


## How to get there...


**By Car:** From the A1 take the B6265 to Ripon or the A61 from Harrogate or Thirsk.


**Parking:** Pay and display car parking in town centre.


**Bus:** Frequent daily buses from Harrogate. For further information contact Traveline: 0871 2002233.



 **Public footpath** can be used by walkers. Waymarked with a yellow arrow.

 **Public bridleway** can be used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Waymarked with a blue arrow.

 **Restricted byway** can be used by walkers, horseriders, cyclists and non motorised vehicles. Waymarked with a purple arrow.

 **Byway open to all traffic (BOAT)** can be used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and motor vehicles. Waymarked with a red arrow.

### Always follow *The Countryside Code*

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them

### Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle.

Walking one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging a mile, it just takes a little longer!

Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing.

Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure.

## Contact us

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# North Yorkshire walks

## A ramble from Ripon

### About the walk

Starting from the beautiful Ripon Cathedral this is a fairly easy six mile circular walk with stretches along the Rivers Laver and Skell. The walk can be extended into the grounds of Studley Park and onto Fountains Abbey, both are well worth a visit.



### Walk overview

**Distance:** 6 miles (9.5 km)

**Time:** allow 2.5 hours

**Stiles:** 0 **Gates:** 6

**Terrain:** Pathways, some along rivers with some steps and inclines.

**Map:** OS Explorer Map No. 299

**Local facilities:** Shops, cafes and pubs in Ripon.

### Points of interest

The small and ancient Cathedral City of Ripon is rich in history. It's Market Square is lined with several buildings of interest and the Cathedral attracts many visitors. The crypt of the Cathedral was built over 1,300 years ago and is believed to be the oldest complete Saxon Crypt in England.

This circular walk is produced by North Yorkshire County Council. Find more walks and rides on our website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/walks](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/walks). We welcome any feedback about this walk, contact details can be found on the back page.

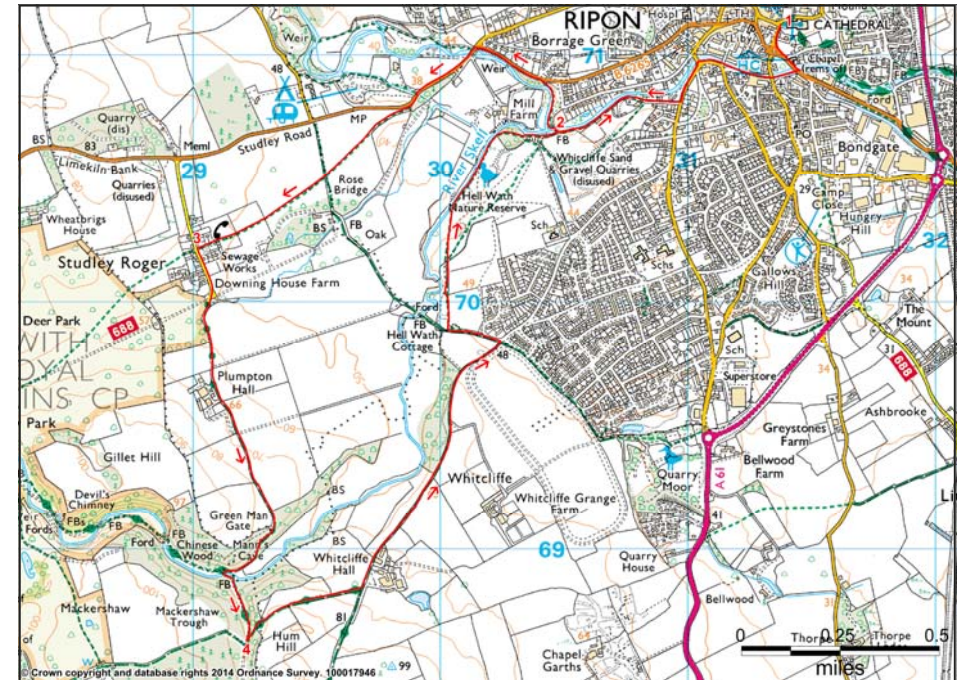
## Route description

1. From the front of Ripon Cathedral, walk south down Bedern Bank turning left at the roundabout to join the B6265. After crossing New Bridge take the small opening on the left and down the steps to join the riverside path on the southern bank. The path leaves the river and joins Barefoot Street for a short distance. Turn left at the junction with Harrogate Road and continue along the path for a short distance before turning right into Borrage Green Lane. The tarmac surface changes to a rough track as it runs alongside the river. Follow this until reaching Willows footbridge where the route crosses the river to High Cleugh at the convergence of the River Skell and Laver.

2. The path follows the river until it meets Mallorie Park Drive at the top of several steps. Turn left and continue until you reach a roundabout. Take the first exit (signposted to Fountains Abbey) crossing over the road to the safety of a footway. After about ¼ mile the footway finishes at a sharp bend near a caravan park and quarry entrance. Take great care when re-crossing the road to take the public footpath opposite. A hedge-lined path leads to some kissing gates at the village of Studley Roger.

3. At the road in the village, turn left and head out of the village along Plumpton Lane, eventually passing Plumpton Hall on your right. Continue along the bridleway and down through the woods and into the valley bottom. Cross the River Skell at the metal footbridge (which has steps at both ends) and head up the wooded valley to a 'crossroad' of paths near the valley top.

4. Take the sharp left hand path which runs up a slight incline and then exits the wood through a bridle gate into a field. Follow the old hedge line (now defined by mature hawthorn trees). A gate leads out onto Whitcliffe Lane - just south of Whitcliffe Hall/Farm. Turn left and walk in front of the farm buildings. From here there are good views over farmland and woods to Ripon Cathedral. After walking along the lane for about ¾ mile you reach the outskirts of Ripon.



## Route description continued

4. (continued) Take the first turning on the left and then left again onto Hell Wath Lane, passing a sports ground and leisure centre on the right. Where the tarmac surface finishes by a solitary house there is a bridleway ahead, but our route is to the right on a footpath through shrubs and trees high above the River Skell. The path continues in roughly the same direction through a meadow following the river. Shortly before meeting up again with the Willows footbridge over the river at High Cleugh, the path forks off to the right slightly away from the water's edge and goes down some steps to join the track by the bridge. Retrace the path back into Ripon.