

What you can see

The route runs through a well-wooded landscape, with many of the woodlands classified as ancient semi-natural and designated as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation.

From Appleton-le-Street, the first woodland on the left is Conisthorpe Banks Wood. Much of this is plantation, with conifers, beech and sycamore. There are also areas of self-set native trees such as birch and oak, with bluebells, wild garlic and other wildflowers beneath in spring.

The next woodland on your left, Slingsby Banks Wood, has a canopy that is mainly semi-natural, dominated by oaks, with birch, rowan and holly at the western end, ash and elder in the east.

The -le-Street part of Appleton-le-Street refers to a Roman road.

Along the route you can see mounds of at least two Bronze Age round barrows, part of a cemetery with 13 barrows excavated in the 1860s by Canon Greenwell.

Just east of the Castle Howard avenue, the route passes near the site of an aircraft crash where on 24 July 1944, a Halifax caught fire while on a night training flight. Sadly, all seven of the Canadian trainee bomber crew were killed.



At a glance

How far?	13 miles (21 km)
How hard?	Hard / Moderate
Which map?	OS Explorer 300
Starting at?	Appleton-le-Street
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Appleton-le-Street
Any facilities?	Local pub in Appleton-le-Street, more in Malton

A scenic bike or horse ride through the Howardian Hills, mostly off-road with some steep gradients.

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**Appleton-le-Street in the
Howardian Hills**



