



Hexham and River Tyne Tour

A mini tour around the beautiful town linking local heritage, wonderful architecture & green spaces. The walk ends with a riverside stroll.

Distance 5.3 kilometers / 3.3 miles

Duration 1 hour and 30 minutes



Great views



Public loos



Public transport



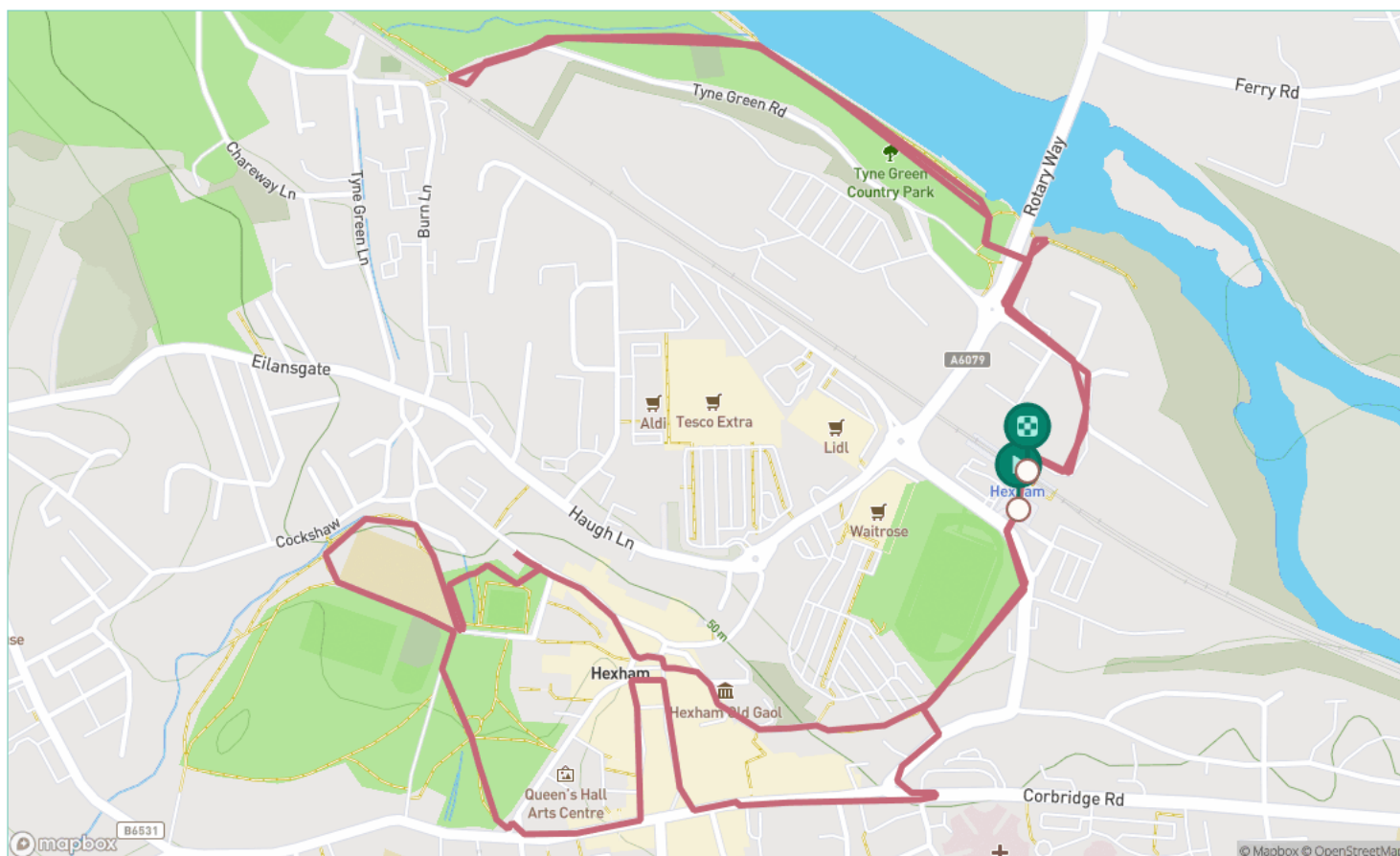
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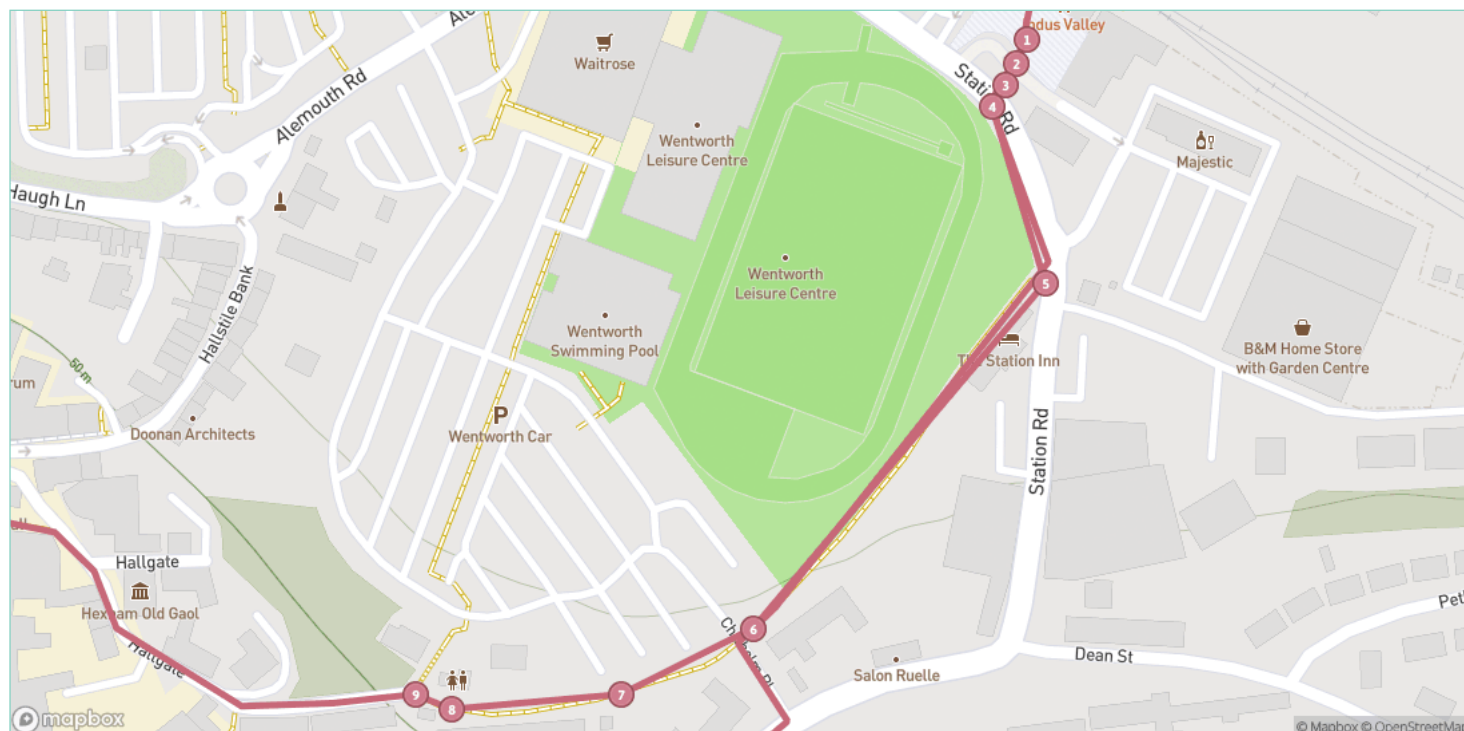


Dog friendly



Child friendly





Step 1: This walk starts at Hexham station. Served by Northern trains on the Tyne Valley line between Newcastle and Carlisle.

Step 8: Exit the path and continue directly ahead on Wentworth Place. If you need a toilet break, look right.

Step 2: The nearest car park can be found at the station as well as at Wentworth (NE46 1QW). Start the walk at Step 9 if you park there.

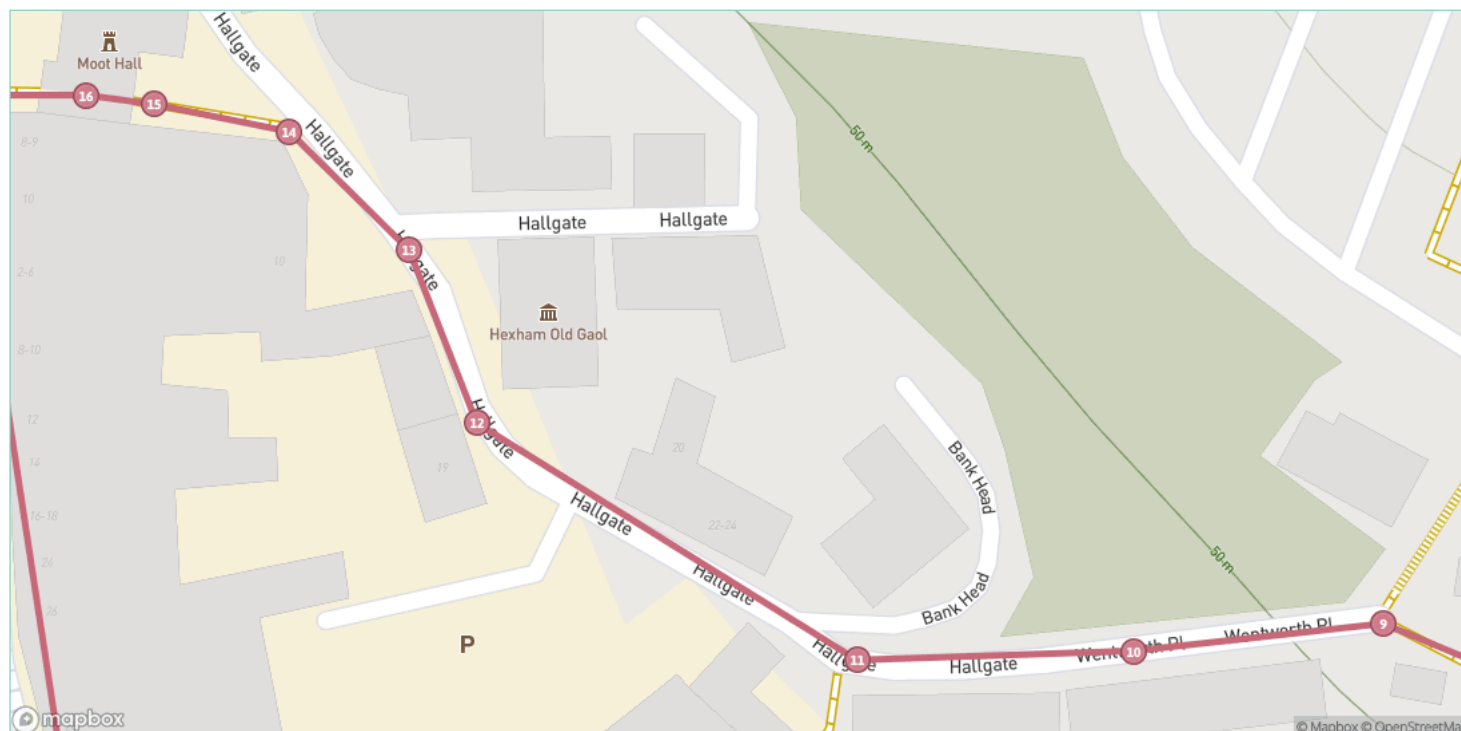
Step 3: Opposite the station, cross Station Road at the zebra crossing.

Step 4: Turn left on the opposite side.

Step 5: A little further up the road, turn right onto the path, with the athletic track on the right.

Step 6: Cross Chisholm Place road at the zebra crossing.

Step 7: Continue along the tree lined path with the carpark on the right.



Step 9: You'll find public toilets here by the car park.

Step 10: Continue up Wentworth Place. This is quite a steep road.

Step 11: Follow the road round the bend. To the right is the Old Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. There is no pavement here so take care.

Step 12: 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 13: Continue along Hallgate, please be aware that this is a shared pavement and road so take care.

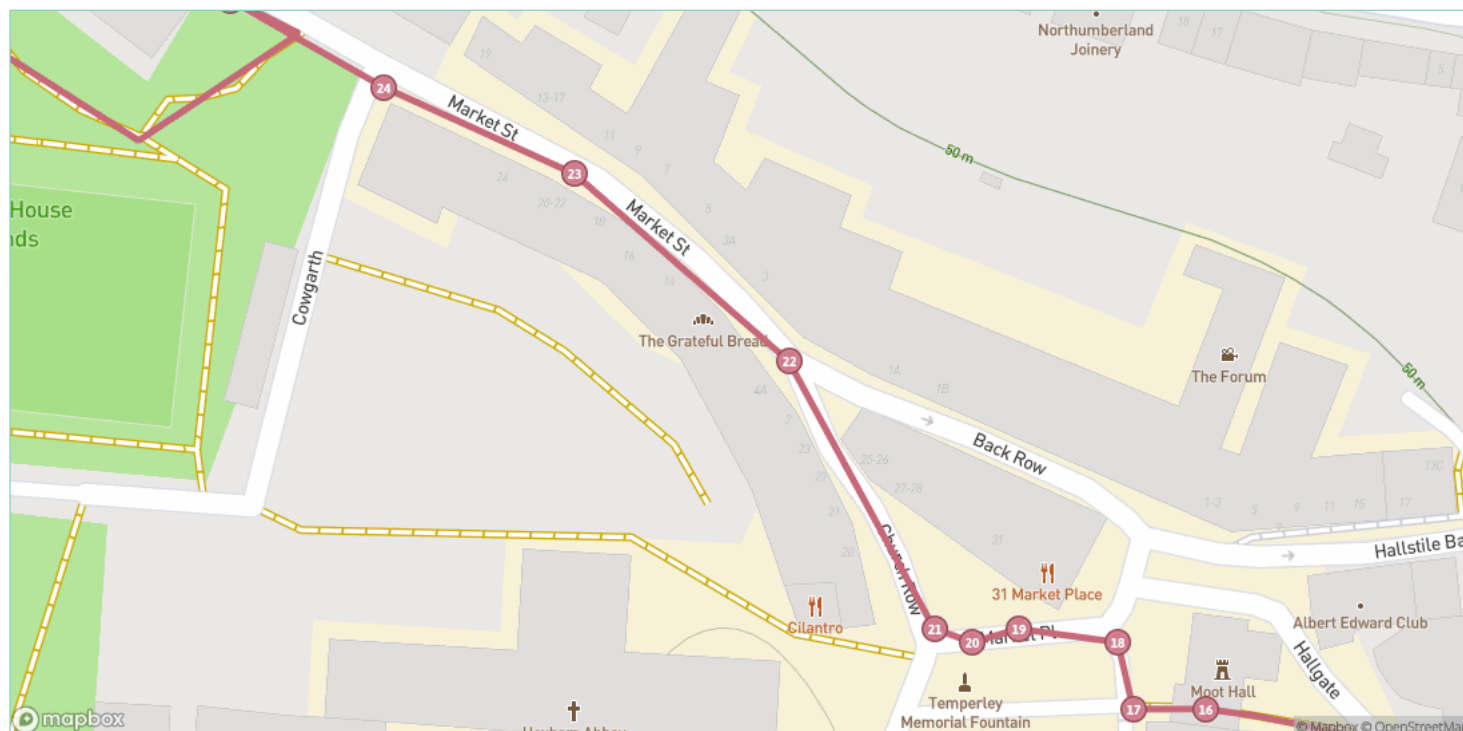
Step 14: Turn left and head towards the archway under Moot Hall a 15th century gate house.

Step 15: Steps lead up to the main entrance to the hall on the right if you'd like to explore.

Step 16: Head through the archway and read more below 🖱️

Moot Hall

Moot Hall is a 15th century gate house. It was originally built as a defensive structure against the Scots and later became a courthouse for county court hearings.



Step 17: This opens up to Market Place (undergoing major renovations in winter 2025).

Step 18: Head around to the right of the market place.

Step 19: Bear left towards the stunning Hexham Abbey founded in 674 AD and a beautiful example of Anglo-Saxon and Norman architecture.

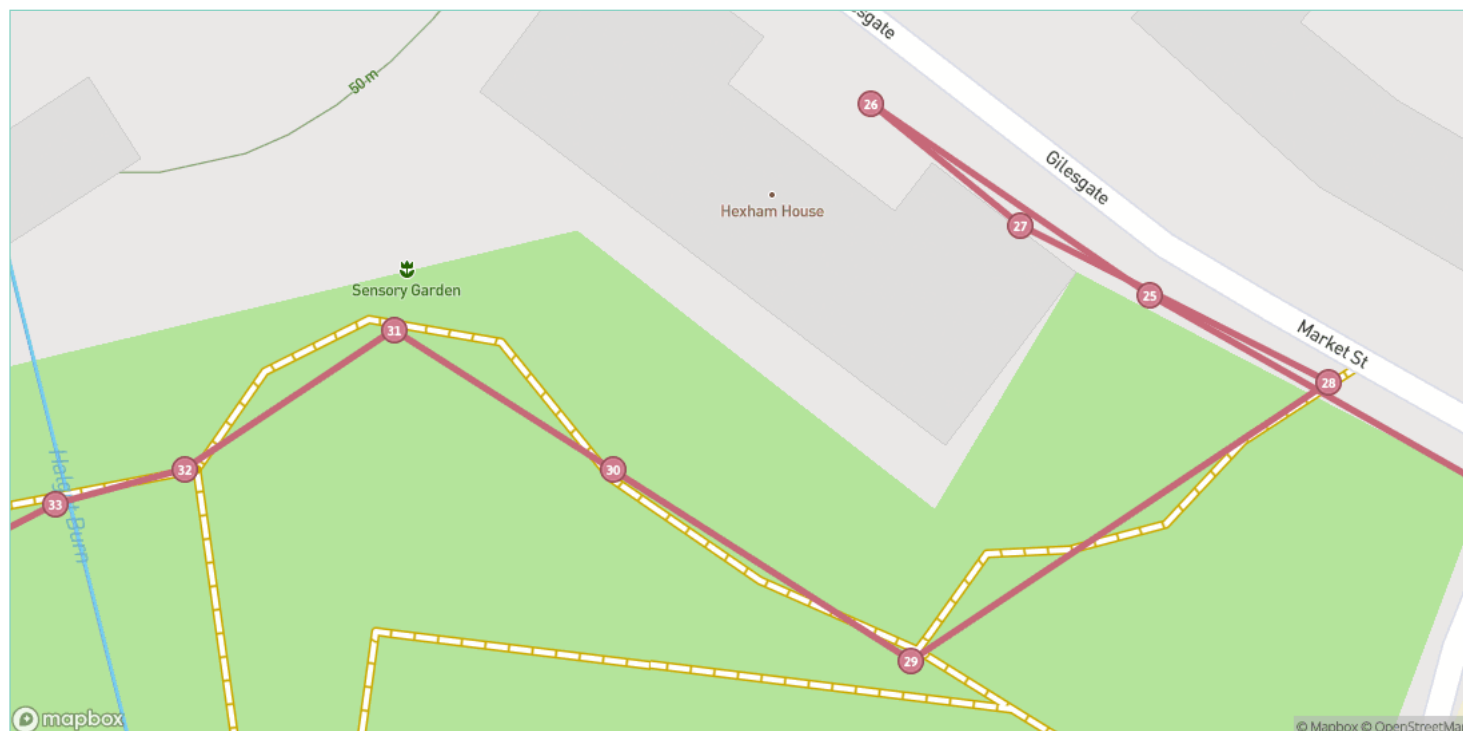
Step 20: Look out for the Temperley Memorial Fountain to the left. An early poem by Georgian poet Wilfrid Wilson Gibson is displayed on it.

Step 21: Turn right, carefully crossing over Church Row and continue down the road.

Step 22: Around the bend the road becomes Market Street.

Step 23: Continue along Market Street, on the left hand side. The area has been a focal point for commerce since 1276!

Step 24: Further along the road on the left you'll find St Wilfrid's Gateway, a remnant of the Augustinian priory gatehouse, dating to around 1160.



Step 25: Continue right along Market Street, which turns into Gilesgate.

Step 26: Before arriving at Grade II Hexham House on the left.

Step 27: Turn around and head back the way we came up Gilesgate for a few steps.

Step 28: Head right to enter Hexham House Grounds through the gates.

Step 29: You'll emerge in this lovely manicured garden, with the Hexham House Bowling Club at the back.

Step 30: Head right. To the right is the back of Hexham House. Read more below.

Hexham House

Hexham House was originally built for Reverend Thomas Andrews in the 18th century. It was later used as a boarding school and library before being purchased by the council in 1928 to be used as offices. Now the house is residential, split up into apartments.

Step 31: Follow the path left through the gardens.

Step 32: The path heads down a steep hill into the wooded area.



Step 33: Cross the bridge over Halgut Burn.

Step 34: Follow the path left up the hill.

Step 35: Further along the path, go up the steps and through the gate on the right.

Step 36: You'll be on the northern border of the local green space, The Sele.

Step 37: Directly to the right is a path that follows the Hexham House wall on the right with The Sele First School on the left. Head up it!

Step 38: Continue along this path as it heads down a slope.

Step 39: At the bottom of the hill turn left as the path continues alongside houses.

Step 40: As the path bends around to the left, it follows Cockshaw Burn on the right.



Step 41: Turn left and head up the fenced path.

Step 42: At the top of the path you'll be back at The Sele.

Step 43: Head left along the wide tarmac path on the perimeter of the park.

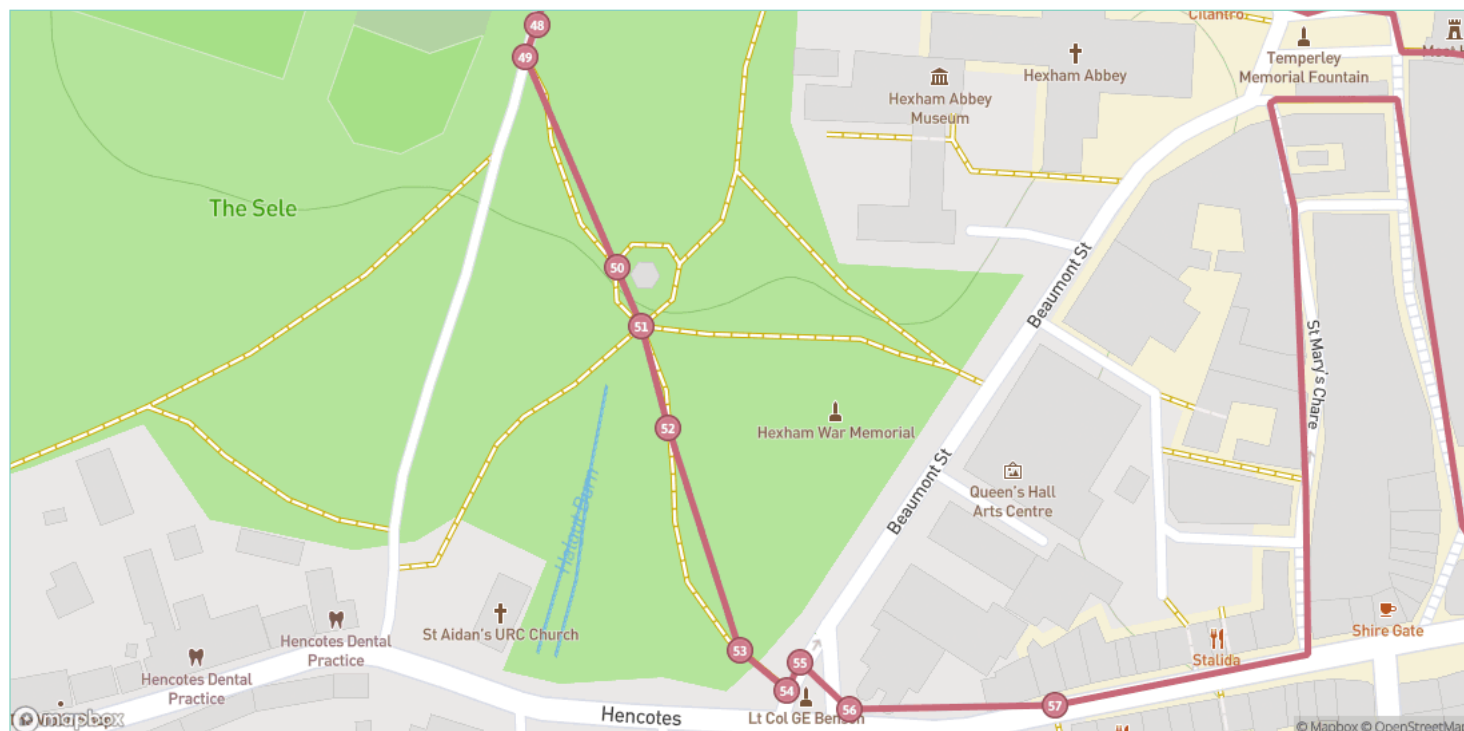
Step 44: A little further along, we find this ornate drinking fountain erected in 1899. Can you see the original inscription?

Step 45: It says: "Keep the pavement dry." Continue past the playground on the right.

Step 46: Opposite the playground there are public toilets.

Step 47: After the playground, turn right onto a wide tarmac path with a stone wall to the left.

Step 48: Pass the skate park on the right.



Step 49: Turn left through the small gap in the wall.

Step 50: Arrive at the beautiful Grade II bandstand.

Step 51: Look left for a beautiful view of the Abbey Museum and Abbey itself.

Step 52: Take the path that continues in the same direction of travel away from the bandstand. Sit on the bench and listen to Hexham's history 🖱️

Step 53: Exit the park through the Benson of Allerwash Memorial Gates.

Step 54: Just opposite the gates in the middle of Beaumont Street is the statue of Lieutenant Colonel GE Benson.

Step 55: Carefully cross Beaumont Street just behind the statue.

Step 56: Once over the road, turn right then left around the side of Hexham Community Church.

The Trouble with Hexham

From revolting peasants to slavery and facism in the town, learn more about Hexham's incredible history through 'The Trouble with Hexham' Audio Tour.

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Step 57: Head down Battle Hill.

Step 58: Turn left on St Mary's Chare.

Step 59: Continue along St Mary's Chare, known locally as Back Street as it runs parallel to Fore Street.

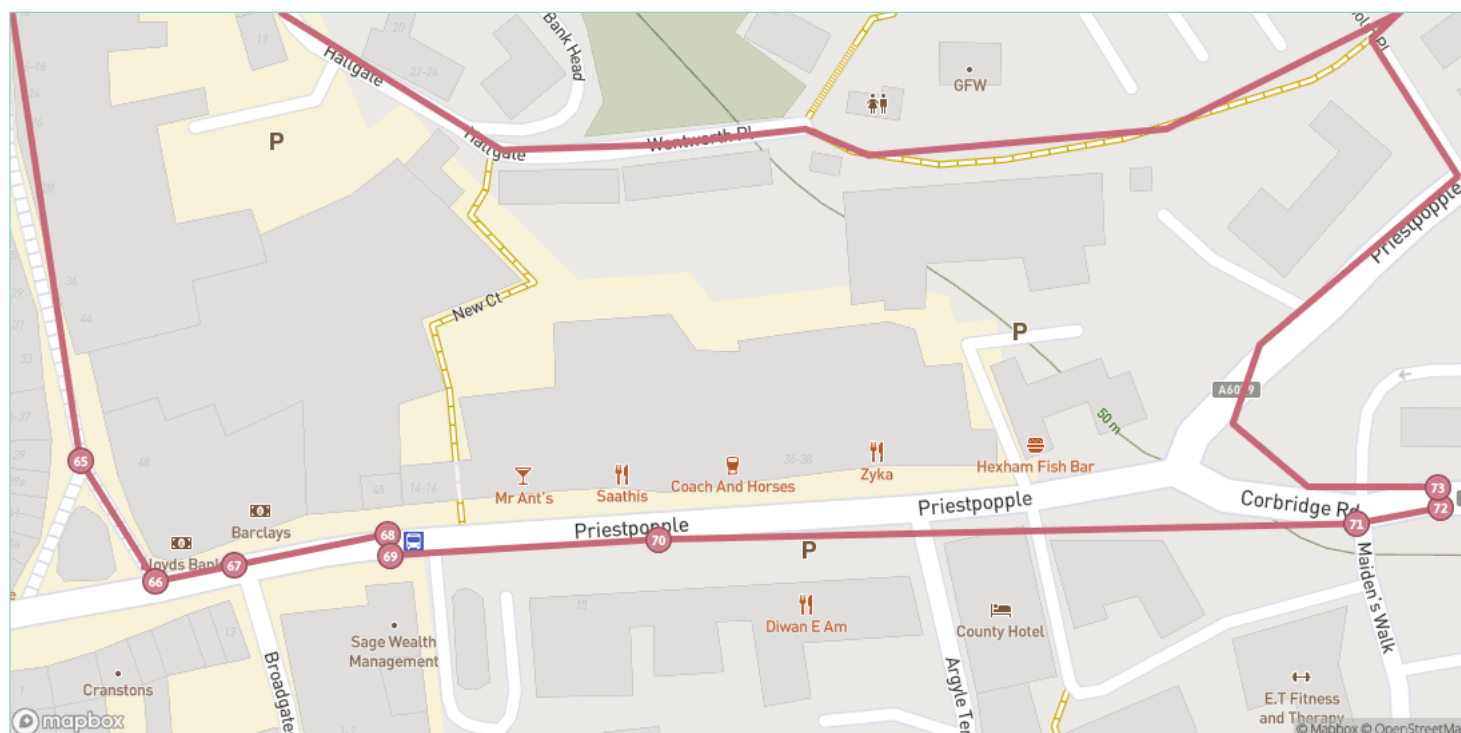
Step 60: At the end continue straight ahead along Old Church and through the archway.

Step 61: This opens back up to Hexham Abbey.

Step 62: To the right is Market Place with The Shambles, which is also going under major renovations.

Step 63: Walk along the right hand side of The Shambles.

Step 64: Turn right at the end of Market Place onto Fore Street.



Step 65: At the end of Fore Street take the pavement on the left.

Step 72: Carefully cross Corbridge Road on the left with the new bus station directly ahead.

Step 66: On an island at the bottom of Fore Street is this amazing building that once housed the Midland Bank.

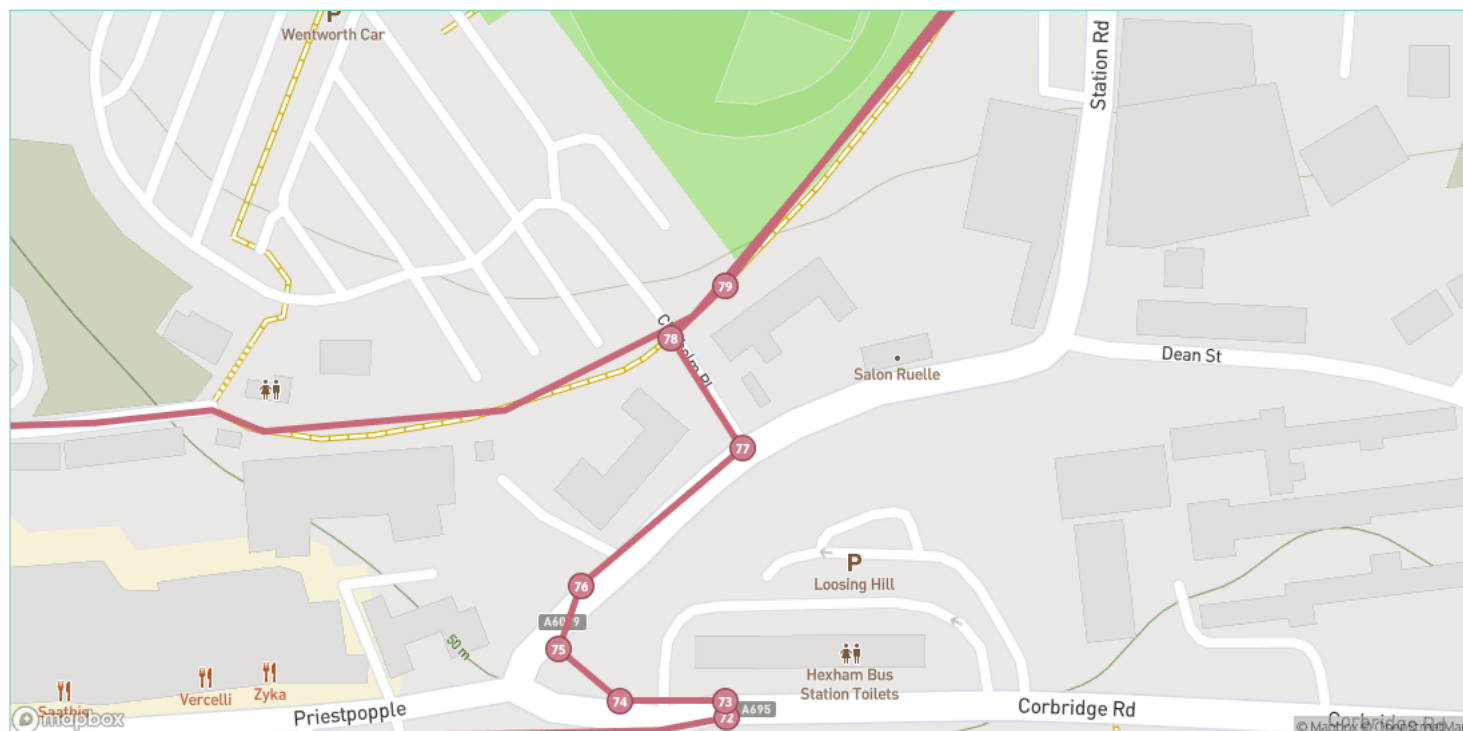
Step 67: Turn left and walk along Priestpopple.

Step 68: Then cross over the road at the pedestrian lights.

Step 69: Head left on the opposite side of Priestpopple. Pass the old bus station on the right.

Step 70: Pass the K6 telephone kiosk.

Step 71: Continue straight on Corbridge Road and then carefully cross over Maiden's Walk at this central island.



Step 73: Once over the road, turn left and head back along Corbridge Road.

Step 74: Pass this clock tower on the right.

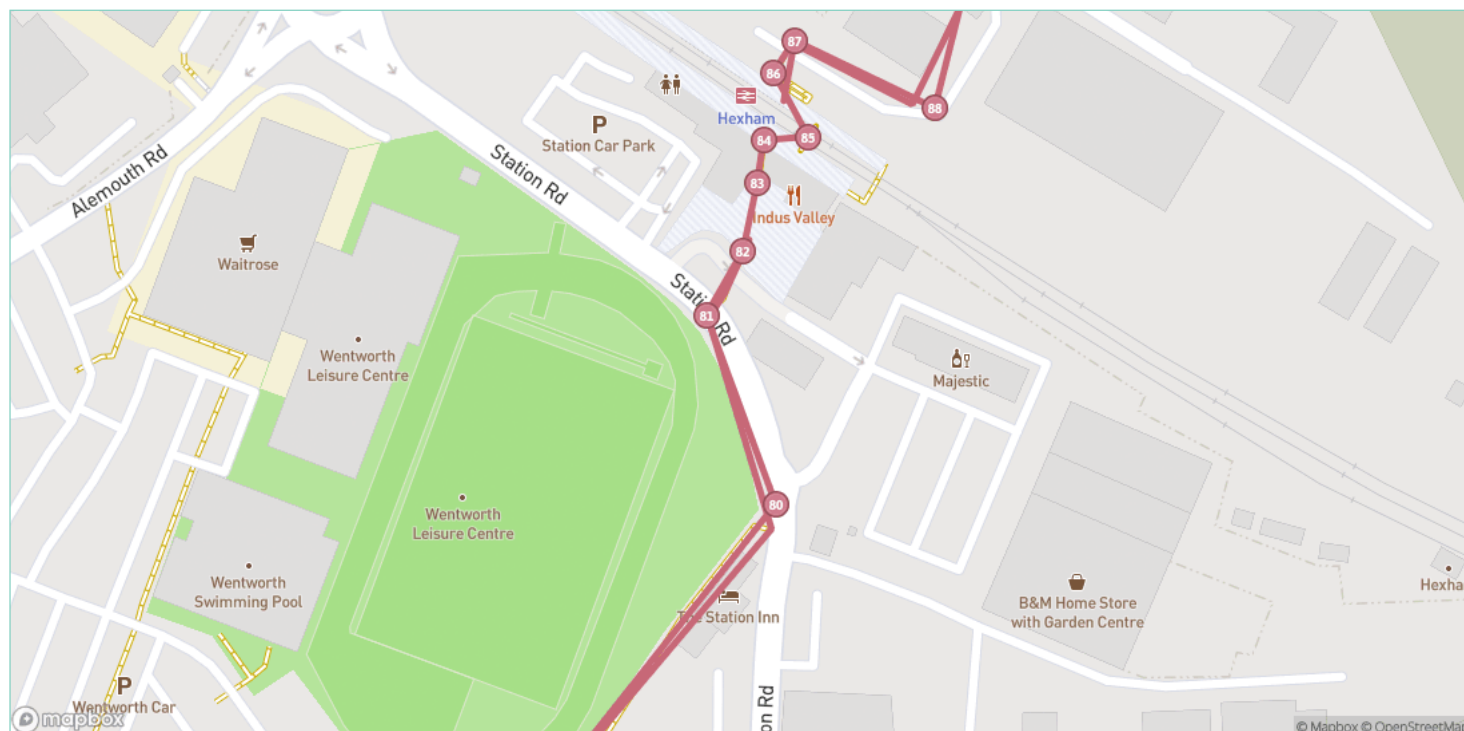
Step 75: Follow the road round to the right, cross over the road at these lights on the left.

Step 76: Turn right on the opposite side and head down Priestpottle.

Step 77: Then turn left on Chisholm Place and head down the road towards Wentworth carpark.

Step 78: Use the zebra crossing on the right.

Step 79: Head back down the path alongside Wentworth Leisure Centre.



Step 80: At the end of the path turn left along the pavement on Station Road.

Step 81: Use the zebra crossing on the right, heading back towards the station.

Step 82: Then head into Hexham train station.

Step 83: The walk can end here or you can continue with this extra section that takes us down to Tyne Green Country Park with stunning views over the Tyne River.

Step 84: Go over the bridge onto Platform 1.

Step 85: You can see the Hexham Signal Box to the right from the bridge.

Step 86: Once over the bridge, exit the station from Platform 1 and cross over at the zebra crossing.

Step 87: Turn right and head along the pavement.



Step 88: Turn left and carefully head down the road. This is a quiet industrial estate but there is no pavement so caution is advised.

Step 95: Turn right and head under the bridge via this tunnel.

Step 89: A little further along, we continue along Rotary Way on the pavement.

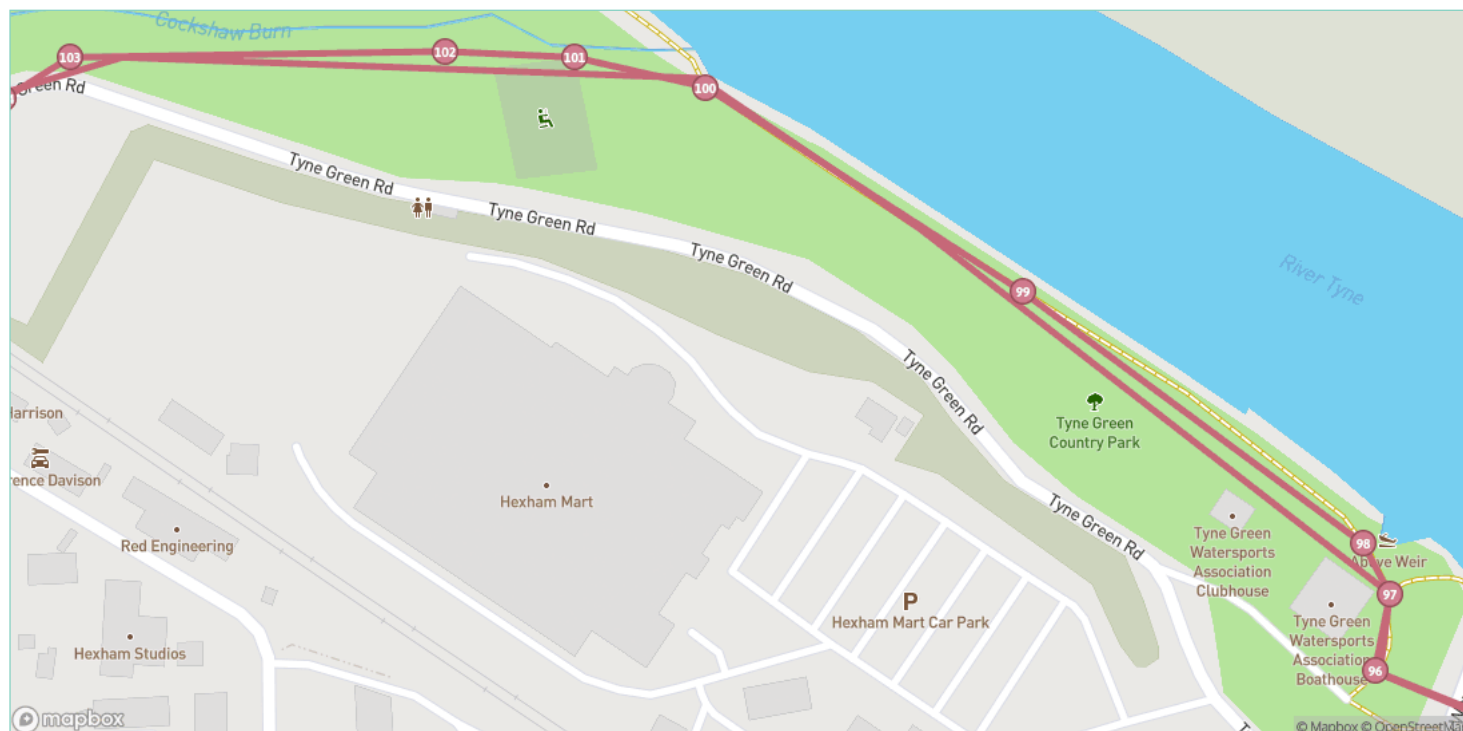
Step 90: Cross the road and continue along the narrow pavement.

Step 91: Turn right at the roundabout

Step 92: Continue directly ahead along the path as it heads towards the trees.

Step 93: At the top of the hill enjoy an incredible view of Hexham Bridge, the River Tyne and weir which includes a fish pass for migrating salmon.

Step 94: Turn around and head back down the path.



Step 96: Emerge on the other side into Tyne Green Country Park. Turn right on the path.

Step 97: To the right you'll have another great view of Hexham Bridge through the trees.

Step 98: Turn left and walk along the path through the park with the Tyne running parallel on the right.

Step 99: Continue along this path enjoying the sights and sounds of the river.

Step 100: Follow the path as it bends to the left before Cockshaw Burn and Tynedale Golf Club.

Step 101: Head past the playground on the left.

Step 102: There is also an outside gym just beyond the playground.

Step 103: At the end of the field, continue with car through the carpark.



Step 104: Turn slight right onto the Tyne Green Road.

Step 105: On the right is the Golf Clubhouse as well as a café.

Step 106: Continue to the end of the road and turn left onto the small patch of grass.

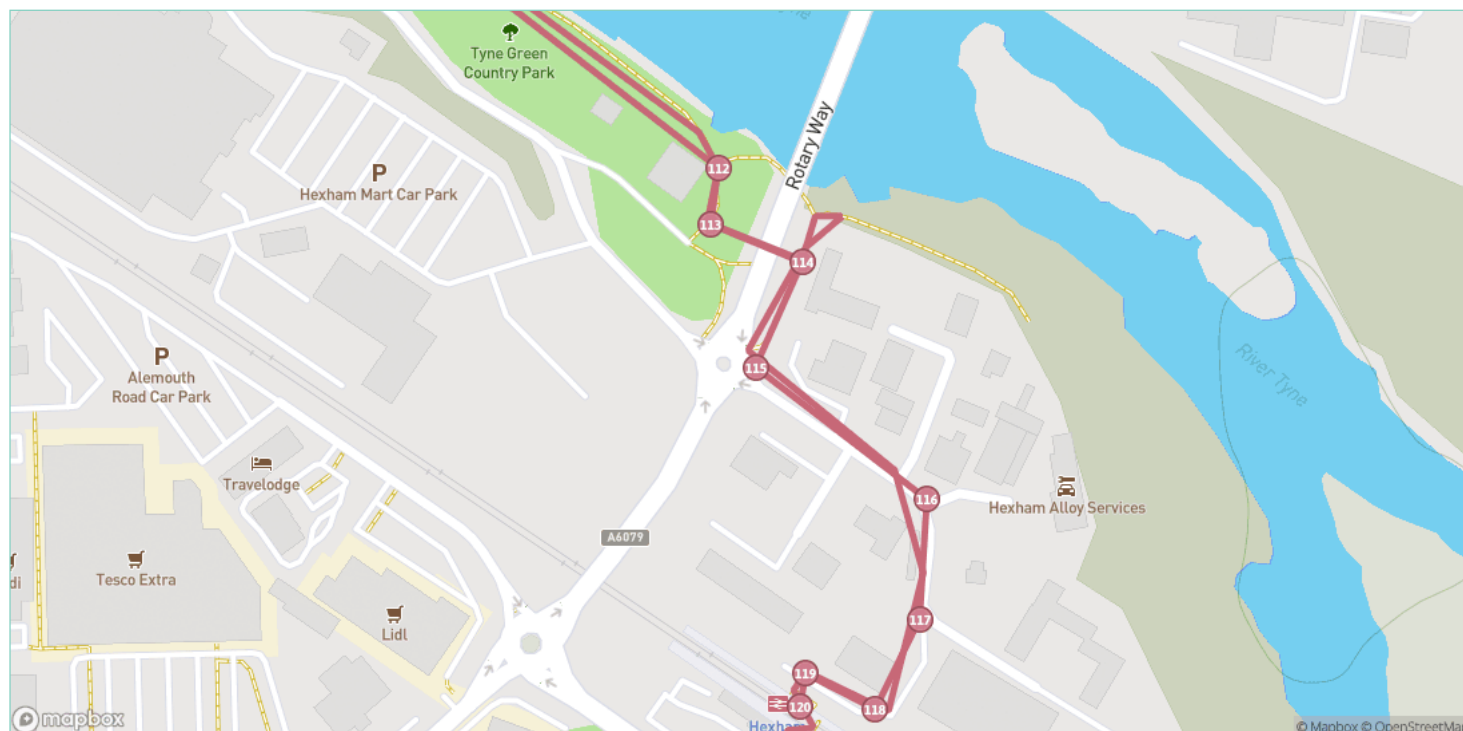
Step 107: Here we find the Sandstone Way Monolith which marks the beginning of an exhilarating 120-mile mountain biking adventure.

Step 108: We are now going to retrace our steps back to the station. Head back to the road beside the cafe.

Step 109: Walk onto the grass and head back towards the playground.

Step 110: Once past the playground, turn right and head along the tree lined path, with the Tyne on the left now.

Step 111: Enjoy the lovely view down the river towards Hexham Bridge.



Step 112: At the bottom of the path turn right and head back towards the tunnel under the main road.

Step 113: Go through the tunnel.

Step 114: Once through the tunnel, turn right.

Step 115: At the roundabout, turn left and head back into the industrial estate.

Step 116: Follow the road as it bends to the right. Carefully crossing Rotary Way and continue on the pavement on the right hand side.

Step 117: Continue along the road, being very careful as this section does not have a pavement.

Step 118: At the top of the road, turn right towards the train station carpark.

Step 119: Use the zebra crossing on the left.

Step 120: You've reached the station where this walk ends. We hope you enjoyed this walking tour of Hexham. Find your next Northumbrian walk in-app. 😊