

# North Yorkshire walks

## Northallerton, Romanby and Ainderby Steeple

### About the walk

An easy, circular walk incorporating the villages of Romanby and Ainderby Steeple.



### Walk overview

**Distance:** 6 miles (10 km)

**Time:** 2.5 hours

**Stiles:** 1 **Gates:** 12

**Terrain:** Field paths with some short road sections

**Map:** OS Explorer Map No.302

**Local facilities:** Pubs in both villages and shop in Romanby

### Points of interest

The River Wiske is the main river in the Vale of Mowbray; you cross it and its tributaries three times during the walk.

Romanby is a separate “village” within Northallerton which has a tree-lined village green overlooked by some fine houses. The name Romanby has Viking (not Roman) origins.

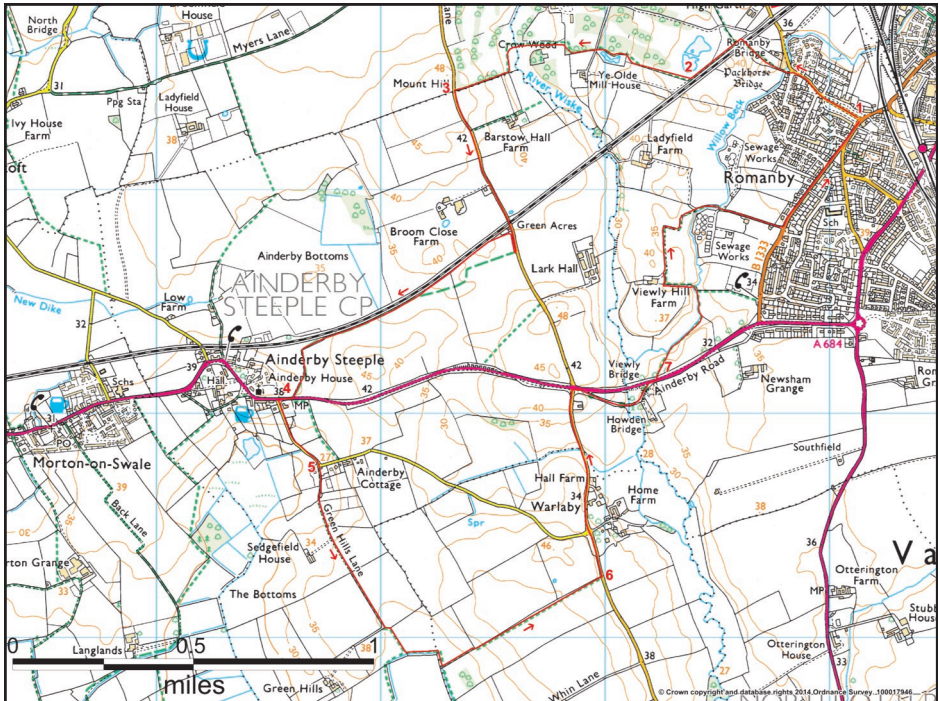
Ainderby Steeple has a large triangular tree-lined village green, surrounded by cottages, a pub, Ainderby Hall and the 14th Century St Helen’s Church with its magnificent tower.

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## Route description

1. From Romanby Village Green, walk on the green alongside the road to Yafforth. When you reach Chantry Road on your left, take the footpath diagonally left to go over the pretty Packhorse Bridge. Join the enclosed path over the Wensleydale Railway, cross a minor road and onto another enclosed path which bears left alongside the road, ignoring the path to your right. The path leads onto the golf course after going through Crow Wood.
2. The path keeps to the left of the golf course, then at a hedge corner turns right for 30m to go through a gap in the hedge. Now bear diagonally right to walk alongside a fence on your right. The path leads over a large footbridge and then briefly follows a track to a junction of paths. Leave the track here and go uphill to an electricity pole. Continue past the 15th tee to join a woodland path which emerges at a stile onto Dolly Lane. Take care on joining this narrow road verge.
3. Turn left and follow the roadside verge until you have crossed the railway. At a bridleway sign carefully cross the road to enter a large field. Follow the path around the field edge, alongside the railway. Where the hedge leaves the railway continue in the field with the hedge / fence on your right, to eventually reach the road on the outskirts of Ainderby Steeple.
4. Cross the road carefully and turn right. The walk now follows the minor road 20m ahead on your left. However, you might like to visit Ainderby Steeple at this point. Back on the walk route, follow the minor road until it turns sharp left.
5. Here go straight ahead, following Green Hills Lane over a hill, ignoring a farm access road to your right, and continue until, going downhill, the track turns right. Leave the lane here by going straight on into a field. Follow the field edge, with the hedge on your left, then cross a footbridge in the field corner. In the next field follow the path with the hedge on your right, go around one corner, then, at the second corner, ignore the stile ahead of you and turn left and continue along the field edge, going slightly uphill.





## Route description continued

5. continued - In the next field corner go through the gap in the hedge on your right, then turn left and follow the field edge path to Warlaby Lane.
6. Turn left and follow the road through Warlaby to the junction with the A684. Turn right and follow the road verge then the old road over the River Wiske. Turn right along the main road for 30m, then cross carefully to the signposted footpath.
7. Follow the path across the field down a steep slope to the riverside. Turn right and follow the river, going through a gate and over a footbridge, then head diagonally left uphill to a kissing gate. Turn right and follow the farm track, crossing the river again in 500m. Follow the track straight ahead to reach Ainderby Road. Turn left along the road, past the clock tower and back to the start of the walk.

## How to get there...

**By Car:** From A1 follow A19/A168 to Northallerton. Start Romanby Green - SE 361 934.

**Parking:** Northallerton or Romanby.

**Train:** Northallerton Station - National Rail  
Enquiries: 08457 484950.

**Bus:** Traveline 0871 2002233.





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-  **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.

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