

Red Squirrel Walk – 2 miles Wallington

This 2ml (3.25km) walk meanders through mixed woodland with a wildlife observatory hide, red squirrel feeders and stunning views of the Wansbeck river valley and Shafto Crag escarpment.

Getting there:

Road: A696 north from Newcastle and B6343 from Morpeth

Car parks: At property

Bus: Bus stop outside the property – very limited service from Morpeth and Newcastle - for public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk.

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 81, gr NZ 029 842, Explorer OL29

Facilities available: Parking, restaurant, gift shop, farm shop and toilets
An admission fee is applicable, NT members free.

Terrain: Good walking conditions on gravel footpath

Distance: 2ml (3.25km)

Accessibility: Some gradients

Points of interest:

Start the walk in the car park, and look out for the following features:

1. Wildlife observatory hide and red squirrel feeders
2. Beautiful views of Wansbeck river valley to the west and south
3. Spectacular views of Wansbeck river valley and Shafto Crag escarpment to the south
4. View of the 'Arches', moved here to make way for the current clock tower gateway in the Wallington courtyard
5. Look out for further red squirrel feeders here

Richard Dickinson, Head Warden at Wallington, says:

'Wallington hosts part of the rare red squirrel population in Northumberland. What better way to see them than in the beautiful 18th-century landscape around the house, interspersed with ponds and viewing points. If you have time, stop off to enjoy the enchanting walled garden at the east end of your route.'
Detailed walk leaflets are available at the Hunters Inn Information Centre

National Trust properties nearby:

Cragside, Hadrian's Wall & Housesteads Fort, Northumberland Coast

