

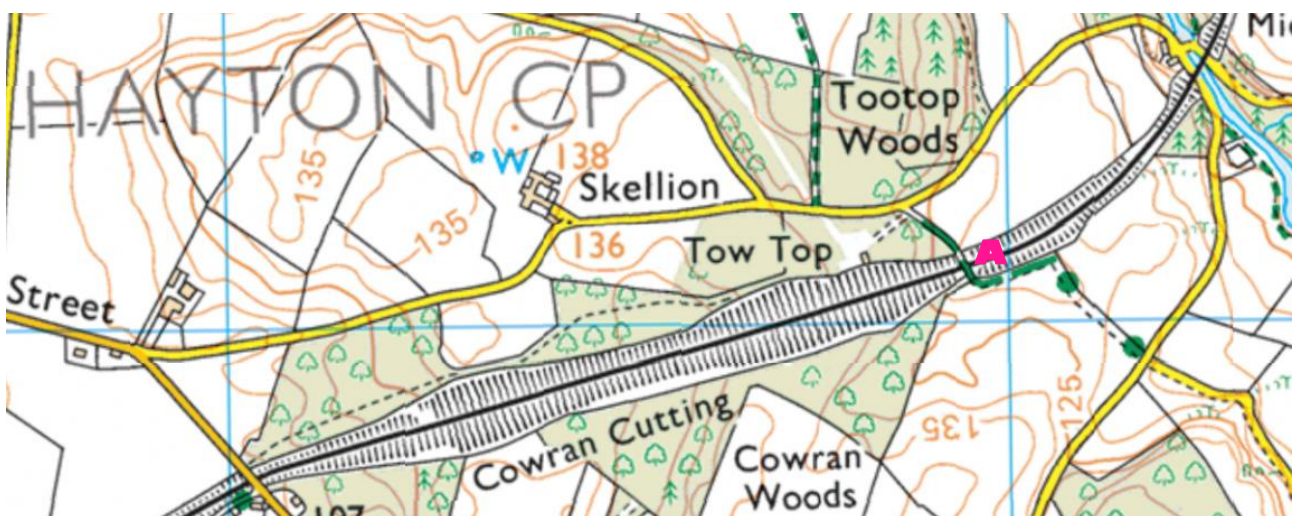
Wetheral



Locations :

- A – Long telephoto view across [Wetheral Plain](#) from foot crossing
- B – General [station views](#) (old buildings and NER footbridge)
- C – View of the [viaduct from the riverside](#). - There is also a viewpoint from the [churchyard](#) a little higher up the hill.
- D – Corby Gates crossing and [signal box](#). There were still semaphores last time I visited.
- E – [Sandy Lane foot crossing](#). A well used viewpoint with a [handily placed semaphore](#).

Cowrans Cutting



Locations :

- A – [A good telephoto view down the long cutting](#). There was a further viewpoint on the [curve in the field to the north](#) but I suspect this too overgrown now and new fencing a few years ago made the shot challenging to get.

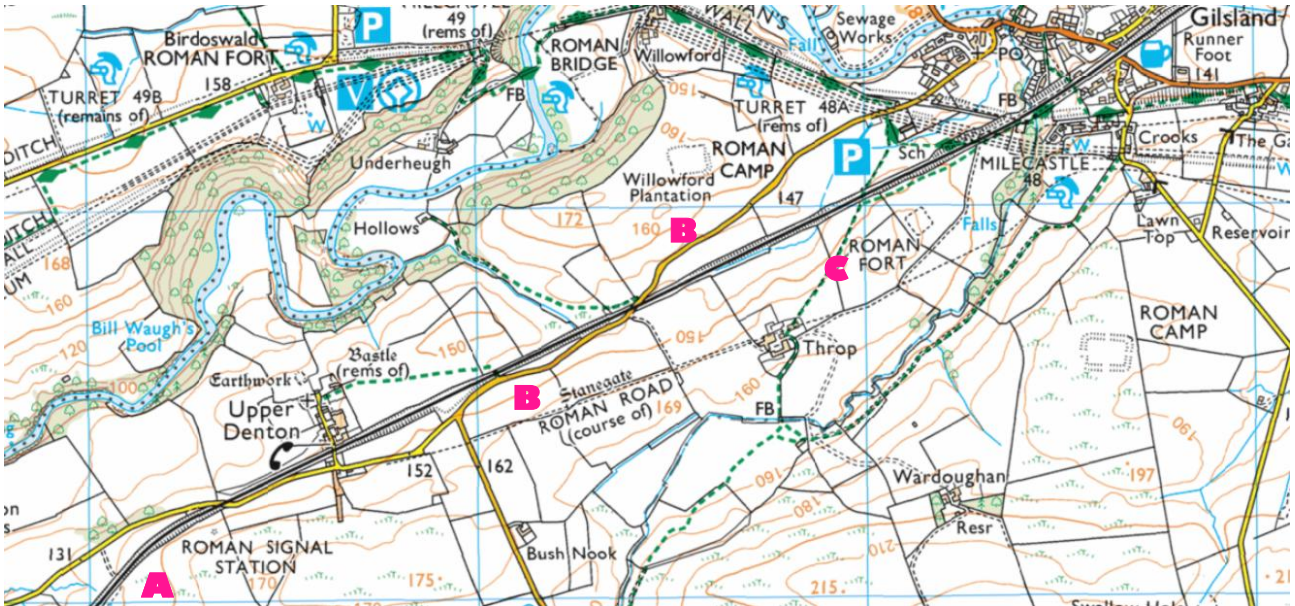
Brampton and Milton



Locations :

- A - [Brampton Fell signal box](#). Not an especially exciting viewpoint but Talkin Tarn has toilets and a small cafe if needed!
- B - Brampton Station. Sadly only one shelter remains from the original grand buildings. There are still [semaphores](#) and a NER footbridge. Parking should be possible on either side of the station.
- C - Roadbridge here offers a view north where you can [see a semaphore](#).
- D - [Milton has a lovely little gate box](#) and a couple of semaphores - rarely photographed.

Denton and Gilsland



Locations :

A - View from the fields. This is one I've never done and appears to involve a bit of trespass on the land (and possibly railway!) [Nigel and Gavin took shots from here a few years ago.](#)

B - There are [some decent viewpoints](#) along this road here. Some are better as [afternoon/evening](#) shots.

C - [Viewpoints in both](#) directions [from the hill above the line.](#) Also the Milecastle at Gilsland may offer some interesting opportunities. Parking available at a recycling point behind the Sun Inn. The parking area shown on the map may result in a boggy walk across a field to the line depending on the weather.

Greenhead



Locations :

A - Good view north with the [old station buildings](#) and a [coal yard which is still operational.](#)

Other views available from the footpaths along the line and south of here the railway runs right alongside the A69 until near Haltwhistle.

Haltwhistle



Locations :

A - Viewpoints around the station ([NER Bridge, original buildings and signal box](#)).

Viewpoints from the [B6322 road overbridge](#) in [either direction](#).

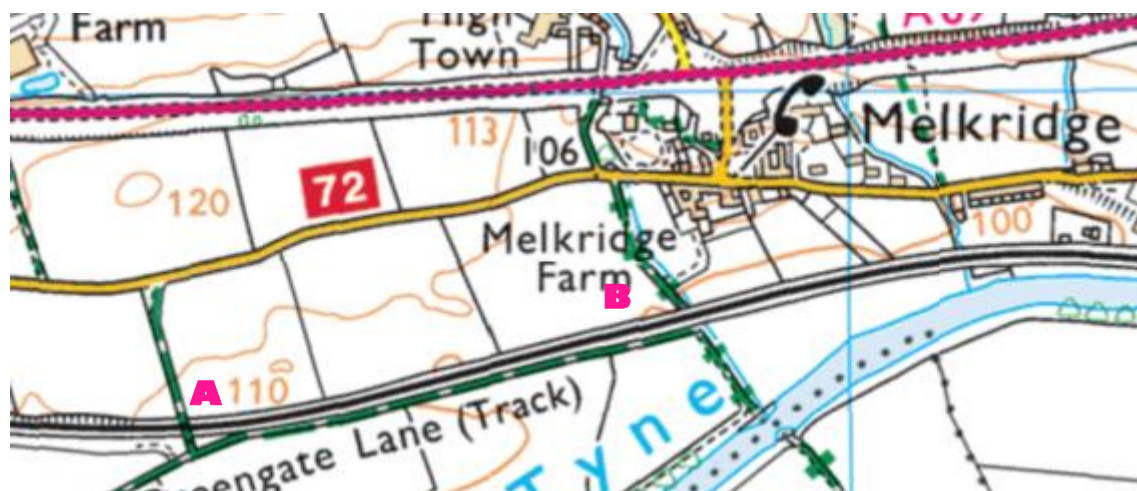
There is a small cafe in the old watertower on the station which also provides a handy loo.

I believe it is Heritage Open Days weekend so the [signal box might be open to access!](#)

Car parking at the station but if no spaces there is also free parking on the main street just a minute or so walk from the station (between the hospital and the church on the map)

The other footpaths to the east of the station used to offer views but are now pretty much overgrown.

Melkridge



Locations :

A - Nice open view from the [footcrossing](#) next to the former opencast coal loader.

B - There are also [some open views here too](#) from the north of the line.

Bardon Mill & Ridley Bridge



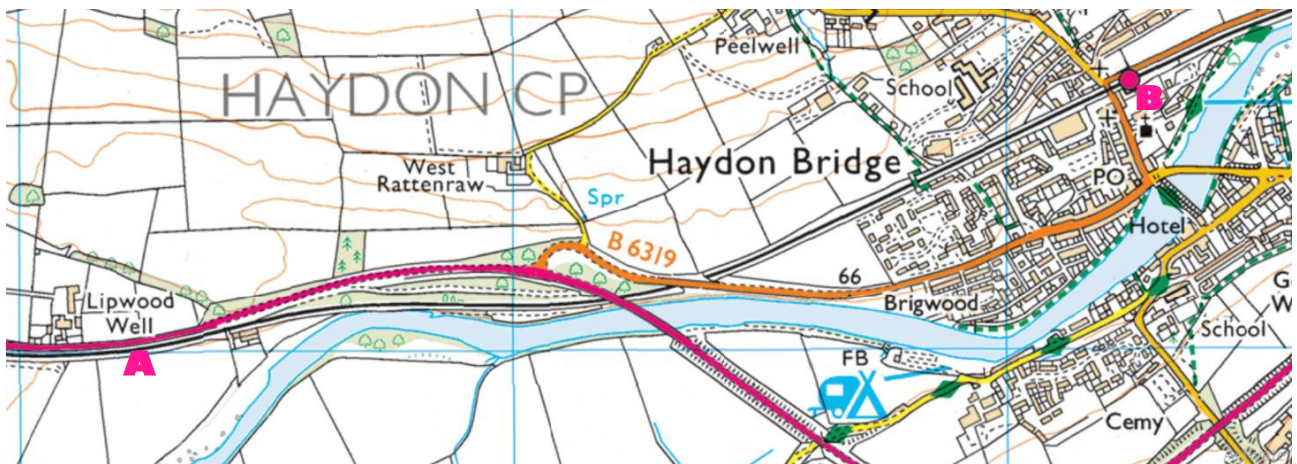
Locations :

A – [Bardon Mill](#) itself isn't as interesting these days as it's [fine semaphores are now gone](#). The [station buildings](#) are still there in private use but are set back from the track and hard to compose for. The [signal box is out of use](#) but is some way down the line and now rather hard to see for the trees. There is a little cafe in Bardon Mill.

B - The [bridge here is a decent shot](#). If the river isn't too full you can get out onto the stones. There are often herds of cows sheltering in the railway underbridge though!

Note – Beware of the variable speed cameras between Bardon Mill and Hexham and the inevitable police cameras on the overtaking lane sections of the A69!

Haydon Bridge and Lipwood

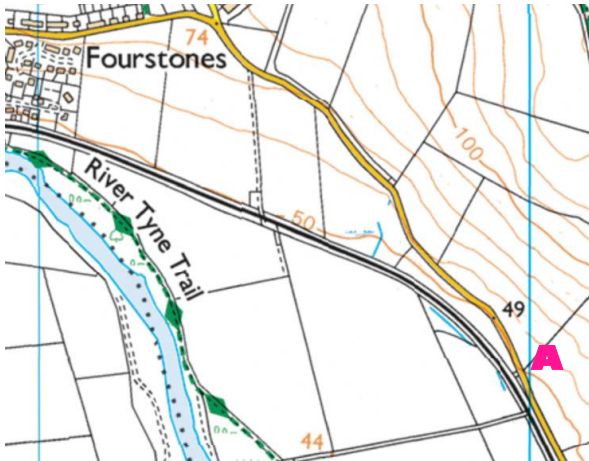


Locations

A -There is a [layby here and a decent view for an eastbound train](#). Tricky in full sun as you're facing south.

B - [Haydon Bridge station](#) area. Signal Box and [Semaphores](#). Some vintage shelters but the original N&C station building is tucked away in a yard. There is a [footpath along the riverside](#) which used to offer a further view but I think this has been fenced off now.

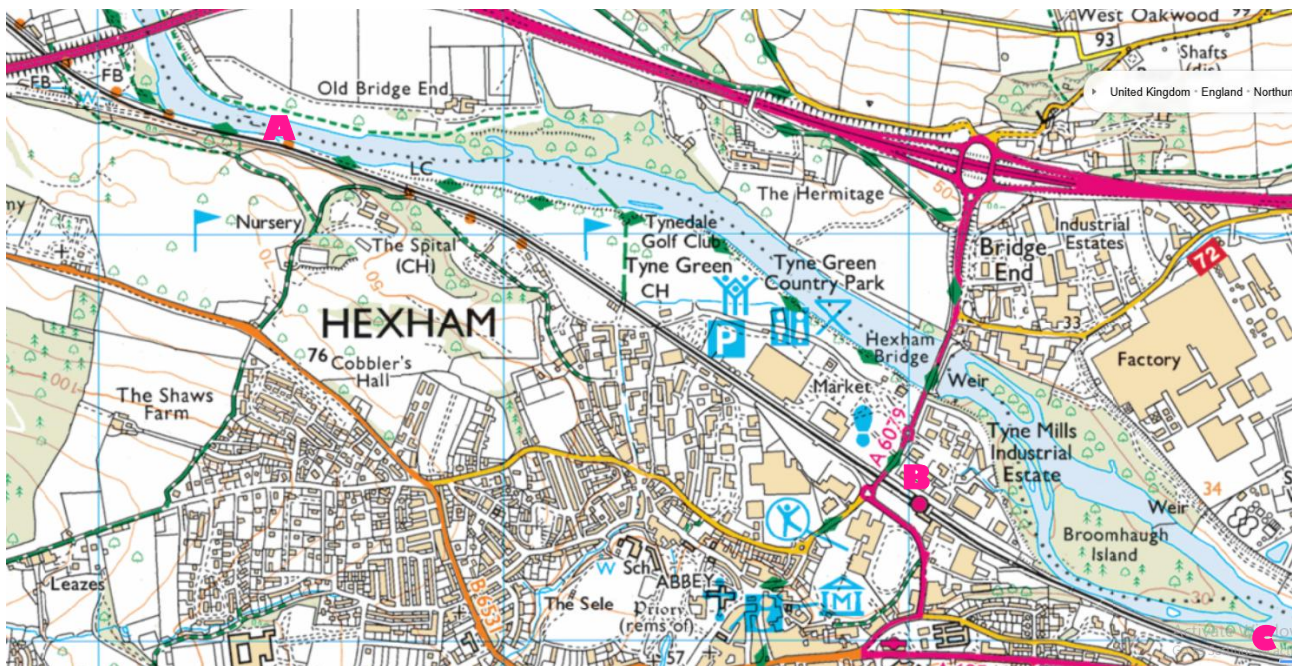
Fourstones



Locations

A – There is a nice clear view of the trains to the [north from a farm crossing here](#). A few days ago this road was closed due to a wall collapsing to the south of here so we'll need to check the status prior to trying this. I think there may also be distant views from the River Tyne trail but I've not tried these

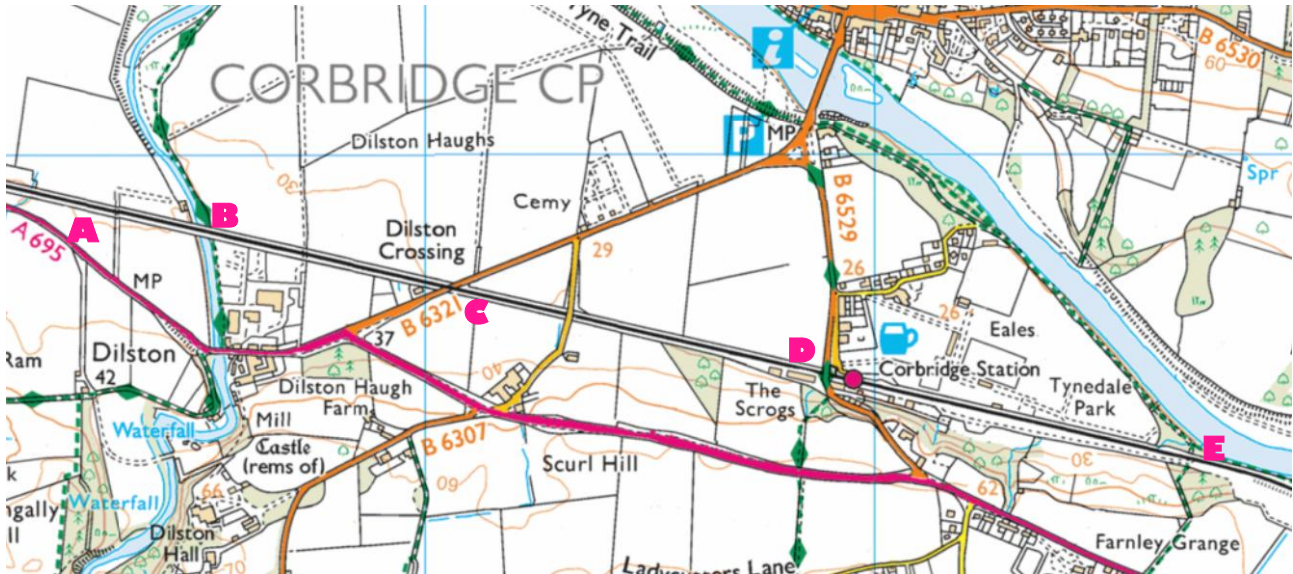
Hexham



Locations :

A - [Footpath along the line](#) with no fence between Tyne Green and Warden.
B – [Hexham station area](#) with overtrack [signal box](#) (albeit quite a way away) and some semaphores. The station buildings are all present. A mixture of semaphores and colour light signals.
C – There used to be a [viewpoint behind some houses](#) on the A695 out of Hexham but I'm not sure if this is still accessible as there has been some house building in the immediate area.

Corbridge area



Locations :

- A – Viewpoint for a westbound service from the [field next to this farm track](#).
- B – Viewpoint in either direction from the [foot crossing](#) next to the Dyvels Water.
- C – Viewpoint from the crossing (not terribly exciting).
- D – Viewpoints around [Corbridge station](#). The [old buildings are a restaurant](#). Not the easiest of the old stations to photograph.
- E – There used to be some good viewpoints next to the former [Farnley Tunnel](#) but landslips in recent years have made the path inaccessible.

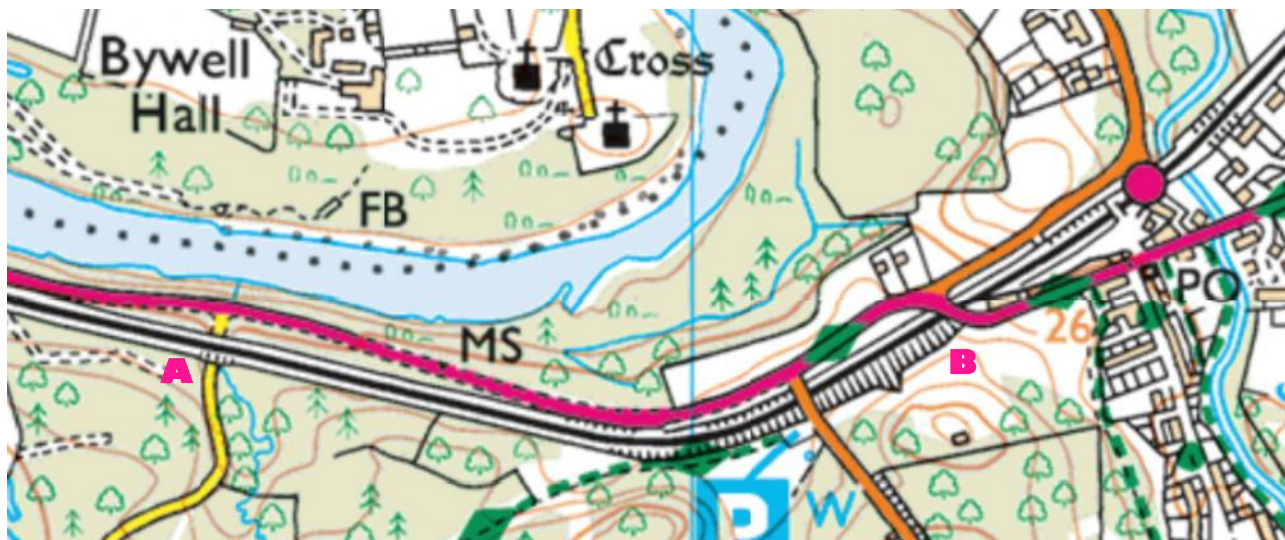
Riding Mill



Locations :

- A – Various [viewpoints](#) from the station ([original N&C buildings and NER era footbridge](#)). There are also views from the nearby [overbridges](#). Access to the station via a lane at the back/north of the Wellington pub. The Wellington is a nice pub if drink and loos are required. Limited parking at the station itself (around four or five places).

Stocksfield

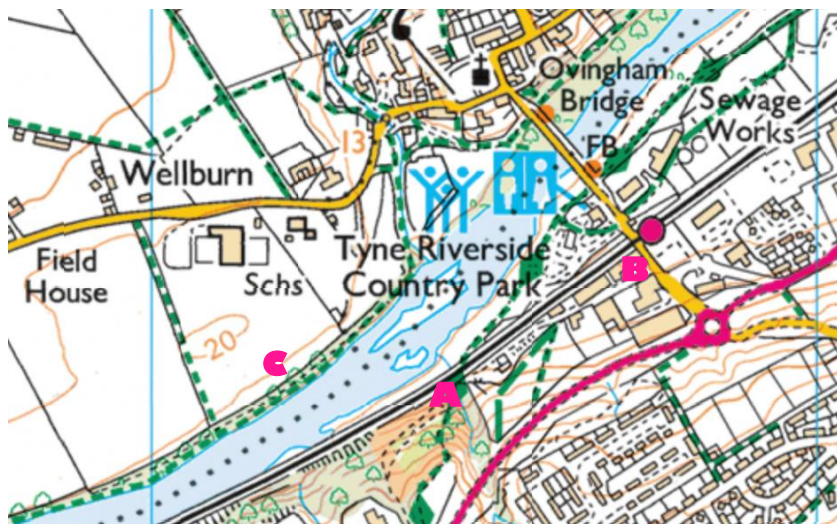


Locations :

A - Viewpoint in the [woods](#) here for westbound services.

B – Viewpoints of the [station](#) including from the road overbridge. Old NER footbridge and shelter but no signal box or semaphores. [Decent long view to the east](#). Note there are charges for the car park here. For a short stay park in the layby to the north of the station instead.

Prudhoe



Locations :

A - [Viewpoints](#) in either [direction](#) from the footcrossing here. Can get a bit overgrown in summer.

B – [Station area](#) has semaphores, NER footbridge and a [large signal box](#) but station buildings are all gone. Parking at the station or in the riverside park on the other side of the crossing. The road bridge here is very narrow so I try to avoid driving over it!

C – There is a [viewpoint across the river](#) but last time I tried this there was a lot of greenery which somewhat spoilt the view (and probably isn't helping the structural integrity of the embankment). A good place to watch kingfishers though!

Wylam



Locations :

A- [Hagg Bank overbridge](#). Fairly standard overbridge views. Slightly more interesting is the view from the [old railway bridge looking across at trains on the embankment](#). Can be awkward for lighting as it is looking south into the sun.

B – Similar viewpoint from ground level on the riverside path.

C – [Station viewpoints](#). There is a [NER footbridge, original station buildings](#) and an overtrack signal box. Also pub available for drinks/loo/snacks.

D – The [riverside](#) path also offers some viewpoints and continues on towards [Clara Vale](#) and [Ryton](#).

Other locations.

There are other locations and I've ignored anything east of Wylam, which could easily be covered off on a Newcastle visit. [I have an album of shots of the line from East to West](#). If you spot anything you are interested in which I've missed please let me know. I've excluded a few locations which are no longer accessible or are overgrown now.