

# 10 Leisure Walks of Discovery A Boot Up HADRIAN'S WALL

Rodney Legg

Britain's Roman Wall is one of the great frontiers of the classical world. Ten circular walks are featured in this pocket-sized book, each maximising feet-on and visual experiences both of archaeology and the landscape. They vary in length from 3 to 8 miles and are aimed particularly at families and groups of friends out to enjoy the incomparable World Heritage Site.

Starting locations are scattered from an abbey at Lanercost, Cumbria to a fort at South Shields, which was the main North Sea supply base. In between, across wild hill country in Northumberland National Park, surviving sections of Hadrian's Wall are packed with remains of garrisons, milecastles, turrets and linear defences, often with their own local museums.

The format and descriptions make for trouble-free walking with the bonus of all the history you can see being flagged-up en route. Words and photographs convey the distinctive character of each length while specially prepared mini-maps are also easy to follow. Halsgrove's exciting new-style guide, packed with maps, photographs and useful information is all the modern leisure walker needs.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Rodney Legg** is one of the country's most prolific authors of printed walks. Born in Dorset, he is Chairman of the Open Spaces Society and has been a member of the ruling council of the National Trust since 1990.

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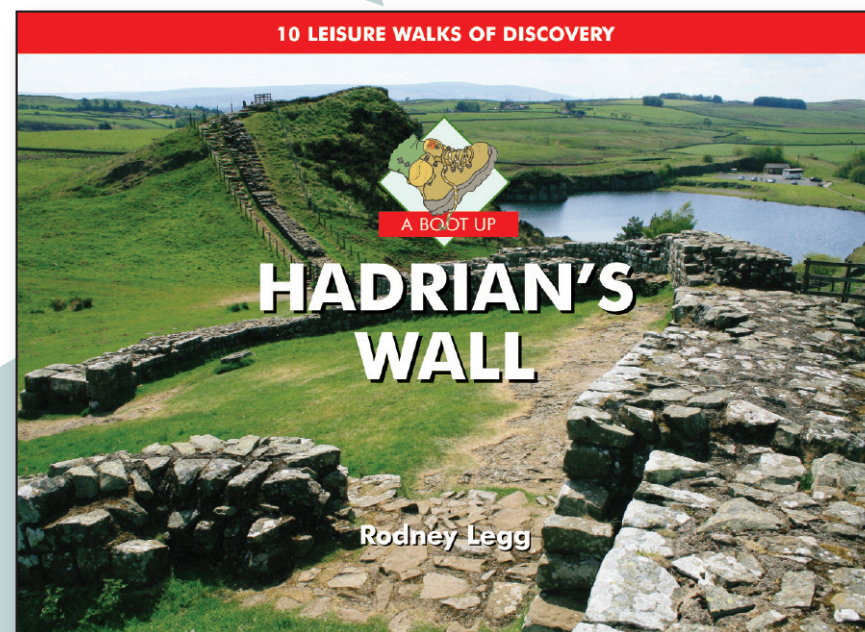
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# A BOOT UP HADRIAN'S WALL



Above left: Towards Housesteads

Above: Housesteads Fort

Above right: River Irthing at Wallholme

Left: Walltown Wall

Right: Hadrian at Chesters

Far right: Thirlwall Castle



Example of a double page spread

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Carrawburgh & Chesters



Dedication slabs include:  
"While the Emperors are  
safe, fortunate is the  
Second Cavalry Regiment  
of Asturians"  
[AD 221-222].

13 From here a track continues straight ahead, but our path is sharply right (NW), through the next gate, and up and over the middle of this pasture. Keep walking straight ahead for 1,500 metres to re-cross the VALIUM and join the B6318 to the right of **Carrawburgh Farm**.

14 Cross the main road to rejoin the path along the Wall, this time turning left (W) to return to **Roman Carrawburgh** in 800 metres.

Chesters Baths



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## 9 Heaven Fields & Wall

Simple 4-mile circuit of eastern Wall, bringing you to church with a Roman altar, in a battlefield

- 1 Set off towards the junction and turn your back on the battlefield - far now - to take the lane (S) to **Fallowfield** in 1,400 metres.
- 2 Turn right in the hamlet (W) and then right on to a second footpath, beside the farmyard in 50 metres (NW), to head towards the left-hand side of **Long Plantation** in 400 metres.



**Level:** 4 or 5 miles (with optional extra)

**Terrain:** Easy going but always liable to become normal for Northumberland.

**Park and start:** At **Heaven Fields**, in the layby, beside the B6318, between **Chollerford** and **Port Gate**.

**Start ref:** NY 938 694. Postcode NE45 4EX.

**Public transport:** Hadrian's Wall country bus plus ordinary services.

**Websites:** [www.stagcoachbus.com](http://www.stagcoachbus.com)  
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**Your path:**

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