

- 6:** At the staggered junction, continue straight across (keeping a watchful eye on the traffic) and head towards Humshaugh village. After 60 metres, turn left through a gate signposted 'Burn Lane'.
- 7:** Continue through another gate and follow the path to the side of the field for 300 metres until you come to a smaller gate.
- 8:** Continue for 100 metres until you cross the burn over a small bridge and reach the edge of the next field.
- 9:** Turn right, keeping to the edge of the field, and continue on for 250 metres until you reach a bridge back over the burn.
- 10:** Cross the bridge and follow the path for another 250 metres until you come to the main street in the centre of Humshaugh.
- 11:** Turn left and continue on for 150 metres until you reach The Crown Inn pub.
- 12:** Approx. 10 metres past the pub, you will see a footpath sign on the left for Haughton Road. Turn left here, going through an alleyway between two bungalows, until you reach a field.
- 13:** Keeping to the right of the field, walk for 120 metres until you reach a small gate with a bridge over the burn. Continue on for 150 metres through the woods until you come to another gate.
- 14:** Go through the gate and follow the path along the side of the field for 200 metres until you reach another gate. Continue through the field ahead for 150 metres until you reach a small road.
- 15:** Turn left and continue on road for 800 metres until the road splits into two. Continue straight on here following signposts for Haughton Castle and River North Tyne. Here you will pass a very rare Edwardian postbox, one of only a handful that still exist today.
- 16:** Continue down this road for 300 metres, crossing over a cattle grid. Haughton Castle should be coming into view on your right. Follow the road

as it leads down to Ferryman's Cottage and the North Tyne River.

Just to right of the cottage is a boat ferry (i.e. a boat hooked on to a metal line over the river), which existed until the late 1960s to primarily take miners over to the large stone quarry on the village on the other side at Barresford. The last ferry person still lives in this cottage to this day.

- 17:** Continue down this road for 100 metres until you reach the river. As you walk down, you will see to your right a large building also by the river. This was a paper mill and in the Napoleonic wars (early 1800s) was used to produce counterfeit French Francs to undermine the economy. Relax beside the river, where you can look back to see beautiful views of Haughton Castle.

Haughton Castle was first built in the 13th century as a tower house by Ranulf de Haughton. It was fortified to castle status by the 14th century. In 1541, it was badly damaged by a Border Reiver raid from two of the most notorious families in the area: the Armstrongs and the Elliots. The castle gradually went into disrepair until the early 1800s, when it was rebuilt to the standard we see today.

When you are ready, retrace your route back to The Crown Inn.

- 18:** At The Crown Inn, head back off to the right for 100 metres, passing the village shop, then turn left just past the red telephone box down Farm Lane.
- 19:** Continue along this path for 650 metres until you reach the main road.
- 20:** Turn left downhill on the grass for 200 metres until you reach the roundabout.
- 21:** Turn right here and continue along the road for 900 metres until you return back to Chesters Stables.

WALK #4

HAUGHTON CASTLE

6.2 MILES FROM WALWICK HALL HOTEL

5.4 MILES FROM CHESTERS STABLES

MODERATE

APPROX 2.5 HOURS

A varied walk through fields, roads, country lanes and the quaint village of **Humshaugh** to reach **Haughton Castle**, a beautiful Grade I Listed building dating back to the 13th century.

The Castle faces parkland on one side and a spectacular view across farmland with the **North Tyne River** below on another. Please note, this walk features several off-road sections which can be muddy so make sure you use appropriate footwear.

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WALK #4

HAUGHTON CASTLE

START & END: WALWICK HALL HOTEL
OR CHESTERS STABLES

If starting from Chesters Stables begin from point 3.

- 1:** Starting from the Walwick Hall Hotel's back terrace, walk for 200 metres to the bottom left-hand corner of the garden, next to the large brown shed. Cross through the small gate and turn right between the two fences. Cross over the stile directly in front of you to access the road.
- 2:** Turn right and walk for 100 metres before turning left at the main road and continue down the hill towards Chesters Stables.
- 3:** From Chesters Stables entrance continue downhill along the road for approx 250 metres until you come to a small uphill road flanked by two large stone walls on your left.
- 4:** Walk up the small uphill road for 800 metres until you come to a crossroads on the edge of the hamlet of Lincoln Hill. At the crossroads in the field ahead, you will see an early 19th century water pump which, at one time, would have been the principle water supply for the hamlet.
- 5:** Turn right at the crossroads (the red postbox should be to your right) and continue down this road for 750 metres until you reach the B6320 road.

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