

**Start:** at the gateway leading to Austin's Bar,  
Durham County Cricket Ground, Riverside, Chester-le-Street.

**Distance:** 4 miles.

**Walking Time:** 2 hours.

1. From the gateway, turn right and follow the footpath. Walk towards the bridge that crosses the River Wear. Walk over the bridge. Lumley Castle will be to your left and the cricket ground will be to your right.
2. After crossing the bridge, you will come to a bus stop on your right. Here there are steps leading down to a footpath. Go down the steps and follow the footpath towards the river. At the river there is a T-junction. Turn left here, the river will now be to your right.
3. When you reach the way markers for the Weardale Way, cross the road up into the trees. The footpath leads you out of the wooded area to the edge of a field. You will see Lumley Riding Farm ahead of you, turn right here.
4. Walking along the boundary of the field, Lumley Riding Farm will be on your left. At the corner of the field, is a wooden sculpture. Turn left here and follow the hedge line up the bank.
5. With the farm now to your left, you will reach a stile. On the landing side of the stile there is a wooden sculpture of the Lambton Worm. Go right here and climb over the next stile into another field. Follow the field boundary, with the village houses to your left.
6. At the field corner, turn left and walk towards the village. At the top, you will reach the viewing seat carved by local artist Richard Caink.
7. After the viewing seat turn left. Follow the roadside footpath out of the village, passing Lumley Riding Farm on the left. At the T-junction turn left, and return to your starting point at the Riverside.

