

## Causey Arch Circular Walks with Cafe

**Causey Arch**, reputedly 'The Oldest Railway Bridge in the World' and **Causey Burn, Tanfield Railway** and **East Tanfield Station**.

This historically interesting walk is on well marked wooded paths, but there are steps in a number of places which may be a problem for the less fit. The shortest walk is only about one and a half miles long. the longer walks are between two and a half and three miles long.

Located opposite the Causey Arch pub on the A6076 between Sunnyside and Stanley, a sign directs you into Causey Arch car park. At the bottom of the car park take the path which, after a few minutes divides into two. Take the right path down into the valley and follow the picturesque Causey Burn, a tributary of the River Teem, on a well marked path with information boards on flora and fauna. A good view of the 'oldest railway bridge in the world' is had from the wooden bridge, that crosses the burn before the steps which lead you up to the top of the Causey Arch stone bridge.

If you want a shorter walk, turn left across the Arch and then follow the signs back to the car park.

If you want a longer walk or want to visit the cafe, turn right and walk along the track towards East Tanfield station. But after a few minutes, be sure to take the left hand trail down a flight of steps. This will take you eventually to a wooden bridge.

You can cross the bridge here and follow the path back to the Causey Arch and then follow the signs back to the car park.

But if you want to go to the cafe in East Tanfield Railway Station, don't cross the bridge, continue along the track until you reach the station, a large shed. The cafe is open between 10 am and 2 pm every day for food and drink to take out and there is outside seating along the platform nearby. Afterwards, to continue the walk, retrace your steps back to the wooden bridge, cross it and follow the path to the Arch where there are good views along the valley and then back to the car park. You will pass a model of a waggon and a number of information boards.

