

Bilsdale Circuit

Route Description

The circuit may commence from any convenient point and be followed in either direction. Newgate Bank, at the foot of Bilsdale, is the recommended start and an anti-clockwise journey from here preferred. The following route description should be plotted onto the OS Explorer or LR map of the North York Moors or equivalent map sheets:

From Newgate Bank viewpoint (564-890) return through car park and follow track N.E along top of Roppa Edge to junction of tracks (582-905) and TL downhill to foot of escarpment. TL alongside plantation fence to firebreak (596-918) and follow firebreak through plantation to cross Bogmire Gill (603-923). Ascend far bank and follow path alongside wall through Old Kiln Farm and join Bransdale road (607-929). TL alongside road for two miles to junction with the Bilsdale bridleway (610-964) TL at Stump Cross (607-982) and follow path over moor and cross Tripsdale Beck (583-988). Ascend far bank via zigzag path to join main firebreak TR along firebreak and follow North for just over a mile to junction of firebreaks (573-009). TL downhill for 200 yards then TR on minor path along ancient earthworks to junction with the Lyke Wake Walk (579-030) and TL downhill to cross Stokesley road (573-035).

Continue west along LWW path over Hasty Bank and Cringle Moor to the triangulation pillar on Carlton Bank Top (519-027). TL around perimeter of airfield and follow good path south, at Brian's pond (523-008) TL on minor path and at rock cleft descend to junction of tracks (528-001). Continue ahead along firebreak to Cock Howe (542-984) and just beyond Miley Howe locate prominent cairn (547-968) alongside path and TL on faint path passing to right of TV mast. At junction with main track TR to Low Thwaite (543-944) and continue to the road at Moorgate (539-917).

From Moor Gate turn left along track to Sportsman Hall GR (544-918), just before farm gate turn left to follow footpath sign along farm wall, in approx 100 metres turn right through WM gate. Cross small field to WM, then diagonally left downhill to follow WM to footbridge GR (547-919). Cross footbridge and turn right to follow faint path and WM to reach main path at GR (548-917). Straight over track uphill to reach and cross stile in wall. Continue uphill with path and follow intake wall through to the Laskill road (558-906). TL along road for 50 yards then TR over stiles through fields to Grimes Holme and cross River Seph via wooden footbridge (562-897). Continue ahead to Fair Hill Farm (561-893) and at farmhouse TL sharply uphill to Helmsley road. TR along road for 300 yards and at small quarry on left TL up bank-side to viewpoint at Newgate Bank Top.

Parking is available at the following places for support vehicles:

Newgate Bank 564-890

Carlton Bank 523-030

Bransdale Rd 610-964

Moorgate 539-917

Clay Bank 573-033

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