a small dene.

9 The denes were formed around 10,000 years ago as the ice from the last ice age rapidly melted. The sides of the valleys were too steep to be cleared for agriculture allowing the survival of the semi-natural ancient woodland. The variations in soil and slope in the denes provide a variety of habitats and an interesting array of plant and animal inhabitants such as Harts Tongue Fern and Brown Long-Eared Bat.

Follow the path down the dene towards Crimdon Beck. At the bottom, turn left onto a track, keeping Crimdon Beck on your right. Cross over the beck **10** and then over Bellows Burn, over a foot bridge. Follow the track uphill, just before the track leaves the wood, turn left at the waymarker onto a footpath and go through a gap in the fence. **11** After the gap, turn right and re-join the track continuing uphill. Where the track bears left take a footpath to the right and pass a small house on your left. **12** With woodland on your right, continue downhill until you come to stile on your right. Cross the stile, go across the track and walk uphill a few metres onto the farm lane. **13** Turn right and follow the lane passing North Hart Farm on the way back into the Village. Take your first left into Magdalene Drive, **14** walking along past the Primary school and back into the car park where you started.



REFRESHMENTS
Refreshments can be found at Hart Village.