Wolsingham & Frosterley - The Weardale Way is usually a low-level walk, but between Wolsingham and Frosterley it climbs high onto heathery moorlands. The so-called 'Elephant Trees' stand high on the moorland edge and are a landmark from all points around Weardale. A moorland track proves popular with walkers and cyclists, being broad and firm enough to accommodate both. Walkers can use riverside footpaths to return from Frosterley to Wolsingham, parallel to the Weardale Railway. The villages of Frosterley and Wolsingham are designated conservation areas. Frosterley's old quarries once produced decorative, fossil-rich 'Frosterley marble', which took a high polish and was greatly sought-after for monumental work. A town trail around Wolsingham could be enjoyed before or after this walk. The starting point for the 10-mile ORANGE walk (with 827ft of ascent) is Wolsingham station, DL13 3BL.





