

5. The track rises away to the left towards a pair of field gates – turn through the right-hand one and follow the field edge, keeping a wall to the right. Bear right through a small copse, and now follow the track towards Malton Cote Farm, which can be seen clearly ahead. Pass in front of the house and follow the farm road as it continues downhill to join a minor road.

6. Turn sharp right and follow the road as it climbs gently up the hill and turns left. At the next right-angled bend, look for a public footpath sign and turn left to follow the unsurfaced track which heads almost due south. From the wide path there are fine views in the distance over the Vale of Pickering. After passing through 3 gateways, the route enters Chafer Wood.

7. The main path through the woods is well defined. Look out on the left for a clearing in the trees where there is a squat stone tower (King Alfred's Cairn) on top of a grassy mound – from this high point there are excellent views over Ebberston and far beyond to the Wolds.

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How to get there...

By Car: Ebberston is on
the A170 between
Pickering and Scarborough
Starting Grid Reference:
SE 8982 8265.

Parking: Main Street,
Ebberston.

Bus: There is a regular
service (128) between
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Scarborough. For more
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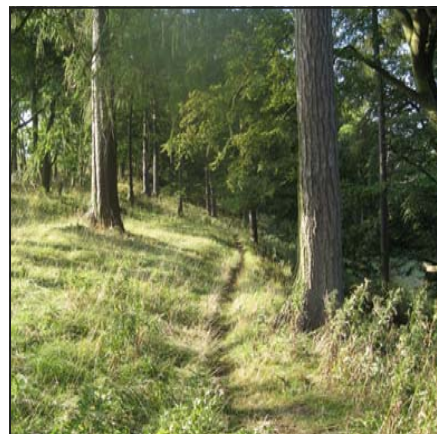
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North Yorkshire walks

Ebberston and Snainton

About the walk

The adjacent villages of Ebberston and Snainton are situated on the edge of the Vale of Pickering. Starting from Ebberston, this circular walk includes some very attractive countryside north of the two villages.



Walk overview

Distance: 8.5 miles (13.7 km)

Time: allow 4 to 5 hours

Stiles: 4 **Gates:** 10

Terrain: Fields, surfaced tracks and
minor roads. Some gentle climbs.

Map: OS Outdoor Leisure Series 27

Local facilities: Available in
Ebberston and Snainton.

Points of interest

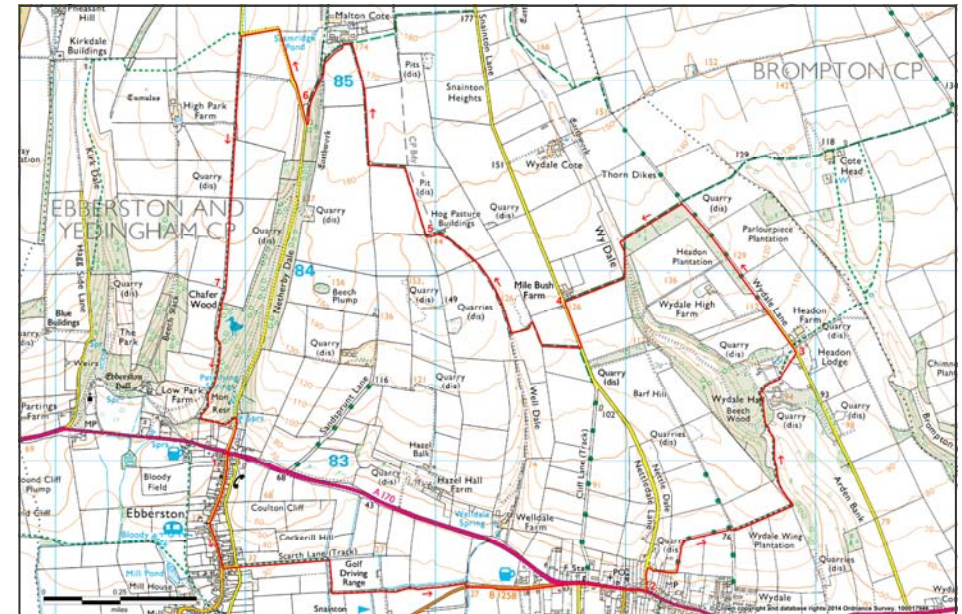
Although a manor house was recorded at Wydale in the late Middle Ages, the present hall dates from the 18th Century and was home to the Cayleys, a 'family of note' in the area. Wydale Hall was used as a hospital in the 1st World War and as headquarters for the Guards Armoured Division in the 2nd World War, after which Italian prisoners of war were housed there. For a short time it was a school and then a retreat, before being leased as a Diocesan centre.

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Route description

1. Starting from the main street in Eberston continue along the street. Turn left on to Kings Lane, cross straight over Back Lane and onto Scarth Lane. Follow this track for approximately ¼ mile, then turn right through a kissing gate. Continue ahead along the edge of a golf driving range with a hedge to the right. At the end of the field pass over a stile and turn left. Follow the hedgerow, crossing a stile before emerging onto a 'pitch and putt' course. Carry straight on, cross a ditch (taking care when crossing), and then through the kissing gate, keeping a hedge to the left. Go through 2 more kissing gates and cross a ditch before joining the B1258 road. Turn left and walk along the roadside verge towards Snainton. At the junction with the busy A170 cross the main road carefully and head into the village.

2. About half-way through the village at the Peacock Hotel turn left into Nettledale Lane. After about 100 yards turn right into Garth Head Lane at the side of the old Nettledale Quarry. This heads uphill and after turning to the left it changes into an unmetalled track. Continue ahead, following the track to the right. At the junction with Lairs Lane go directly across and follow a signed field-edge path. Pass through a gate and then turn left into the edge of Wydale. The path descends into woodland via a stile and then bear immediately right and northwards for about 200 yards before turning half-right up a waymarked path. The route joins a concrete path and continues ahead with a stone wall to the left. Pass over a stile onto a concrete track and cross to a gate, then turn right for a few yards before emerging onto Wydale Lane at a point almost opposite Headon Farm Cottages.



Route description continued

3. Turn left along the road. After a short distance there is a house and track to the left – our route continues straight ahead on an unsurfaced track which runs along the edge of mixed woodland. On reaching the top corner of the wood, there is a junction with a public bridleway. Turn to the left, again following the perimeter of the woodland and then cross the top end of Wydale. Continuing on the bridleway, pass through 3 field gates to meet Snainton Lane alongside Milebush Farm.

4. Turn left and walk along the lane for about 250 yards before turning right through a gate, signposted as a bridleway from the road. At the top end of the field pass through a bridlegate and turn right. Following waymarks, skirt around a field passing the edge of a disused quarry and then descend onto a good track in the bottom of a small valley (Well Dale). Turn right and follow this track. It continues through a gate towards some old stone structures (Hog Pasture Buildings).