

How to get there...

By Car: If coming from the South on the A1, you need to exit at junction 50 signposted A61 for Ripon and Thirsk, then follow signs to Masham which will bring you west along the A6108. The community office post code is HG4 4DY.

Parking: Market Place (honesty box) SE 2255 8069

Bus: Contact Traveline 0871 2002233 for buses serving the area.



➡ **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
- Consider other people

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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Our Customer Service Centre is open Monday to Friday 8.00am - 5.30pm (closed weekends and bank holidays). Tel: **01609 780 780**

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www.northyorks.gov.uk/paths or you can access all North Yorkshire County Council information online at: www.northyorks.gov.uk

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North Yorkshire walks

Masham Leaves

About the walk

A circular walk with stone sculptures to discover along the way. Mostly on field paths, which may be muddy, with some stiles to cross.



Walk overview

Distance: 3 miles (5km)

Time: 1.5 hours

Stiles: 11 **Gates:** 4

Terrain: Mostly flat with some uneven surfaces

Map: OS Explorer Map No.302 and 298

Local facilities: Shops, pubs, hotels and cafes in Masham

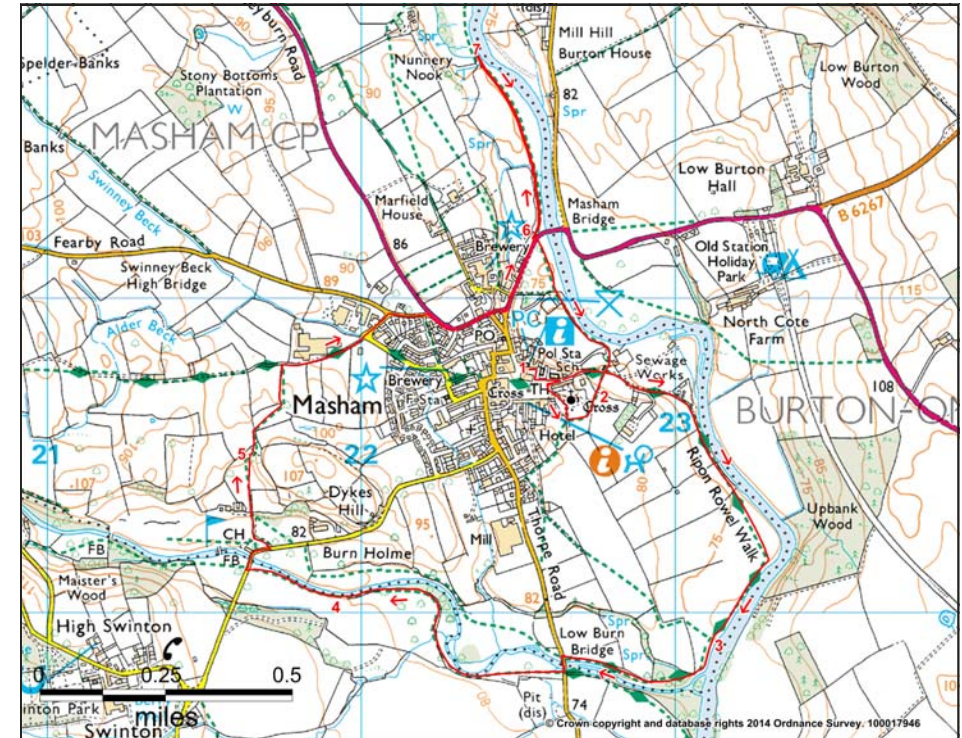
Points of interest

Masham Leaves is a series of sculptures produced in the early 1990s from local quarried limestone reclaimed from the former railway station platform. The sculptures were designed by Alain Ayers, with local residents and businesses providing materials, skills, time or other assistance.

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

Route description

1. Start at the Mashamshire Community Office (situated in Little Market Place). Pass the Town Hall on your left and follow the road round to the left until you reach Masham Primary School at the top of Millgate. Here you will find the Acorn, the first of the Masham Leaves, near to the school hall door. Turn back into the main Market Place and head left, making for St Mary's Church in the nearest corner. Pass the war memorial in the churchyard and a fine Norman doorway and continue on the path in front of the south door.
2. Go through the gate at the rear of the graveyard, turn left and continue to Leaf 2 (the Standing Tree). Go past the Standing Tree, through a nearby kissing gate, downhill and through a wooden gate, turn right onto a track which leads past the sewage works via a metal field gate. Follow the short lane along the bank of the River Ure, which soon becomes a riverside path. Continue along the riverbank to Leaf 3 (the Floating Leaf).
3. Still on this path, head towards the woods where the River Burn joins the River Ure in Van Dieman's Plantation. Bear left down the steps into the wood and follow the path upstream to Low Burn Bridge on the Grewelthorpe – Masham road. Cross over the bridge, take the footpath on your right through a gate and continue upstream on the opposite riverbank. A brief climb up the embankment leads to a stile to enter an adjacent field. Follow the fence line to a second stile returning to the riverside path. On reaching the golf course, continue along the riverbank until you arrive at Leaf 4 - the Shrine.
4. Enter the golf course over a stile and follow the path along the river side. Exit the golf course over a stile and cross Swinton Bridge. Continue until you get to the golf club entrance. Turn left and before the car park, turn right across the golf course. On the right climb over stone steps and a stile with a dog gate (farm buildings on your left) and cross the field to Leaf 5 (the Enclosure).



Route description continued

5. Follow the path uphill across fields, making for a small industrial estate exit on to Foxholme Lane via a stile. Turn right down the track until you reach a humpback bridge. To end the walk here, turn right and head back to the Market Place. To continue turn left and then right at Fearby Road and right again when you reach the A6108 (Leyburn-Ripon Road). Walk past Wensleydale Garage, pass the WW2 memorial and head downhill to the avenue of lime trees which leads to Masham Bridge.
6. Just before the bridge, head left, cross a stile and walk along the riverbank until you reach Leaf 6 (the Footbridge).
7. From here, retrace your steps to Masham Bridge, back along the lime avenue and then back to the Market Place.