

How to get there...

By Car: Kirklington, SE 318 813, lies to the west of the A1(M) at Junction 50.

Parking: Limited, free on street parking in Kirklington.

Bus: Very limited bus service, Traveline 0871 2002233

Photos: Front cover Bill Bevan; back inset Graham Megson



 **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

Kirklington and Thornborough Henges

About the walk

An easy circular stroll around Kirklington and Thornborough Henges.



Walk overview

Distance: 7.7 miles (12.5 km)

Time: allow 5.5 hours

Stiles: 1 **Gates:** 2

Terrain: Flat, on roads, tracks and across fields

Map: OS Explorer Map No.299 & 302

Local facilities: Pub in Kirklington - limited opening.

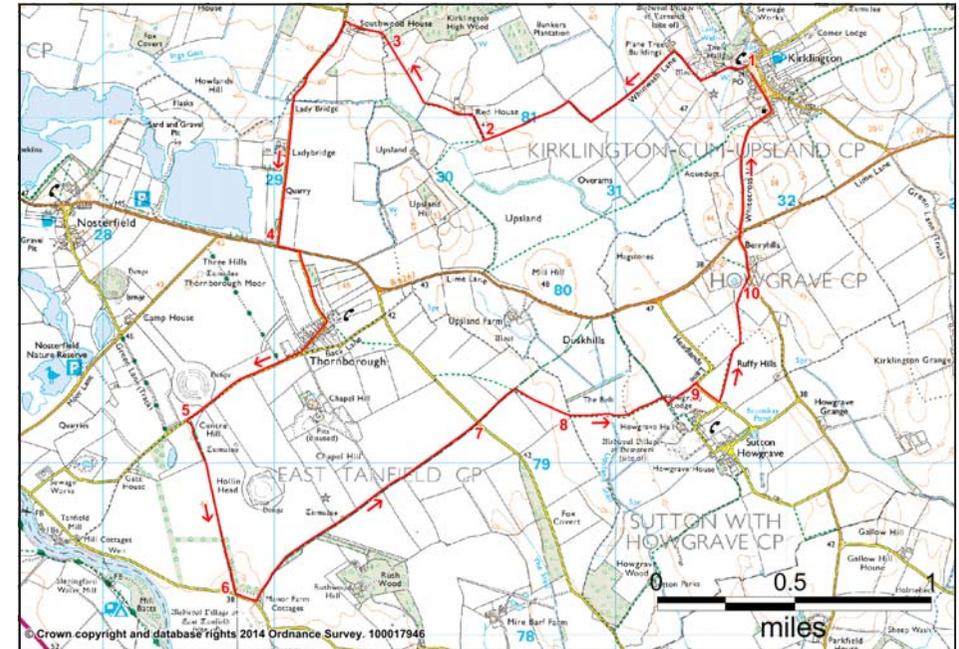
Points of interest

The walk passes close to Nosterfield Nature Reserve and the walk could be extended at section 5 to incorporate the reserve - At point 5, walk straight ahead then take the track (Green Lane) to your right to meet Moor Lane. Turn left here and walk to the Nosterfield Nature Reserve visitor centre which is across the road. The flooded sand and gravel quarries are important wildlife sites, especially for wading birds, waterfowl and gulls. Look out for redshank, shoveller and lapwings.

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

Route description

1. Start at the northern end of the village green, opposite the Black Horse Inn, Kirklington. Take the footpath out of the village (Whinwath Lane) passing the Hall on your right. Continue along the track to the junction with a footpath.
2. Turn right and follow the track towards Red House Farm. On reaching the farm buildings, turn left and follow the footpath across the field to the hedge, go through the gap and continue along with the hedge on your right. At the corner of the hedge take the cross field path towards the wood at the top of the field.
3. Follow the footpath through the wood, then along the field edge towards Moor Lane. Go through a gap in the corner of the field and onto the lane. Turn left, passing Southwood House on your left. Continue along the lane over Lady Bridge and pass the old Nosterfield quarry site on the right.
4. On reaching the main road, turn left. Take the first road on the right signposted Thornborough, and continue through the village. Follow Main Lane for about 800 metres out of the village, passing one of the henges on your right.
5. Turn left through a bridle gate, and follow the bridleway across fields, passing another henge on your left. Go through a gap in the tree field edge and continue towards the lane.
6. Turn left along the tarmac lane, and just before reaching the house on your left, head down the track in front of the house. Follow this bridleway for about 1 km, through the gap next to the gate and continue straight ahead to the road.



Route description continued

7. Cross the road and continue along the bridleway with the hedge on your right. At the end of the hedge take the footpath on your right, towards the corner of the field.
8. Cross over the track, go through a gap in the hedge and follow the path across a field and culvert towards the farm. At the field corner keep on the field track with the hedge on your left, then turn and follow the track towards Howgrave Hall. Before reaching the Hall at the junction of the tracks, turn left along the bridleway towards the road.
9. Turn right along Headlands Lane. Just before the property on your left take the footpath to the left, across fields towards Berryhills Farm.
10. Cross the stile and turn left along the lane, with the farm on your right. At the crossroads go straight across onto Whitecross Hills Lane. Follow this lane back into Kirklington.