

East Yorkshire LDWA Rudolph's Romp – Route Description

The entire route is on public rights of way, with a few minor roads. It is usually well signposted and includes large sections of the Wolds Way, so this is a general route guide rather than a detailed description. It should be used in conjunction with OS Explorer 293 (Kingston upon Hull and Beverley). A very small section is on OS Explorer 291, but this route description should provide sufficient guidance. Cross all roads with great care, beware of fast traffic. Keep clearly visible to all traffic when proceeding along roads, particularly in Brantingham Dale if walking in the dark.

From the start at Brantingham village pond go down Burrill Lane to the T-junction and turn right. Where the road turns sharp left, turn right into Woo Dale Road. At Woo Dale Farm follow the foot path round the right side of the buildings. As it turns left it joins the Wolds Way. Follow this through a farm gate and then left downhill through a kissing gate and steeply uphill (now steps) to a gate at the side of Woo Dale Plantation. Continue along the plantation edge and on meeting the farm track at Mount Airy Farm turn left past the farm and on to the farm road. Follow the road (bending right) to a waymarked path on the left (leaving Wolds Way). Turn Left at FP, go downhill through 2 gates through a field and a small willow coppice to a short track leading to the road out of South Cave.

Cross and turn right to the lane on the left, Little Wold Lane. Follow this and then uphill, as it becomes a track into Little Wold Plantation. Follow the track straight ahead, (no left or right turns). At the end of the woods turn right.

Continue ahead as the track narrows. Look for a metal gate on the left, go through and descend Comber Dale then go left through the steel pedestrian/horse rider gate to the field side path which soon becomes a clear track. Keep ahead, crossing the old railway bridge. The track becomes a tarmac road passing Drewton Manor. At the road junction (**A1034 beware fast traffic**) turn right for a short distance to the marked farm road on the left, gates to Drewton Farm. Follow this around the farm buildings and house and continue, at the end of the field right turn and after a short distance take the waymarked field side path on the left rather than following the clear track straight ahead. Keep ahead through field to cross a small wooden bridge, continue ahead in next field to a large gate, leading to the road leading into North Cave. **Take care crossing the road** to the opposite pavement going the church, turn right into Nordham, ahead and enter Hotham Park.

Follow the tarmac drive through the park to Hotham village. Ahead along the main street and following it left and then right to the church. As the road turns right continue on track straight ahead. Follow the track ahead. Where the right of way turns left off the track on to a fieldside path it also leaves Explorer 293 onto Explorer 291, but this is not critical and this route description should be sufficient. When the fieldside path joins a cinder farm track, go right along the track, towards a farm. Take the left fork (farm on right) past farm buildings, onto another fieldside path leading to Houghton woods. Take the clear track through the woods,

ignoring all turnings to right or left. Reach and cross two fields to a stile onto a lane, (now back onto Explorer 293). Turn right along lane towards Sancton. Past the farm on your right, towards a grassy fork in the road. Take the left hand side road and down to the Village Hall on your left.

Cross the road, A1034, (**beware of fast traffic**). Bearing slightly uphill to the track, opposite the nursery school (Dale Road). After a short descent and left turn continue ahead, along an enclosed green lane. Eventually reaching the bottom of the dale, follow the main track, again ignoring all side paths, over Arras Wold to the fingerpost at Hessleskew Lane.

Turn right along the road, passing houses on your right and a farm on your left. Where the road bends to the right, turn left at FP Wolds Way, continue ahead on grassy track passing a newly painted Trig Point on your left. At the road, turn right, after a short distance turn left, down the green lane to Wrangmandale Pig Farm.

Turn right along the road to the left turn into Swin Dale. Follow the waymarked path, through second stile/gate, ahead slightly and then following the grassy track around to your right. Continue ahead and at the line of bushes (hedge?) on your right, turn right up the bank through a gate onto a fieldside path. Ahead and then turn left, to a minor road. Turn right, then straight on at crossroads, continuing on the minor road. After a short distance take the footpath on the left leading to the busy B1230 road. Turn right using the fieldside path and then cross the road (**take care fast traffic**) to the fieldside path directly opposite. Follow this, until you reach a right turn steeply downhill through a wood. The path becomes a clear track. Follow the Wolds Way waymarkers, eventually going right through the wood to cross the former railway to a large steel pedestrian/horse rider gate. Go left, then sharp right up the hillside to the foot of Comber Dale. Turn left climbing up the dale to the green gate. Turn right along the track to Little Wold Plantation. Turn left, on the waymarked track through the wood. Continue ahead. After leaving the wood take the marked path on the left going steeply downhill to a footbridge and path to the road, cross the road and turn left.

Turn right up the tarmac road (Steep Hill) and when it turns right continue up the steep green track / footpath through a plantation. Shortly after leaving the plantation on a fieldside path turn right on to a track past a private airstrip and then right again to Mount Airy Farm.

Take the path from the farm, as at the beginning of the walk. Continue on the path through woods, go downhill and then uphill through gate. Woo Dale Farm on your right, now follow the Wolds Way uphill on the left to a kissing gate taking the path down to Brantingham Dale.

Go right along the road into Brantingham, taking care to be clearly visible, especially if it is dark. Use the footpath on the left of the road just past the church. Follow the road back to the Village Hall.