

North Yorkshire walks

Middleton Tyas

About the walk

An easy circular walk on mostly grass field paths to the east of the attractive village of Middleton Tyas. There are extensive views over the Tees Lowlands towards the Cleveland Hills from high points on the walk. The paths can be muddy in places following wet weather.



Walk overview

Distance: 3 miles (4.5 km)

Time: Allow 1.5 hours

Gates: 13

Terrain: Mostly flat on field paths with some surfaced tracks. Some steps and moderate inclines.

Map: OS Explorer Map No.304

Local facilities: Village shop and pub

Points of interest

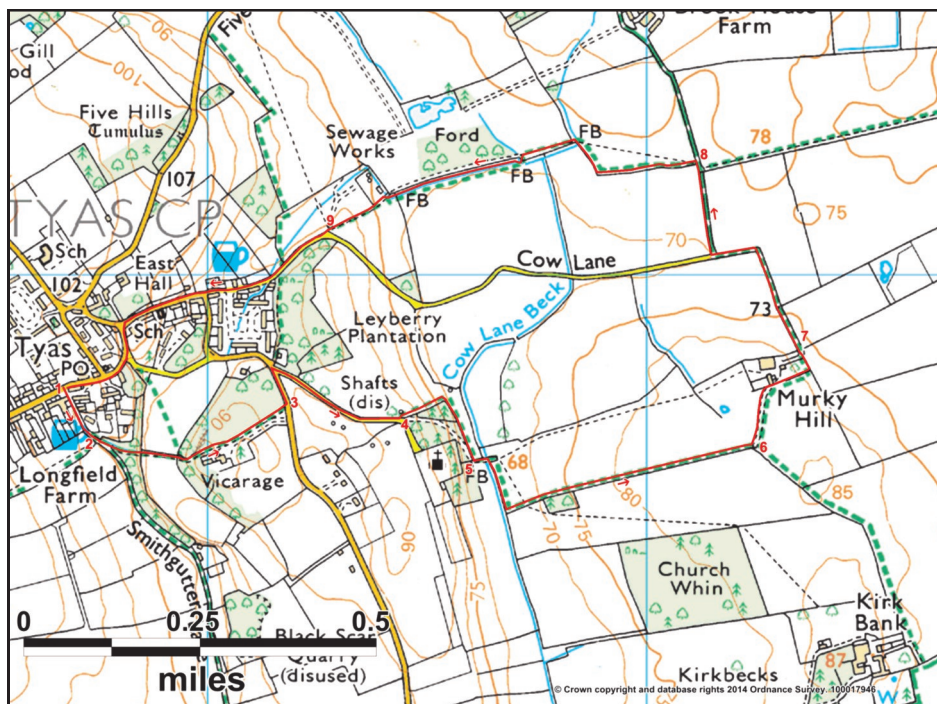
The village of Middleton Tyas is less than a mile to the east of the hustle and bustle of the A1 at Scotch Corner. The name Middleton is of Anglo-Saxon origin and means middle-farm or middle-settlement. Tyas is a Norman family name but no evidence has come to light that Middleton Tyas once belonged to a family of that name.

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Route description

1. Starting from the Shoulder of Mutton Pub in the middle of the village, turn onto Smithgutter Lane, with the pub on your right.
2. After 150m bear left onto a public footpath which descends through woodland before crossing a low lying field. Leave the field at the small gate opposite and climb a flight of steps, continuing past the Vicarage on your right.
3. Turn left onto the Moulton Road for 80m, then turn right onto Church Avenue for 300m.
4. Leave the lane at the kissing gate by the corner of a wood and follow a public footpath down the hill, keeping the wood on your right. Turn right at the bottom of the hill. Follow the footpath alongside Cow Lane Beck for 250m.
5. Turn left and cross Cow Lane Beck on a wooden footbridge. Follow the field edge footpath to the top of the hill.
6. Turn left onto a farm track towards the buildings at Murky Hill. Leave the track and follow the way marked public footpath through two fields keeping the buildings on your left.
7. Leave the second field at a kissing gate to join Cow Lane. Follow the lane as it turns left, then turn right onto a public bridleway for 200m.
8. Turn left onto a public footpath and follow it along the edge of two fields, cross over Cow Lane Beck and continue along the edge of a third field with a wood on your right. In the fourth field continue straight on up the hill to re-join Cow Lane at a field gate.
9. Continue to follow Cow Lane back to the village. At the junction continue straight ahead onto School Bank. Follow the road as it turns left then right to return to your starting point.





Points of interest

The village lies on the eastern end of a limestone ridge which forms the watershed between the Tees and Swale catchments. Historically limestone was quarried locally for building stone and the production of quicklime. Quarrying for road stone still continues to the north of the village.

Small deposits of particularly rich copper ore were mined near the village in the 18th and 19th centuries. You can see mounds of spoil dug from mine shafts in the fields near the church. The remains of the mine's engine house in the woods below the church can also be seen from the walk.

The Church of St Michael and All Angels is an ancient structure, with Norman arches and pillars on the north side, and early English Gothic on the south. It was restored and renovated between 1867-79 under the direction of Sir George Gilbert Scott.

How to get there...

By Car: Middleton Tyas lies to the east of the A1 at Scotch Corner. Start at DL10 6QX.

Parking: Car Park, Five Hills Lane or on the road throughout the village.

Bus: There is a bus (x34) from Richmond. For details call Traveline on 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
- Consider other people

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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.

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