

North Wolds Walk 13 mile option

This 13 mile circular walk on public rights of way passes through Millington, Great Givendale and Bishop Wilton. The route can be started from many places, e.g., the layby on the A166 at 835567 or Bishop Wilton at 798549, however for the purposes of this route description the assumption is for the route starting at 830519. An average time for this walk is between 5 and 6 hours.



From this relatively small car park in the scenic village of Millington (home of the ‘Ramblers Rest’) head NW uphill on the Minster Way for 0.4 miles on the small road and cross a bigger road at 827524 to attain the track. Continue along the track for nearly 0.6 miles and through a farm yard until you reach a gate at 823533. Go through the gate and head across the field in a north westerly direction to the corner of a small wood and next to a particularly large tree at the top of a steep descent. Follow the line of the wood down the steep hill to a gate at the bottom and cross the bridge at Whitekeld beck (822534). Continue along clear trail upwards keeping the stream on your left through fields to Great Givendale and alongside St Ethelburga's church attain and cross the road directly opposite at 812538.

The church of St Ethelburga's on the left is worth a visit. It is in an excellent setting overlooking a small lake at the head of the dale. The church which dates from the 12th century was almost totally rebuilt in 1849 by W H Dykes using original materials.

Follow road through Great Givendale and take the right hand footpath after 0.2 miles. Take path through the gate and leftwards to another gate before following the Minster way along the hillside next to wire fences and after some zig-zags following obvious paths across top of

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field before descending to road at 799547. Take the road right to the centre of Bishop Wilton turning right and NEE opposite the Fleece Pub (797551).

Bishop Wilton is a picturesque village, spaciouly developed on either side of the stream. The church of St Edith's is worth visiting. It has a fine Norman south doorway which is ornamented with carving of animals and faces. The church was restored in 1858 - 9 when much of the old stone work was retained.

Here the route diverges from the Minster Way. Follow the road for approx 300 m and then right and easterly as the road turns sharply left go through the gate at the stream and cross fields steeply up to gates at the top of the field at 806553. Follow the path across the top of the hill-side and through a gate at 808556 before heading due north across field to field corner (The North Wolds Walk 20 miler turns left through the gate and down-hill here) before heading NEE to a small road to cross at 812559.

Continue opposite along path and through into Deep Dale. After going downhill through wood for 0.4 miles and through an old disused large swing gate (820556), immediately drop left down overgrown steps to valley floor. Cross to the opposite gate and directly up the very steep hill to attain the ridge. Continue leftwards on the path to a small wood at 826557. Continue along path to the Roman road and left at road. Follow the road for 0.3 miles before turning right, back onto the path at 826563. Continue along the path and through gate to walk along field hedgerow for 0.6 miles and through gate in left corner of field to layby on the A166 at 835567. Turn right along minor road in a NEE direction and cross a road at 841569 to continue onwards along road until a t-junction is reached at 856568 whereby the route is re-joined as a track south westerly into the wooded 'Great Plantation' area.

Follow track through wood and after a few hundred yards at track/ path junction descend rightwards along the path to a gate and into pasture alongside wood to another gate and the woods again. Along path and where path and track meet leftwards stay on the path/ track through the valley bottom through gates for about a mile until a road is met at 850544.

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Cross the road and re-attain the path to ascend steeply and through the gate at the top. Re-attain the Minster Way here where it meets the Wolds way and continue South over the hill and descend steeply into valley bottom. From there follow path directly opposite and southerly ascend another steep hill to and through a gate at the top. Along the top of the hill following the fence line and path through another gate and descend southerly to valley bottom. Cross the bottom of the valley and steeply up the opposite hillside, through a gate half way up the hill, continue leftwards, ignoring the right hand option to top of hill, SSE and along the hill top to pass Warren farm at 840519 and shortly after the farm along the hedge row, through a gate and slightly north of west, down a steep descent along a track.

Towards the bottom of the valley follow the Minster Way sign to the left, off the track where it bends sharply rightwards, slightly south of west, across a farm track, and down to the valley bottom over boards and over a style in the hedge, along a stream and ascend into Millington along path/ track. Meet road at 831519, turn right onto road, ascend hill and left at t-junction to re-attain the car park from whence the route started. Congratulations, you have just completed a 600 m ascent 13 miler north Wolds route.

There is no time limit to this walk. When the circuit has been completed, an attractive woven 3" circular rucksack badge, in purple and black on a white background, is available. Please send, a brief report including name(s), date, times taken together with a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE and remittance to the address below.

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(Any of the villages on route may be used as the start point)