

The Valley (Wine Salmon) - oil painting by Rod Sturtevant



The River Tyne

For many years the lower reaches of the River Tyne suffered from industrial pollution and, as a result, the migratory population of salmon and sea trout was greatly reduced. Over recent years, however, work to reduce the pollution has lead to a significant increase in the numbers of these fish returning to their original spawning grounds in the higher reaches of the river and its tributaries.

Another resident of the river that has seen a recent increase in its numbers is the elusive but attractive otter.

The Corbridge Lann



Roman Treasure

The villagers of Corbridge found many pieces of Roman treasure in the early 1700's. They were all thought to be part of the same set, lost or hidden many centuries before.

On 15 February 1735 Isobel Cutter, the 9 year old daughter of the local blacksmith, saw something white sticking out of the gravel and mud of the river bank. It turned out to be a Roman platter with a base foot, all made out of silver. Her father later sold the foot for 36 shillings. The rest was sold for 36 guineas. Because treasure found in the area belonged to the Lord of the Manor, Mr Cutter was taken to court. However, the court only fined him 6d. Others were not as lucky when they sold their treasure trove.

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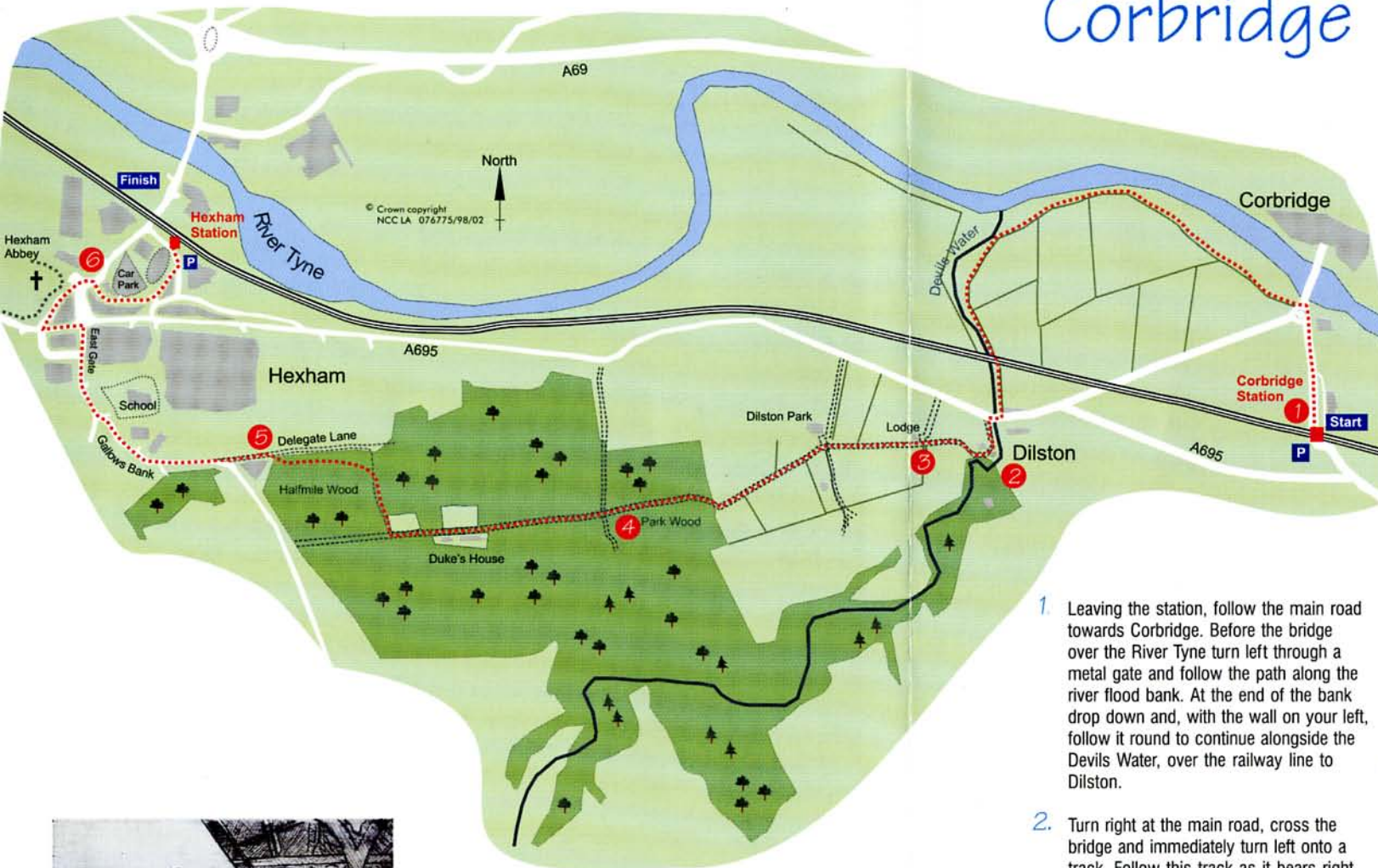


train trail 2

CORBRIDGE TO HEXHAM

Linear Walk *TWO*

Corbridge to Hexham



3. Cross straight over, keeping the Lodge on the right, and follow the lane towards Dilston Park. Crossing over the farm access track, continue along a fenced, wooded path which rises towards Park Wood. Once in the wood, the path bears right then continues to a junction of paths.

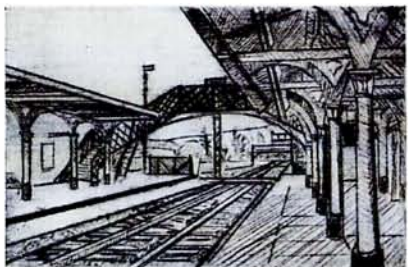
4. Keeping straight ahead, the path widens to a track and passes Dukes House on the left. Once past all the buildings, the wood on the right opens to a field. Continuing along the track, turn right along the path down the edge of the field and straight into Halfmile Wood. At the bottom of a bank, the path bears left and continues gradually downhill, keeping left at a junction before joining Delegate Lane.

5. Turn left, follow the lane and turn right down Gallows Bank and then Eastgate into Hexham. At the junction with the main street, turn left up Battle Hill. Take the first turning on the right down Beaumont Street and pass Hexham Abbey on your left.

6. Entering the Market Place on your right, cross it to pass under the archway of the Gate House Tower. Then bear right, past the Old Gaol and continue down Hallgate. As the lane bears left down to the car park, continue straight ahead and follow the wide path around the car park and sports field to Station Road. Turn left and Hexham station is opposite.

1. Leaving the station, follow the main road towards Corbridge. Before the bridge over the River Tyne turn left through a metal gate and follow the path along the river flood bank. At the end of the bank drop down and, with the wall on your left, follow it round to continue alongside the Devils Water, over the railway line to Dilston.

2. Turn right at the main road, cross the bridge and immediately turn left onto a track. Follow this track as it bears right between some houses and continues to a junction with a gate.



"Hexham Station"
-by Kathleen Sisterson