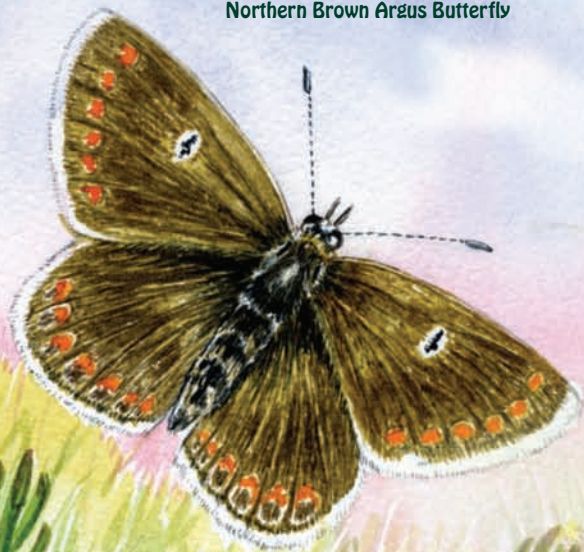


Northern Brown Argus Butterfly

Walk Number 3



Headland Sea Watch

Hart to Haswell - The Headland
Distance approximately 4 miles

This walk is mostly on farmac and track, it also crosses a golf course and goes through some sand dunes. There are some moderate ascents and descents with steps up and downhill.

The Countryside Code - Respect Protect Enjoy

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

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Distance approximately 4 miles

Starting at the Hart to Haswell Entrance ①, take a left and continue along the walkway until you reach the footbridge over the rail line ②. Cross over the bridge and make your way down towards the coast. At the end of the enclosed path, take a right along the top of some dunes ③.

- 🏠 Shops
- 🍷 Pubs
- 🅑️ Parking
- 🚻 Public Toilets
- ☕ Cafés

Follow the path down the steps, over a small footbridge and back up onto Hartlepool Golf Course You are now walking beside Hart Warren Dunes ④.

This area is a Local Nature Reserve and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This is one of the few magnesian limestone dune system of any significance in the British Isles and supports a rich and wonderful variety of

plants and animals. During the summer months you may catch a glimpse of the Northern Brown Argus butterfly or the rustle of a Common Lizard running for cover - one of the few places you can still see them in Hartlepool. The dunes also support many species of Orchid including Fragrant, Pyramidal and Burnt Tip.

Follow waymarkers across the rough, taking a left onto the edge of the fairway.

Continue straight on towards the clubhouse, taking care when crossing the fairways. With the clubhouse and car park to your right, keep to the edge of the fairway and continue ahead to the other end of the golf course. At the end of the course, veer right and pass through an A-frame barrier ⑤ and along the enclosed path up to another A-frame barrier. Keeping the rail line to your right, continue along the path until you reach the Brus Tunnel ⑥. Keep the tunnel to your right and continue up the track passing the old Steetly site.

After this you will pass a Jewish cemetery, followed by Spion Kop Cemetery ⑦.

This cemetery is known as Spion Kop Local Nature Reserve and dates back to 1856. Spion Kop was the name given by local

people to the general area after the Boer War battle of the same name. The site is a species rich sand dune grassland with many plants including Pyramidal Orchid and Bloody Crane's Bill.

Follow the road towards the Headland until you reach a walkway to your left, take this tarmac path turning towards the promenade ⑧. Continue onto and along the promenade, passing an auditorium before reaching the Heugh Gun Battery ⑨.

This was the only British gun battery to have fired its guns in anger during the First World War. A plaque commemorating the event is located on the coastal walkway outside the battery.

If you continue further along the promenade you will come to the Town Wall and Croft Gardens. From here you can follow sign posts to other sites such as St Hilda's Church.

