

Gateforth self guided walks



Introduction



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- This guide has been compiled to outline a variety of walks in and around **Gateforth**.
- All directions assume a start at the **Village Green Bus Shelter**.
- Why not join 2 routes together to make the walk a bit longer?
- If you're favourite route is missing and you think others would enjoy it too, send the details to acollier.gpc@outlook.com and we'll look to include it in a future pack.
- If you're planning to drive to Gateforth to undertake one of our walks, then please park respectfully. The map below shows 2 possible parking locations:

★ **Pale Lane**

Parking Bay by the green water treatment box, by the Welcome to Gateforth sign.

★ **Landing Lane**

At the end of the tarmac road, there is an area in which to park. Do not block the road or gates to the farms.

- For any other queries relating to these walks, you can contact acollier.gpc@outlook.com



The Countryside Code



- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

Rights of way

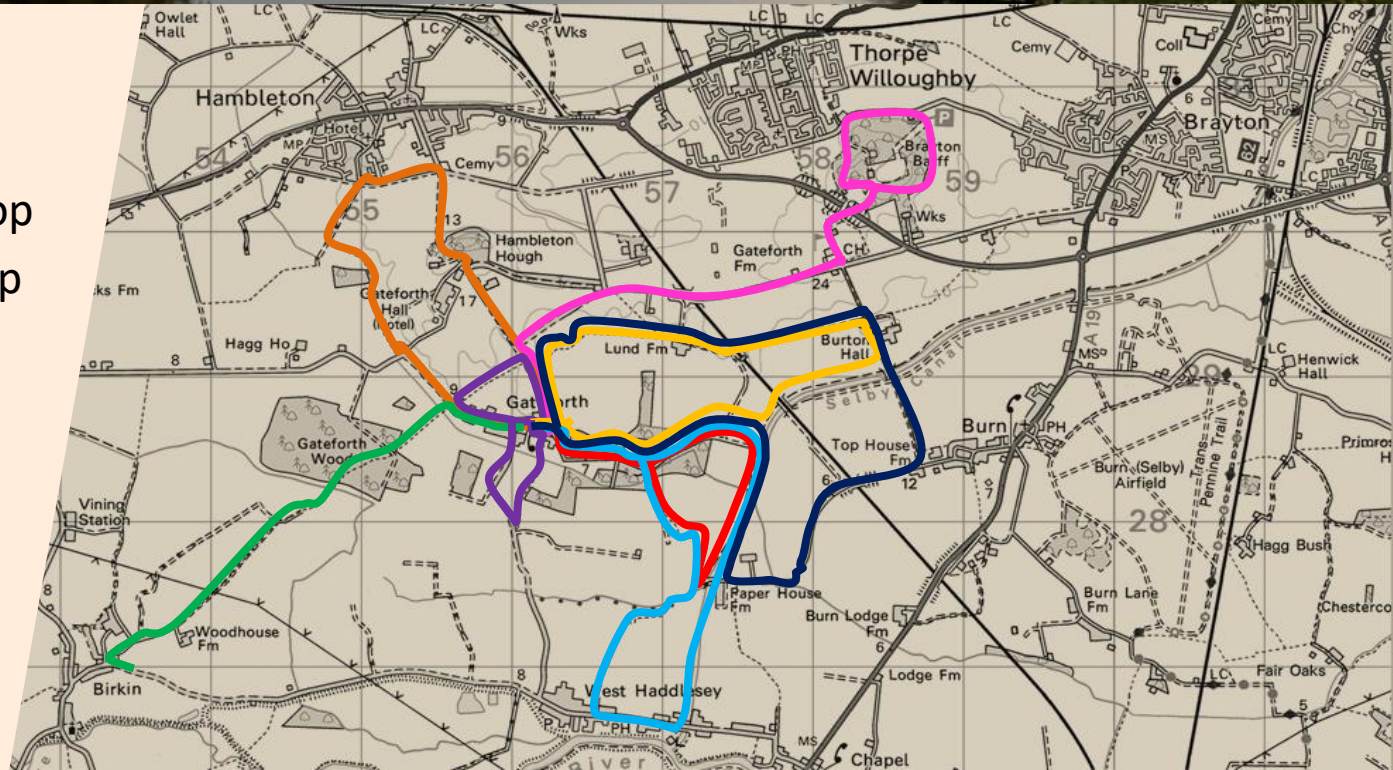
- If you encounter a rights of way issue on any of the walks, please report it to North Yorkshire Council using the following link:
[Rights of way maintenance | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Routes map



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Gateforth figure of 8



1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the left fork and follow Gateforth New Road for about ¼ mile.
(Note, there is no footpath on this road but plenty of grass verges to walk along.)
2. You will see a sign (before you get to Church Lane) pointing left.
(Note, the sign is on the righthandside of the road.)
3. Follow the dirt track across the fields in a relatively straight direction.
4. As you approach some trees (¼ mile) , the path goes slightly to the left.
5. Follow this path until you reach Hillam Road.
6. Turn left and follow the road back to the Village Green.
7. At the left side of Foxtan Lodge, you will see a small wooden gate. Go through this gate and follow the path at the side of the house to the bottom of the gravel road.
8. Continue straight ahead and you will cross a wooden footbridge. Keeping the hedgerow to your left, follow the dirt path. You will then be walking alongside some woodland until you reach a wooden swing gate.
9. Go through the gate and you will see a style diagonally opposite (to your left).
Caution: There will be cows in this field at times.
10. Cross the style and cross the field, which is the public footpath or walk around the field following the stock fence then the hedge. This will bring you onto Pale lane.
11. Turn right at the road and follow back to the green.



Hambleton Loop

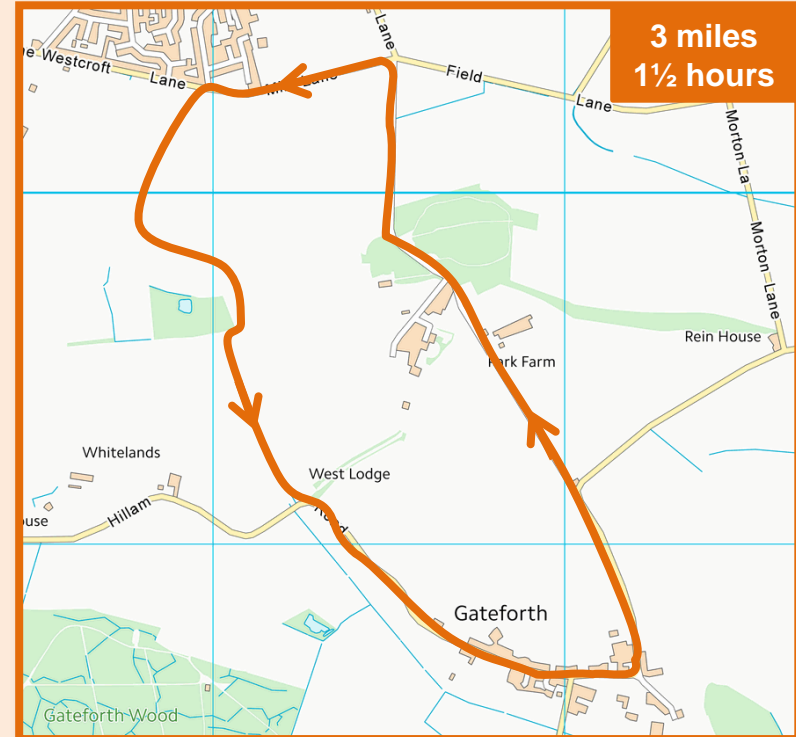
Route

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1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the left fork and follow Gateforth New Road for about ½ mile.
(Note, there is no footpath on this road but plenty of grass verges to walk along.)
2. As Gateforth New Road bends to the right, you will see the bridle path directly in front of you. (Church Lane)
3. Follow this lane for just under a mile, where you will reach a crossroads. Hambleton Cemetery will be in front of you.
4. Turn left onto Mill lane.
5. Follow the lane for around ¼ mile. The lane here changes to Westcroft Lane and you will also see Chapel Street, on your right.
6. There is a Public Footpath marker on the lefthandside of the pointing left.
7. Take this dirt track through the fields. It will curve to the left after about ¼ mile.
8. After a few yards, take a right down a narrow path and along the side of the woods.
9. Keep walking straight and it will brings you out at the Gate House at the entrance to Gateforth Hall.
10. When joining Hillam Road, continue straight ahead and return to the Village Green.

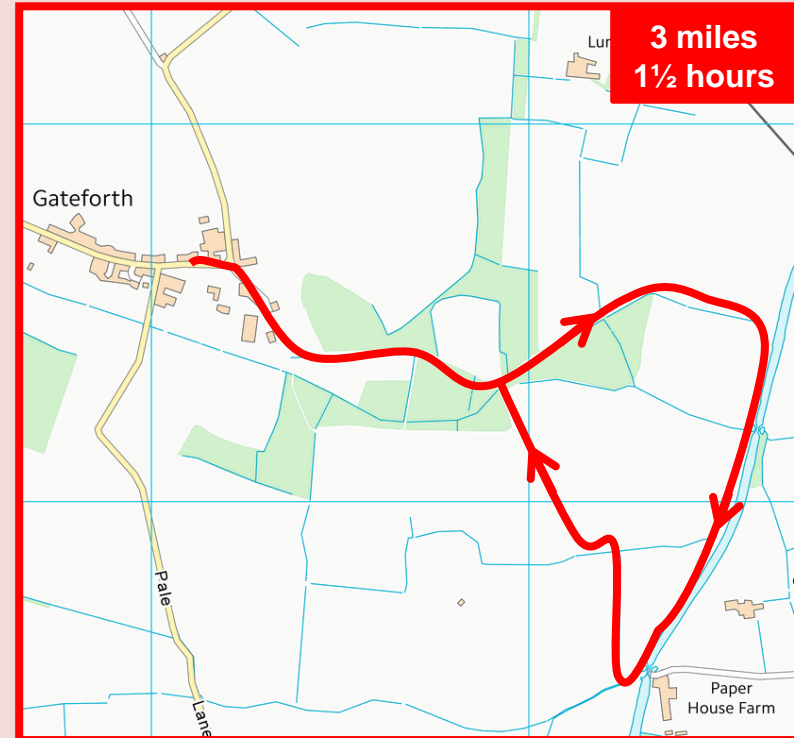


Paperhouse Bridge Loop



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1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the right fork to walk down the single track lane (Landing Lane).
2. Follow the lane for ½ mile, where it will curve left and change to a dirt track. Continue to follow this track until you reach the canal.
3. At the canal, turn right and follow the canal path southwards for just over ½ mile until you reach "Paper House Bridge".
4. Turn right at the bridge and you will see a footpath marker a few yards in front of you pointing right.
5. Follow the edge of the field (turning left at the corner) and, after a few yards, you will see a little wooden footbridge on your right.
6. After crossing the bridge, turn left and walk a few yards until you come to the farm track.
7. Turn right and follow the track until you reach some metal gates. You will now be back on Landing Lane.
8. Turn left and follow the lane back to the Village Green.

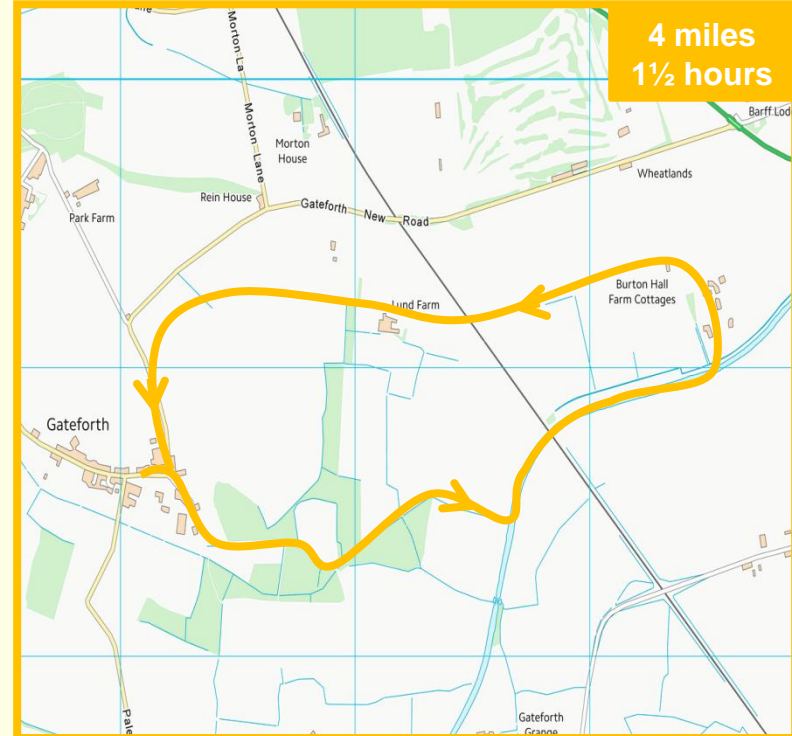


Burton Hall Bridge Loop



1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the right fork to walk down the single track lane (Landing Lane)
2. Follow the lane for ½ mile, where it will curve left and change to a dirt track. Continue to follow this track until you reach the canal.
3. At the canal, turn left and follow the canal path northwards for just over ½ mile until you reach “Burton Hall Bridge”.
4. At the bridge, turn left and head down the track for approx. ¼ mile, where you will see a bungalow on your left. Turn left and follow the track for approx ¼ mile.
5. When the track ends, continue to walk straight across the fields crossing a stile. You will then reach the railway.
6. Use the bridge to cross the railway, then head straight towards Lund Farm.
7. Pass through a gate and follow the narrow path through a small wooded area.
8. Cross the fields where you will reach Gateforth New Road.
9. Turn left and return to the Village Green.

(Note, this path can get quite boggy/muddy.)



Gateforth Woods



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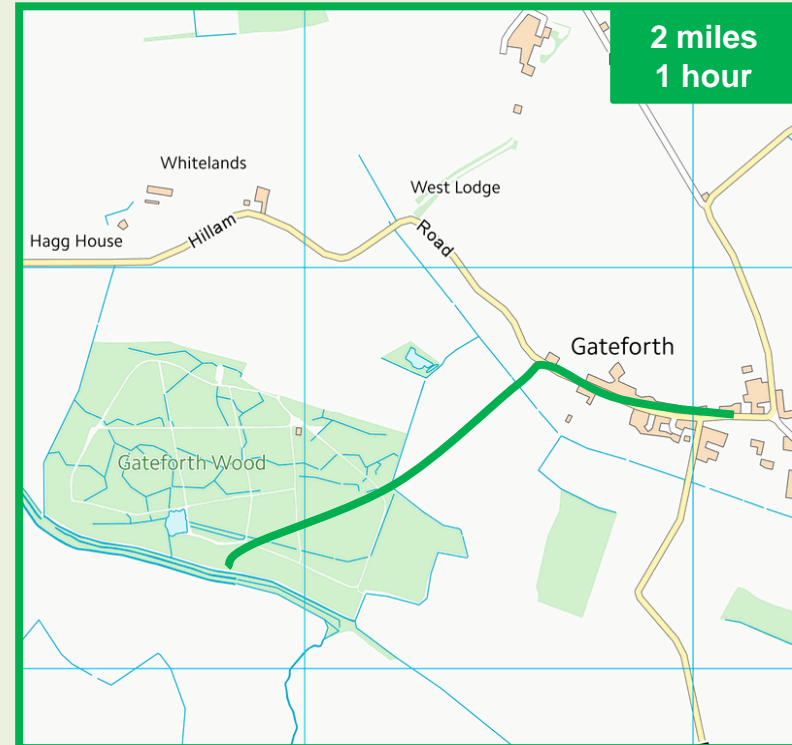
1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head west in the direction of Hillam.
2. Walk for ¼ mile through the village until you pass “Cherry Trees” on your right. Shortly after this, you will see a Public Footpath sign pointing left, across the fields.
3. Take this path across the fields. You will cross a wooden bridge. Keep heading straight towards the wood in front of you.

(Note, this path can get quite boggy/muddy.)

4. Upon reaching the wood, you will see a stile. Cross this to enter the wood.
5. Follow the path straight through the wood.

(Note, other paths from here are private land and not public right of way.)

6. Return to the Village Green via the reverse of the above.



Birkin Tea Rooms



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1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head west in the direction of Hillam.
2. Walk for ¼ mile through the village until you pass “Cherry Trees” on your right. Shortly after this, you will see a Public Footpath sign pointing left, across the fields.
3. Take this path across the fields. You will cross a wooden bridge. Keep heading straight towards the wood in front of you.

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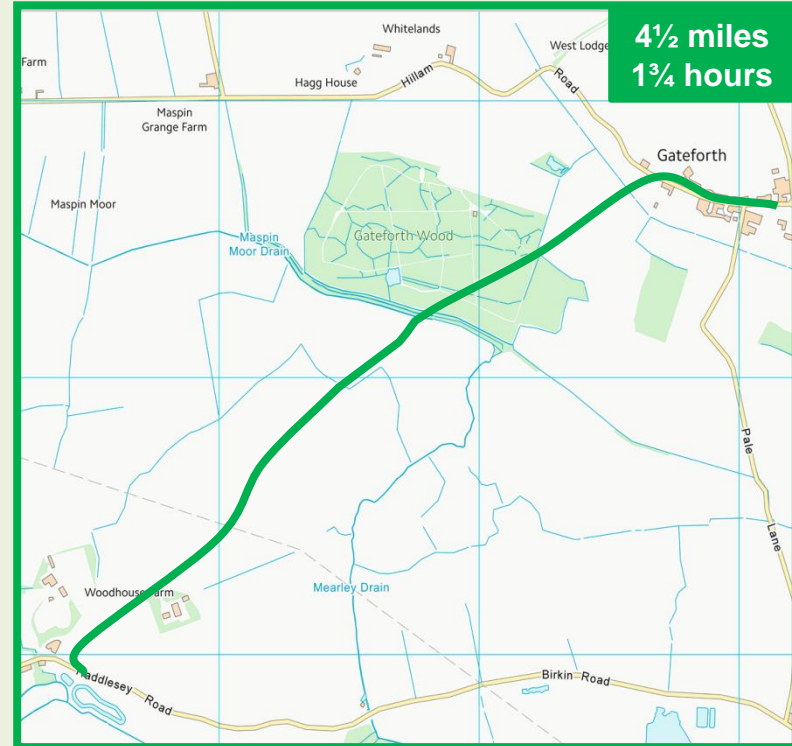
4. Upon reaching the wood, you will see a stile. Cross this to enter the wood.
5. Follow the path straight through the wood.

(Note, other paths from here are private land and not public right of way.)

4. When exiting the wood, you will see a wooden footbridge.
5. Cross the bridge and follow the dirt track directly ahead, across the field.

(Note, this path is across a field and can get quite boggy/muddy. If it has been recently ploughed, the best marker for the path is to look straight ahead at the bridge and you will see an electricity pylon. Counting this as #1, head in the direction of the 3rd pylon to the right.)

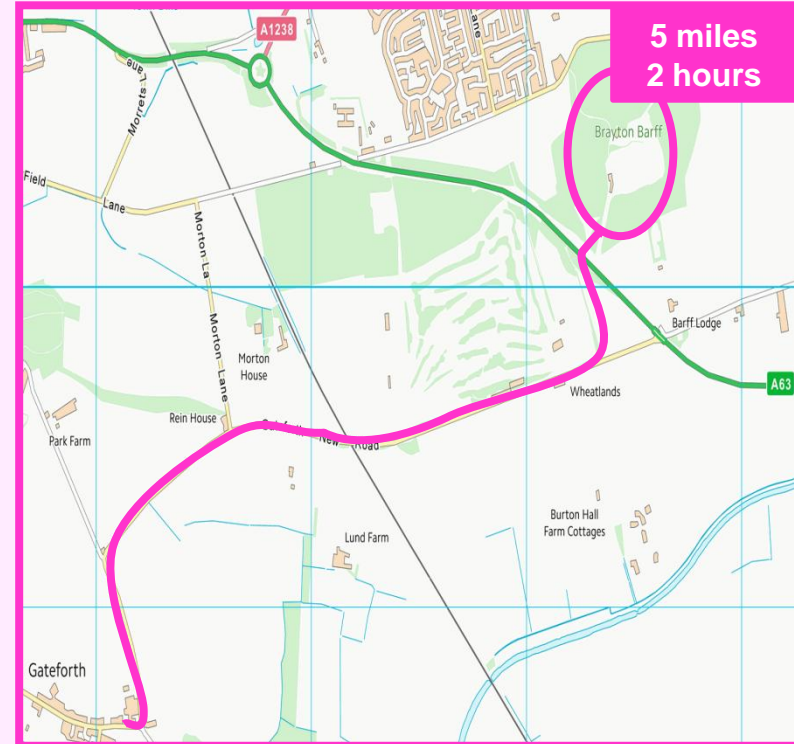
8. You will then come to Tinklers Lane. Continue to walk down this lane, passing a green gate, until you reach Haddlesey Road.
9. Turn left and walk a few hundred yards to Birkin Tea rooms at the Fishery.
10. Treat yourself to a well deserved refreshment at the tea rooms.
11. Then follow the above steps in reverse to return to Gateforth Village Green.



Brayton Barff



1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the left fork and follow Gateforth New Road for just over 2 miles, crossing the railway and passing Selby Golf Course on your left.
(Note, there is no footpath on this road but plenty of grass verges to walk along.)
2. Just after the Golf Course, you will see a footpath on your left. This runs parallel to the road for a short time, before turning left.
3. Follow this path and which will take you across a bridge over the A63.
4. Shortly after this, you will reach the many paths of Brayton Barff. Taking the outer loop, you can return to the A63 bridge.
5. Then follow the above steps in reverse to return to Gateforth Village Green.



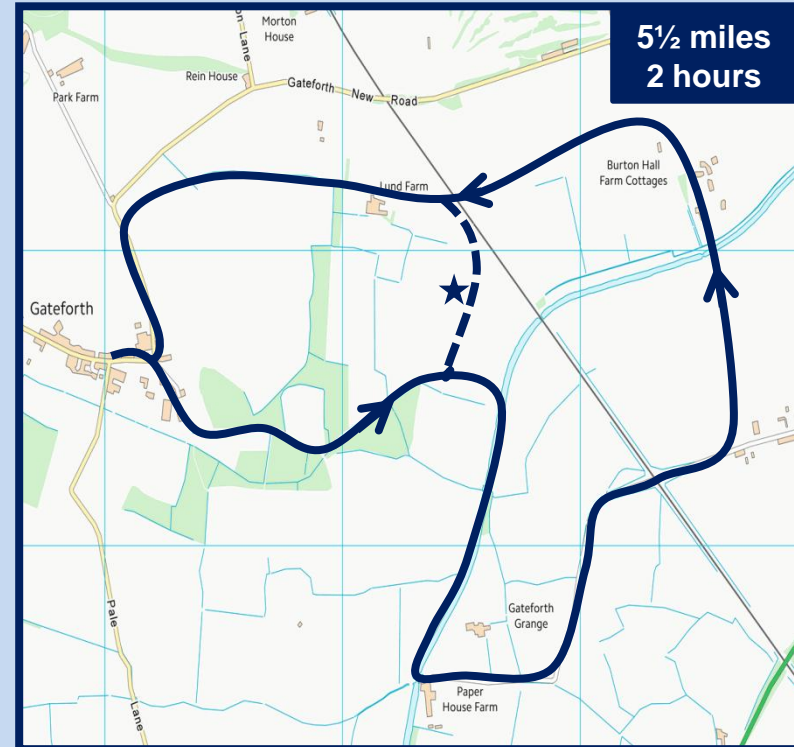
Burn Loop



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1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the right fork to walk down the single track lane (Landing Lane).
2. Follow the lane for ½ mile, where it will curve left and change to a dirt track. Continue to follow this track until you reach the canal.
3. At the canal, turn right and follow the canal path southwards for just over ½ mile until you reach “Paper House Bridge”.
4. Turn left at the bridge, crossing the canal and follow West Lane for 1 ¼ miles.
5. At “Top House Farm”, turn left on to the public footpath.
6. Follow this path for 1 mile (cross the canal at “Burton Hall Bridge”).
7. You will see a bungalow on your left (about ¼ mile after the canal). Turn left and follow the track for approx ¼ mile.
8. When the track ends, continue to walk straight across the fields crossing a stile. You will then reach the railway.
9. Use the bridge to cross the railway, then head straight towards Lund Farm. *
10. Pass through a gate and follow the narrow path through a small wooded area.
11. Cross the fields where you will reach Gateforth New Road.
12. Turn left and return to the Village Green.

* There is an option to turn left after crossing the railway and follow the path alongside the fields and then turn right back to Landing Lane



West Haddlesey Loop



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1. Starting at the Bus Shelter, head east towards the Phone Box. Take the right fork to walk down the single track lane (Landing Lane)
2. Follow the lane for ½ mile, where it will curve left and change to a dirt track. Continue to follow this track until you reach the canal.
3. At the canal, turn right and follow the canal path southwards for just over 1 mile until you reach West Haddlesey. Along the route you'll pass "Paper House Bridge".
4. At Millfield Road ("Tankards Bridge"), turn right and follow the footpath through West Haddlesey village for just over ¼ mile.
5. After the "George and Dragon" pub (Closed), you will see a track on your right.
6. Follow the track, passing the Caravan & Camping Club site on your left.
7. Follow the track until you reach the wooden footbridge. Cross the footbridge and then turn right. Follow the track to "Paper House Bridge".
8. Just before the bridge, you will see a footpath marker pointing left. Take this path.
9. Follow the edge of the field (turning left at the corner) and, after a few yards, you will see a little wooden footbridge on your right.
10. After crossing the bridge, turn left and continue until you come to the farm track.
11. Turn right and follow the track until you reach some metal gates. You will now be back on Landing Lane.
12. Turn left and follow the lane back to the Village Green.

