

Hexham General Hospital Green Walk

A circular walk that starts at Hexham General Hospital. Great for a lunchtime jaunt or to squeeze some nature into your busy day.

Distance 2.5 kilometers / 1.6 miles

Duration 35 minutes



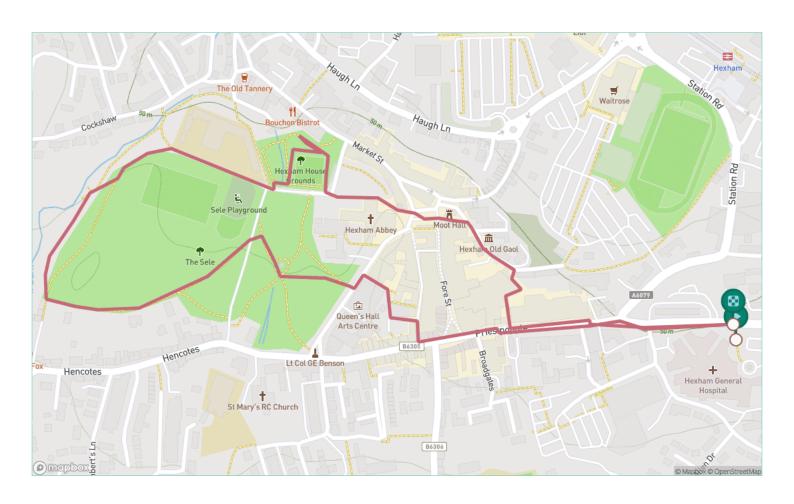




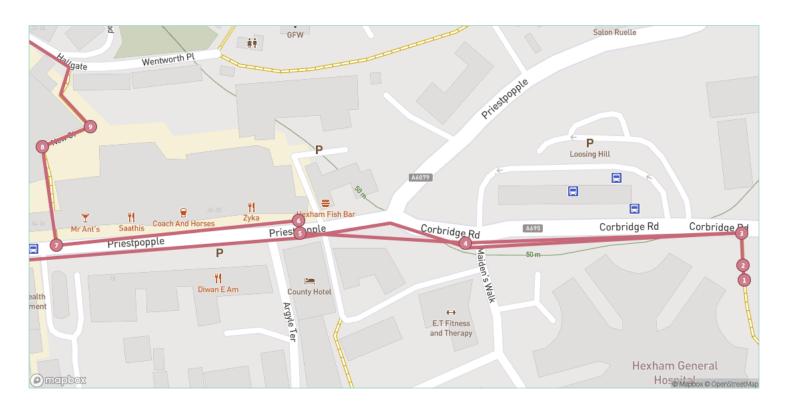












Step 1: This walk starts at Hexham General Hospital off Corbridge Road (NE46 1QJ). It's perfect for staff, visitors, patients or local residents.

Step 2: It's a circular walk and could be completed in 40 mins over lunch. The Hexham bus station is over the road. Please note that step-free sections are indicated as you go but beware there are still steep sections and uneven paths.

Step 3: Use the ramp or steps to make your way down towards the main road and turn left to continue along Corbridge Road.

Step 4: Use the drop kerbs to cross over the side roads. Mind any traffic as you go. The road soon turns into Priestpopple.

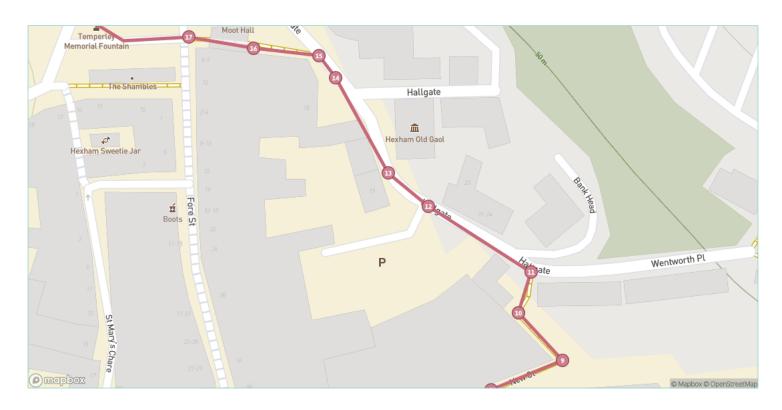
Step 5: Use the pedestrian crossing on your right to cross Priestpopple road and then turn left on the other side.

Step 6: Continue up Priestpopple and look out for a small alleyway turning on the right hand side.

Step 7: It's slightly hidden. Head right down the alleyway known as New Court.

Step 8: Follow the path as it winds right and left.





Step 9: Use the ramp uphill if you need to avoid steps.

Step 10: Get ready to exit the alleyway onto a road and be mindful of moving vehicles. You need to turn left when you're through the archway.

Step 11: Continue left up Wentworth Place. Follow the road as it goes uphill.

Step 12: The road turns into Hall Gate, continue ahead. The pavement is very narrow so you'll have to share the road with vehicles.

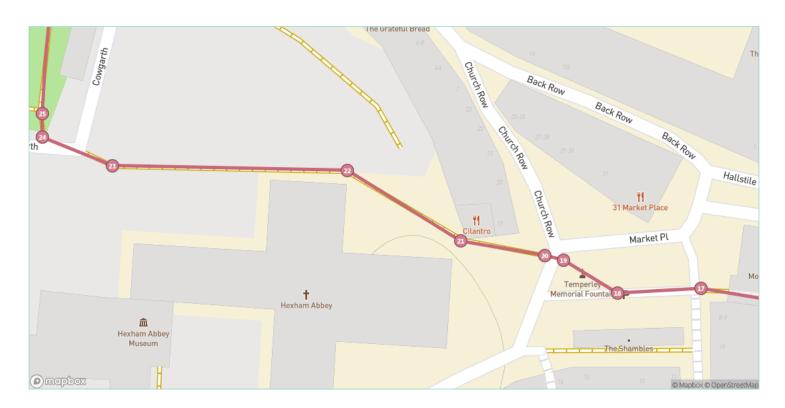
Step 13: Continue past Hexham Old Gaol on your right hand side. Did you know it was one of the first purpose-built jails in England!

Step 14: There are plenty of coffee shops and cafes to choose from as you go.

Step 15: Turn left to continue past Moot Hall, a 15th century gate house. Walk through the archway to continue.

Step 16: Moot Hall was originally built as a defensive structure against the Scots and later became a courthouse for county court hearings.





Step 17: The path opens up onto St Mary's Chase and The Shambles market area which was still closed for refurbishment in October 2025.

Step 24: At the corner of Cowgarth road, you can continue right to walk around Hexham House Grounds and the bowling green. There is a step here so...

Step 18: Just up ahead is the beautiful Hexham Abbey, founded in 674 AD and a stunning example of Anglo-Saxon and Norman architecture.

Step 19: Make your way towards the front of the Abbey, crossing all the roads carefully.

Step 20: Keep to the right of the Abbey to continue on our trail. Mind the bollards as you go.

Step 21: You'll past an old graveyard with benches on your right hand side.

Step 22: Take a closer look inside the cemetery green if you like. There are steps up to it.

Step 23: Continue along the paved path. Enjoy the dappled light of the trees as you go. Walk through the next archway.





Step 25: ...for a step-free journey continue ahead and skip to Step 33 to follow along with us.

Step 26: Continue ahead along the tarmac path with the bowling green on your left hand side.

Step 27: At the corner of the Grade II Hexham House, walk past the front. Enjoying the beauty of the old building as you go.

Step 28: If you continue ahead, you'll come across the small sensory garden which is a great place to notice nature with your senses.

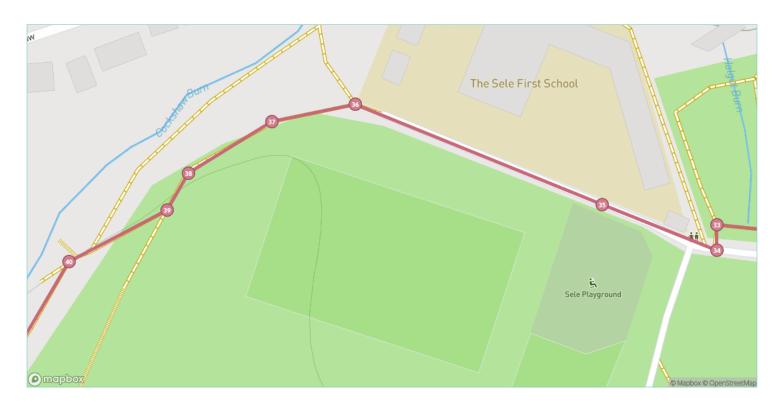
Step 29: When you're ready, retrace your steps back towards the bowling green.

Step 30: Where the path meets the green, turn right to continue walking around the outskirts of the green.

Step 31: Can you spot any lovely flowers, shrubs or trees today? Anything catching your eye? Why not take a picture for posterity?

Step 32: When you're at the other end of the green, follow the path right and then look left for the exit to Hexham House grounds.





Step 33: Go up the steps and turn right to make your way into The Sele park.

Step 34: To continue step-free, turn left here and skip to step 50 of this walk. Otherwise keep going straight and head past the public toilets.

Step 35: You'll pass by the children's playground here. Don't miss great views on your left up the hill.

Step 36: Continue to the far end of the path, mind the bollard and bear left to continue on this walking trail with us.

Step 37: You'll be heading slightly uphill. Look right for a downhill path that leads to the burn.

Step 38: Take the path towards the burn for a dose of forest bathing. It can be muddy in wet or wintry weather. To avoid the mud continue uphill inside the park, using the steps to the top of The Sele and pick up from Step 44 at the top.

Step 39: Take this path downhill towards Cockshaw Burn. Watch out for high water levels. Do not continue if the river level is high.

Step 40: Keep to the path with the burn on your right hand side.





Step 41: Look right for the Hexham Totem Poles which are part of the local flood defences as well as being art.

Step 48: When you're ready, continue downhill along the path. At the upcoming path junction, take the left hand path.

Step 42: Now follow the path as it leads back uphill.

Step 43: Be mindful of tree roots as you go. Here's a good place to take it slow, admire the scenery and complete a spot of forest bathing.

Step 44: Continue uphill with the wooden fence on your right.

Step 45: At the top of the path where you reach the cottages, continue left into The Sele park.

Step 46: Continue straight ahead as we slowly begin to go downhill again.

Step 47: If you've got time, we recommend exploring the top of the park and enjoying the magical views.





Step 49: Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season as you go. Continue to the end of the path.

Step 50: Cross the road and head right through the gap in the white stone wall.

Step 51: Follow the path as it continues right towards the bandstand.

Step 52: Walk around the Grade II bandstand which was erected in 1912 after being gifted to the town by Henry Bell, the son of a local merchant.

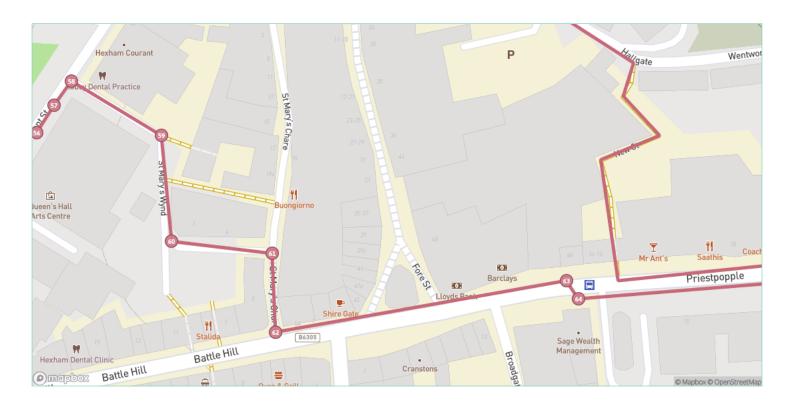
Step 53: ...and continue ahead/ slight left to exit the park.

Step 54: Walk past the war memorial.

Step 55: Exit through the arched gate and carefully cross over Beaumont St.

Step 56: The Queen's Hall is just in front of you, turn left here and take the next right to walk around the hall.





Step 57: The Queen's Hall was originally built as the Town Hall and opened in 1866 as a venue for agricultural markets and fairs. The building is now an arts centre.

Step 58: You should be on St Mary's Wynd now which takes us through the backstreets to Priestpopple from earlier.

Step 59: The pavement is very narrow here so it's easier to walk in the road. This is a low traffic street but please be mindful of moving vehicles.

Step 60: Turn left to continue walking along St Mary's Wynd.

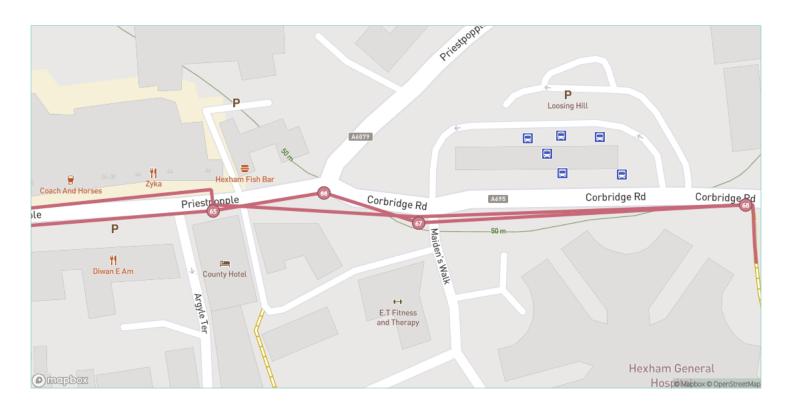
Step 61: You'll soon meet St Mary's Chare. Turn right here and walk along the cobbles, past the bollards and turn left onto Priestpopple.

Step 62: Continue downhill here as we make our way back towards the hospital.

Step 63: Cross the main road at the upcoming pedestrian crossing on your right hand side. Continue left on the otherside.

Step 64: Follow the road all the way back to the hospital.





Step 65: Cross any side roads with care. There's a good pub here if you need a refreshment stop.

Step 66: Follow the road, walking past the bus station.

Step 67: Use the drop kerbs to cross the side roads.

Step 68: The hospital is just up ahead. We hope you enjoyed this walk and it brought some peace, nature and calming vibes to your day.

