

## **Rock and Rowel Walk 2014: Route Description for use with Explorer Map 298**

From Dacre & Hartwith Village Hall, Dacre Banks. SE198619

Proceed NE along B6451, cross B6165 and proceed uphill through village to 203625. Take BW ESE turning ENE to pass through Highfield Farm to minor road at 216625. North on minor road for 300 metres, then right on FP heading E then ENE past Brimham Hall to road at 22306305 (**checkpoint 1- no refreshments- 50 m right here at 223630**) Turn N 200 metres on Lane to bend at 223630 (FP does not exist on ground heading ENE from 22306305)

Take Nidderdale way E to 227632 (**Change from 2013**) then leave taking FP to Mansion House Farm 231627. Pass  $\frac{3}{4}$  way round farm to leave on FP to Woodfield Mill 236634 to rejoin Nidderdale Way **and 2013 route**. Continue E past High Hollins and then on FP heading E to meet Colber Lane at 257634.

Continue briefly on minor Road to outskirts of Bishop Thornton 25956345(**Checkpoint 2 – first refreshment station here**). Turn left and proceed N 200 metres, then turn NE to pass Greenhill farm and join enclosed BW. Head N, pass church on your left, and continue on FP past Highfield house to join road near 262650. North 100 metres, then take minor road NE (Watergate Road) past Haddockstones, becoming Howhill Road to junction at 27806695. Turn right, (NE) along Whitcliffe Lane (pass Morcar Grange) which becomes BW at 290682 to meet Ripon Rowel Walk at 29556840. (**Checkpoint 3, second refreshment station here**)

From here- on Ripon Rowel- head N at first, but soon turn sharply west, and then turn N again down into the Skell valley. Follow Ripon Rowel west through valley of seven bridges, and through Studley Park, past Obelisk and on past Fountains Abbey visitor centre (Toilets Here). Continue along R Rowel to Sawley (**Checkpoint 4 Sawley Village Hall- sheltered checkpoint and main feeding station**)

From Sawley continue W along Ripon Rowel, crossing B6265, and along North shore of Eavestone Lake to the village of Eavestone. At 223683 leave R Rowel and minor road, heading NE for 100 metres, to path fork. Take left fork, NW at first, veering more Northerly (**Cross Stepping stones**) to Low Skelding Farm 222694. Turn L. (**Change from 2013**) on Drift Lane for 400 metres to rejoin Ripon Rowel (**and 2013 route**) at T junction **Checkpoint 5-refreshment station 216699**)

Follow Ripon Rowel South to 214688. Leave R Rowel here, turning right, heading SW, then turning west to 210686. How take public access way south to road junction at 21256700. Cross B6265 and continue south on road to 21256615. Here leave road by turning right on BW to 20706605. Take FP South. At North Pasture take field gate to left of footpath gate and proceed up field to gate at far end. Go through, turn half right to rejoin footpath and into open access land to 205652 to pick up access tracks through Brimham Rocks. Walk to viewing point and Visitor Centre at 207650 (toilets in building below Visitor Centre)

Walk in through Brimham Rocks estate vehicle access track (**checkpoint 6 and final refreshment station 60m to right of access track near car park at 208647**). Continue to road at 209643. Here turn right (south) along road. **Changed route to finish:** At 208640 take Nidderdale Way west to Smelthouses to leave it at 19256425 turning SW to pass Knox Hall cross B6165, and FB over sidestream to reach River Nidd. Proceed up N bank to cross FB at 186641 taking path to Harewell Hall 184639. From here take FP on track (but do not follow track where it turns right) to pass Dacre Banks Church and join Road at 197622. Turn R along road to finish. WELL DONE!