

# Riverside

## Mark's Bimble to Marina

Healthy Walks in North Tyneside







A moderate self-led walk of 2.5 miles taking approximately 40-50 minutes.

Please note: Crossing at two hydraulic dock gates at Marina.

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### Key to route

-  Direction of walk
-  Return (if by same path)
-  Take care
-  Landmark

- 1 From the Parks Sports Centre reception turn right and follow the path around the building keeping the car park on your left and the building on your right. As the parking area ends, follow the path right and walk up to turn left between the bowling greens, crossing the metal footbridge.
- 2 After crossing the bridge turn right and walk up towards Riverside Primary School (pitches on your left). At the top of the path turn left and walk along bypassing football pitches (left) and the school and allotments (on your right). Follow the path along to the exit of the Parks, cross over the road and turn left down Bridge Road South's pavement. Continue on the pavement that leads you right onto Braydon Drive (across from shops and after the houses).
- 3 Stay on this pavement and street until you see black bollards on your left, cross over and this leads you into a park heading towards the subway under Howdon Road. Stay on this path (with offices to your left and Royal Quays Outlet Shopping to your right). Walk through Redburn Dene (used to be one of the main rail routes from Northumberland coalfields and look out for the Rugged Landscape environmental work using reclaimed wooden staithes from the River Tyne). At the bottom of the artwork keep on the main path to the middle heading up to go down to cross over at Wylam Road. (Take care as this is a bus access road!). Follow the footpath down towards Albert Edward Dock.
- 4 Turn right when you reach the dock keeping the houses on your right and the marina on your left, walk around the marina passing the Earl of Zetland floating restaurant and the clock tower (to your right). Look right to the rivers edge to the 'Tyne Anew' monument by the American Sculptor Mark di Suvero. Cross through the car park towards the dock gates, crossing two sets of gates. (At the end of each dock look out for the brogues and stilettos of 'Seadreamers Rest'). Follow the path past the ship repair yards on your left and take a sharp left onto the spilt pedestrian/cyclist path.
- 5 Follow the path where it takes you under Chirton Dean Way before turning left to cross the wooden bridge. Turn right after the bridge and up a steep incline next to the Water Landscape artwork ("The tide is turning").
- 6 Once at the top of the water feature, turn left then first right over the wooden bridge and follow the path around the green grass area. Once round the grass walk up towards and under the subway of Howdon Road.
- 7 Follow the path up to go first right across a small metal footbridge which leads to a gate. Go around the first bowling green (on your left) to return to the Parks Sports Centre.