

Walks to Thirlwall Castle (OS Grid ref. NY 659 662)

From Greenhead, a 0.7km easy walk to Thirlwall Castle.

1. Park in Greenhead
2. From the telephone box walk along Station road to the gate at the end
3. Take the footpath to the right of this gate way marked for Pennine Way and Thirlwall Castle
4. At the path end go through the wicket gate and turn right
5. Cross the footbridge and follow Tipalt Burn upstream to Thirlwall Castle
6. To return in a circular loop, walk down the track from Thirlwall Castle (following the Pennine Way) and cross the footbridge over the Tipalt Burn beside Holmhead
7. Head up the hill to the first bend in this woodland track
8. Turn right over a stone step stile and follow the wall on your left to the next stile
9. Cross here and make your way across the rough pasture land to the rocky mound ahead
10. Go through the gates, cross the cobbled yard between the houses to come out onto the B6318
11. Turn right here to walk back to Greenhead

From Walltown Quarry, 1km moderate walk to Thirlwall Castle

1. Park at Walltown Quarry National car park
2. Turn right out of the car park entrance and walk about 50m down this road
3. Turn left just before the cattle grid to cross a stile marked with an acorn sign (the Pennine Way)
4. Walk along this ridge for about 200m (ignore the offshoot paths going to the right and left)
5. Now descend downhill via two stiles to a woodland track that passes by Holmhead
6. Cross the Tipalt Burn Footbridge and go up the track to Thirlwall Castle
7. Return by the same route

From Thirlwall Castle car park, a 0.3km easy walk to Thirlwall Castle

1. Park in Thirlwall Castle car park, half way between Greenhead and Longbyre along the B6318
2. Walk along the path (Pennine Way) in front of the nearby row of houses known as Thirlwall View
3. Cross the railway line with care and walk over the footbridge
4. Follow the Tipalt burn upstream to Thirlwall Castle
5. Return by the same route

Please observe the Site Safety and Country Codes

1. Walks are along tracks and fields which can be muddy after rain
2. Come prepared with waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear
3. Please keep dogs under close control (preferably on a lead)

For public transport links to Greenhead and Walltown, please telephone Haltwhistle Tourist Information Centre or Traveline 0870 6082608