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This walk is through farmland on paths, tracks and country road. There are several stiles to cross and moderate ascents and descents.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO :

### **Respect Other People**

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors, and leave gates and property as you find them. Follow paths unless wider access is available.

### **Protect the Environment**

Leave no trace of your visit, take your litter home, and keep dogs under effective control.

Enjoy the Outdoors Plan ahead and be prepared! Follow local signs and advice.





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#### APPROX : 5.5 MILES

Starting from the Green in Dalton Piercy, 1 take the road east and downhill, towards Hartlepool, Turn right at the Public Footpath sign before the bridge over Dalton Beck 2 and follow along the beck side, downstream. Go through a kissing gate and over a concrete bridge, keeping the hedge on your left and the stream on your right. Follow the footpath into a tree plantation and continue ahead with the beck on your right till you come to a field entrance and the path entrance. B Walk through the gap on the left and continue along the enclosed path to a kissing gate. go through the kissing gate and then another kissing gate directly ahead into an arable field. Keep to the right along the headland path/farm track with the hedge to your right, until you reach another gate (1) that takes you through into a pasture field, full of sheep. If you have a dog, please make sure that it is on a lead whilst you go through this field and the following farmyard. Following the direction of the waymarker sign, cross the field and head under the power cables towards a track, bear left to another kissing gate and go through it. 5 Continue along the track heading uphill to Brierton Farm North. Keep the large barn to your right, following the track around the bend through the farmyard on a concrete road,

passing a house on your left and exit through a gateway into a lane. Turn right into the lane and follow it as it first goes between a detached house and a large barn and then heads downhill. Keep on the main track as it bears right, at the bottom of the hill. 6 Continue to follow the concrete track over Dalton Beck and all the way to Dalton Back Lane (900 metres). Turn left onto Dalton Back Lane and follow for 400 metres to a public footpath signposted on your right, opposite the entrance to Blue House Farm. (8) Take care and cross the road onto the footpath and follow along the field edge with a tall hedge on your right. Go through a gate and cross an arable field passing a way-marked telegraph pole and head towards another gate. 9 Go through this gate and turn right onto the field edge path. Keep the hedge on your right and walk around the field towards West Pasture Farm. Before the farm, go through a metal field gate on your right and skirt around the back of some farm buildings, keeping them on your left. Head downhill to a stile in the left corner of the pasture field, next to a field gate. Cross over the stile and follow the field edge with an old hawthorn hedge on your left. You descend a short bank, through a small gate and cross over a footbridge. 10 Continue to follow the field edge and fence line on the left around the field. Turn left and cross another footbridge

and continue straight ahead along the field edge with a small beck to your left. When you reach a bridge to your left, take a right instead, towards Low Stotfold Farm. Walk up the side of the field and cross the stile 11 next to the field gate and skirt around the farm keeping it on your left, first across a field and then into a wide enclosed run. At the end of the run follow waymarker signs through the gate ahead, immediately turn right and continue along a field edge with the hedge on your right. Head towards the bottom of the field, cross over another stile and walk straight ahead to a gateway. 12 Go through the gateway and follow the track towards Middle Stotfold Farm. After the first house, go through a gate and turn right. Go through a second gate with a double garage and gas tank on your left and then go through another gate. Head across a pasture field to a small flat bridge over a stream, 13 before continuing ahead towards a stile in the hedge. Cross the stile and follow the field edge path with the hedge to your right. Half way up the field, go through a field gate **14** on your right and cross the arable field, veering slightly right as you head uphill towards the hedge line, to some steps and a stile. (15) Cross the stile and follow this field edge path, with an old gappy hedge on your right, up to the top of the field. Go through a gate and into an enclosed path. 16 Follow the path and go through the gate at the end by the side of the stables. When you reach the main road, 11 turn right to head back to Dalton Piercy (0.7 km away) along its western approach road. Keep on the right hand side as there is a simple surfaced path to help you along.

