Crags Constitutional
2 miles (3.2 km)
1 hour, medium
Follow green waymarkers.
Explore the valley upstream from Gibson Mill, passing mill ponds, weirs and 'The Crags'. These stacks of millstone grit give the valley its name.

Estate Track
1 mile (1.6 km)
20 – 30 mins, easy
The shortest and easiest route to Gibson Mill. Suitable for visitors with pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Mill Walk
3 miles (4.8 km)
1 – 1½ hours, medium
Follow red waymarkers.
Take the more strenuous high level option, the low level riverside path or combine into a circular route linking Midgehole car park and Gibson Mill. (Can be done in any direction, but best for the return leg of your walk).

Tree Trail
2 miles (3.2 km)
1 hour, medium
Follow the 'green man' waymarker.
Spot the markers along the route and learn the names of the trees along the way.

Railway Trail
3 miles (4.8 km)
2 hours, challenging
Follow purple waymarkers.
A strenuous walk over more challenging terrain in the upper valley with some spectacular views. The stanchions for the railway trestle bridge are all that remain today. The railway once ran from Slack to the Walshaw Dean reservoirs. It was demolished in 1912. Blakedean is a good half-way rest point to stop for a picnic. This route includes steep steps.

Access
Midgehole Car Park, wheelchair access
Designated parking (limited spaces) at Gibson Mill. Midgehole Car Park to check availability.

Clough Hole Car Park = Very Steep Walk
Not suitable for wheelchair access.

In case of emergency
Please be aware that there is no mobile signal in most areas of Hardcastle Crags. Therefore, in the case of emergency, take note of the casualty's location, and go to Gibson or 101, depending on the injuries and urgency.

Key:
Café
Toilets
Accessible toilet
Shop
Picnic Area
Baby changing facilities
Viewpoint

Exploring Hardcastle Crags
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Try leaving your dog at home, but if you bring him, please keep him on a lead and fit for exercise. Keep to the paths to the hillsides. Clear the way for other walkers. Keep your dog under control on the hilltops. If you exercise it, please take it home with you. Remember to respect the wildlife.

Our marsh trails will take you to some of the most beautiful parts of the park. Choose from easy walks down by the riverside or high in the woods to take you from Midgehole to Gibson Mill. Climb the rocky paths to the hilltops or enjoy a picnic by old weirs.