

Circular Route: Allendale to Whitfield Circular

Length: 11 miles (17.7km)
Grid Ref: NY 837 558



Begin your walk in Allendale town market place where there are excellent pubs and cafés. Head west down the steep road behind the Forge Gallery and Café. Turn right just beyond the first bend and follow the public footpath down to and alongside the right bank of the river.



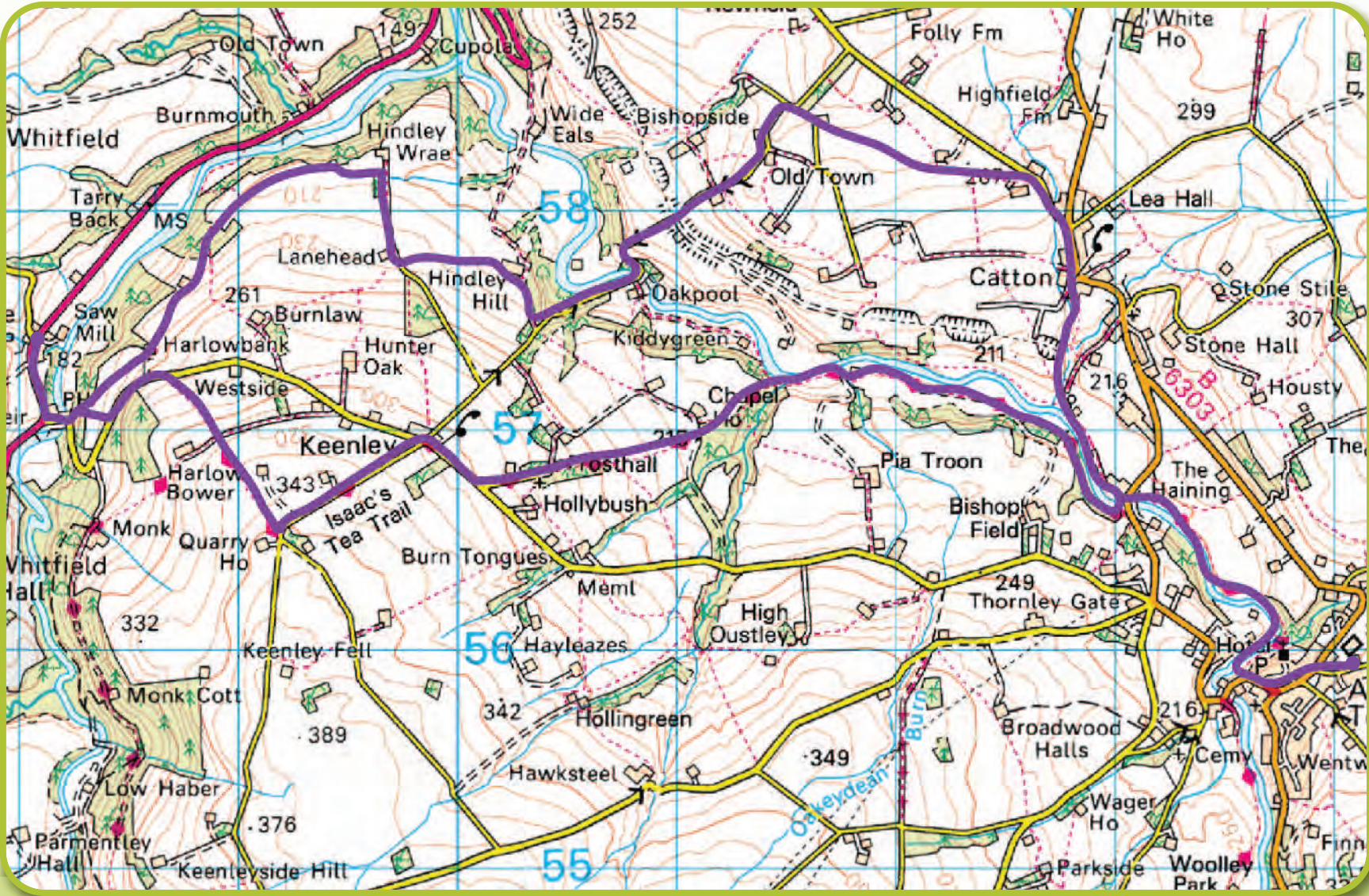
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At the road take a short detour left over the Allen Mill Bridge (look out for leaping salmon on the down stream side from late summer) and take time to explore the Allen Mill site on the opposite bank. From Allen Mill, head back across the bridge and continue following the river downstream along a public bridleway that turns up hill. Just after crossing the disused railway line take the public footpath to the left into Catton village.



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Walk through the village to a cross roads (the Crown Inn lies just beyond) and take the left lane signed for Starward. After a short distance take a public footpath to the left (signed) over the stone wall stile through a small woodland and follow it beyond Half Acres and across fields to a minor road. Follow the road (Colliery Lane) past Old Town downhill and cross the bridge over the East Allen at Oakpool. Walk up Appletree Bank and take the track to the right for Hindley Hill. Follow the public footpath from Hindley Hill left to Lanehead and right to Hindley Wrae.



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Allendale in winter (credit Charlie Hedley/Natural England)

Turn left before the buildings at Hindley Wrae and follow the footpath along the valley edge past Asheybank and Harlowbank down to the River West Allen and Blueback Bridge. The Elk's Head sits at the junction with the main road and a short distance to the north along the road is the Whitfield Pantry,

Village store, Café and Gallery.

From Whitfield retrace your steps across Blueback Bridge and take the public footpath that short cuts the bend and follow the road uphill and take the signed cross field footpath to the right over the stone stile.

Continue uphill to Quarry hose and turn left along the minor road down to Keenleywell House (you are now following Isaac's Tea Trail). At the Keenleywell cross roads, turn right along the main road for a short distance (with care) and then left down a minor road opposite a field gate.

Follow the public footpath downhill across fields and through a woodland to the River East Allen. Follow the footpath upstream to Allen Mill and the return path to Allendale Town.



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Taste Trails

Allendale Town

PUBS

- Allendale Inn, Market Place (01434 683246)
- The Hare and Hounds, The Peth (01434 683300)
- The King's Head, Market Place (01434 683681)

CAFÉS

- Allendale Bakery Café, Allen Mill (01434 618879)
- Allendale Tea Room, Market Place (01434 683575)
- Allendale Forge Café, Market Square (01434 683975)

Catton

- The Crown, Catton (01434 683447)

Whitfield

- Whitfield Pantry Shop & Café (01434 345709)
- The Elk's Head, Whitfield (01434 345282)



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