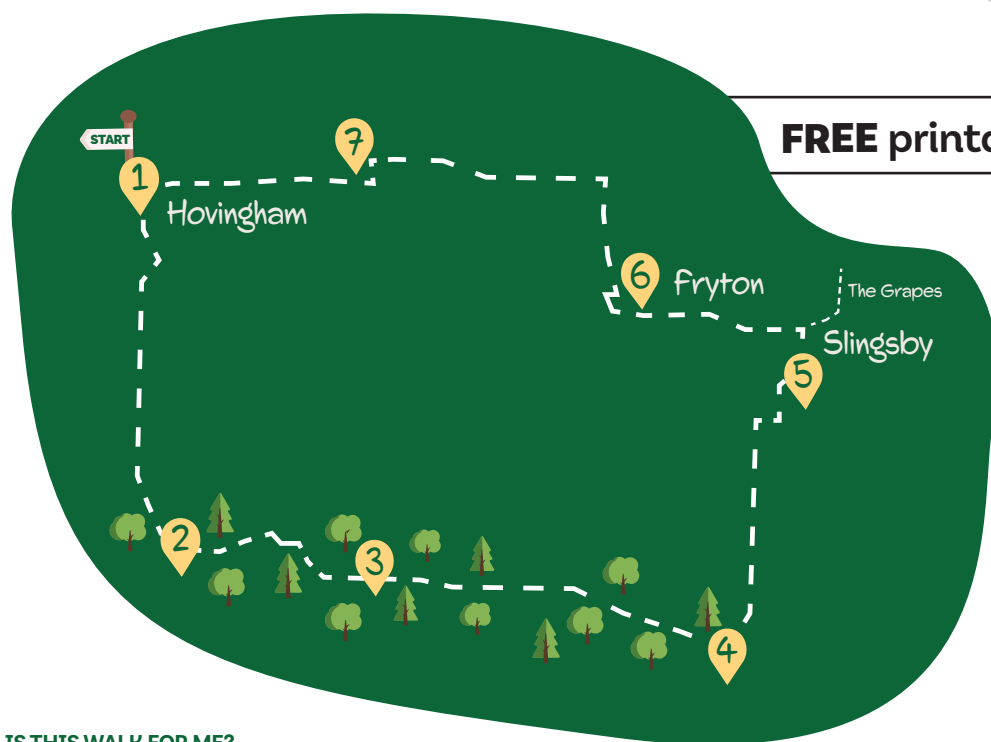


WALKING WITH THE WANDERER

Hovingham & Slingsby

Time: 3 ¼ hours

Distance: 6 ¾ miles



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This is a walk of two halves. The first, from Hovingham, follows paths and bridleways through woodland on the ridge of the Howardian Hills, overlooking the Vale of Pickering. The second, from Slingsby, traverses flatter agricultural land on the edge of the Vale.

with a barn to the left (to see more of Slingsby and visit The Grapes, continue ahead, then turn right at The Green and left on Railway Street). In 100 metres, go through a kissing gate and take the right of two signed paths, heading slightly right to a further gate. Continue to another gate, following the obvious field edge path. As you approach buildings, keep left of a hedge, maintaining direction to arrive at a gate in the field corner.

6/ Turn right and follow the tarmac road, as it kinks right then left through the hamlet of Fryton. Remain on the tarmac for about 600 metres, until you're just beyond a house on the right. Here, turn left on a track (footpath sign) and keep ahead, passing a small wood to the right, eventually reaching a signpost at a field edge. Here, keep ahead into another field with the hedge to the right (don't kink right so there's a hedge left). At the field corner, turn left but in a short distance, turn right to cross a new wooden bridge.

7/ Now, continue ahead with a hedge to the left. As you approach Hovingham, keep to the right of a tennis court, following a path that leads through a car park to the main road, with the village hall at the left. Turn left and follow the main road back to the starting point.

IS THIS WALK FOR ME?

There are two climbs on this route, both near the start. One is long but gradual, and the second is steep but comparatively short. Otherwise, the route is flat or with gentle downhill sections. Paths are generally easy to follow and well waymarked. There are no stiles. The bridleway along the wooded ridge can be very muddy after heavy rain or in winter!

GETTING THERE

The recommended starting point is the junction of Main Street and Park Street in Hovingham. Roadside parking is available on Park Street, or at the village hall on Main Street. Public transport from York is difficult - the only feasible option is by bus or train to Malton, then the 194 bus, which runs four times daily to Hovingham (although not on Sundays). The last return bus to Malton currently leaves Hovingham at 15.50.

REFRESHMENTS

At Hovingham, there is the Worsley Arms Hotel, with the Hovingham Bakery further down Main Street for takeaway food and drink. In Slingsby, The Grapes Inn opens from 3pm on Friday to Sunday, and 5pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

WHAT TO SEE

Hovingham is an attractive stone-built village, best known for the eighteenth-century Hovingham Hall, with its unusual riding school entrance. The church has a part-Saxon tower. Slingsby is also an attractive, mainly stone-built village, set off the main road. It has the remains of a medieval castle, in the hands of English Heritage (not open to the public). The woodland on the ridge to the south of the villages has a mix of trees and habitats. There are also good views north, to the North York Moors.

1/ Starting from the Main Street/Park Street junction in Hovingham, walk back (uphill) on the main road (Main Street). Where this bends sharp left, keep ahead on the tarmac footpath uphill. Join the road, but in a short distance, take the track on the left (follow the bridleway sign). Stay on this track, which is hedged at first, with woodland soon visible ahead.

2/ Continue into the wood. At a 'Y' path divide, go left (follow the blue arrow), soon keeping ahead at another divide, as indicated by the blue waymark. At a clearing with wide tracks going ahead and right, take the narrow permissive path to the left, into trees. Follow this downhill until you reach a gate and footpath sign. Take the path crossing the stream, and heading over a grassy area to a gate. Through this, follow the clear path uphill, through young trees to a path crossroads.

3/ Keep ahead here with a field left and woodland right, remaining on the path as it goes into trees. At cross tracks (tarmac lane coming from the left), keep ahead into the trees, but after about 600 metres, at an easily missed junction marked by a signpost, go left onto a narrow path, deeper into the trees.

4/ Continue to a fenced field edge, at which turn right. At the next field, turn left with a hedge to the left, soon walking downhill. Remain on the path until you reach a yard area, before an agricultural building. Cross the yard right, to take a track with a hedge to the left and a humpy field to the right. Follow the track as it bends left into another field with mounds, following it diagonally to a little-used gate which gives access to the main road at Slingsby.

5/ Cross with care and take the village road (High Street) opposite. In about 150 metres, by a T junction sign, turn left on a signed footpath

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