



Walking Holidays in Britain's most Beautiful Landscapes

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Yorkshire Wolds Way

The Yorkshire Wolds offer a peaceful setting for a walking holiday away from it all. With rolling countryside and far reaching views, the trail follows good paths and tracks over higher ground, dipping in and out of the dry valleys which were carved into this landscape after the Ice Age, and which give the area its unique appearance.

The route begins on the Humber Estuary and follows a band of chalk which runs through a very rural and unspoilt corner of Britain, all the way to Filey on the North Coast.

On a clear day the views over the patchwork of fields stretch for miles to the Pennines and the North Yorkshire Moors. You may be able to spot the distinctive landmarks of York Minster, and your starting point the Humber Bridge as you walk through this very rural landscape.

The hedgerows and grassy valleys are the perfect habitat for an abundance of wild flowers, birds and butterflies and you may be lucky enough to see Red Kites on the central part of the route.

The area also has a strong connection with the arts. Hull, close to the start of the route, was the UK City of Culture from 2017 until 2020. Along the route, a project known as 'WANDER – Art on the Yorkshire Wolds Way' has seen a number of works of art springing up along the trail, so be sure to look out for these on your journey.



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Summary

Why do this walk?

- A great introduction to long distance walking.
- Marvel at the mighty Humber Bridge, once the world's largest single span bridge.
- Soak up the peace and tranquility of the Yorkshire countryside.
- Enjoy the landscape which inspired artist, David Hockney, and appreciate the artworks dotted along the way from the WANDER project.

Essential info

Length	6 - 9 nights
Full Route Length	82 miles / 132 km

Average Grade

Moderate

We offer 2 itineraries walking the entire length of this popular National Trail. Choose from 5 or 8 days walking.

The route described here is from south to north as most people choose to start in Hessle, enjoying the increasingly beautiful scenery as you walk towards Filey, hopefully with the sun on your back!



This is a rural area and the route passes through very few towns and villages. Please bear in mind that the distances each day are trail distances only. They do not take into account walking to your accommodation. On some days the accommodation might be on or close to the trail but on other days you may need to walk one or two miles to get to your overnight stop.

You may also wish to deviate from the trail at times to visit some of the local villages and points of interest so it is worth choosing an itinerary you think you can manage comfortably in case you decide to add to your daily walk.

Terrain: Varied. Easy roads, tracks and paths over rolling countryside. A few ascents and descents with some short steep sections before the final descent into Muston and on to the coast at Filey.

What's it like underfoot? Pretty good. Well maintained paths throughout, although sections can get a bit muddy in wet weather.

How much up & down? Not too much! Mostly low-level through rolling countryside with some gentle ups and downs and a few short steep climbs.

Signposting: Good. The route is a National Trail and signposts displaying an acorn (which is the symbol of the National Trails) are to be found at regular intervals.

Navigation: Pretty straightforward. Well defined paths, and good signposting.

Route

Hessle to Goodmanham

Starting in Hessle, the route passes under the impressive Humber Bridge and along the Humber Estuary for a short way before heading inland. The estuary is a great place to see wading birds at all times of year, so it's a good idea to have your binoculars to hand!

Heading away from the river you soon get into the Wolds countryside with Welton Dale being the first taste of some of the wooded landscape to come. The pretty Wolds village of Welton is worth a short detour, as is its pub, the George and Dragon, with connections to the infamous Dick Turpin.

The route continues gently through fields and woodland bypassing the villages of Brantingham and South Cave, which both require a short detour from the official path. Beyond South Cave the Wolds gradually increase in height with views



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back to the Humber Estuary. Swin Dale is a typical example of a grassy dry valley, offering a pleasant change of scenery before ending your day at North Newbald, just off the route, or continuing onto higher ground above Market Weighton before a choice of paths presents itself.

Your decision may be determined by the location of your accommodation but otherwise you can opt for the only town of any size on the route, Market Weighton, birthplace of the Yorkshire Giant, William Bradley – look out for the plaque with his boot print – or, take the route through the smaller village of Goodmanham with its attractive church and village pub.

Goodmanham to Thixendale

Whether you are walking from Market Weighton or Goodmanham the two paths converge at Londesborough. Large private estates are common in the Wolds and this is a lovely example right on the trail, with the path passing through parkland before reaching the pretty estate village.

You are now in the heart of the Wolds with extensive views over the Vale of York. As the trail passes above Millington village you can see the distant Pennines and North York Moors (on a clear day, of course!). There are a few ups and downs

to come next, some of the steepest so far, but nothing too strenuous, as you dip in and out of the dales which make up this lovely landscape.

If you are in need of refreshment, the village of Huggate is just off the trail, whilst the path continues on to deliver more classic Wolds countryside. The gentle valleys of Horse Dale and Holm Dale lead you to Fridaythorpe, the half way point of the walk, before you head on to Thixen Dale, a delightful valley, wending its way to the tiny and remote village of Thixendale. At times you may only have the birds and the sheep for company but also look out for sculptures from the Wander project as you go.

Thixendale to East Heselton

After leaving Thixendale you'll soon reach the highest point on the Yorkshire Wolds Way, so expect lovely views as you continue to Wharram Percy, a village deserted in the late 1400s after the Black Death and a change in farming methods. The remains of the church and some earthworks can still be seen and it's a lovely spot to linger, maybe over a flask of coffee or a picnic lunch, but come prepared, as with so many parts of this trail, there are no services on the route.

The next few miles are a mixture of farm tracks and woodland through pleasant countryside, culminating in some lovely views from the escarpment just above the village of Wintringham. The Vale of Pickering extends before you with the North York Moors beyond, a fine sight as you descend to lower ground for a short way. Beyond Wintringham be ready for a short sharp climb back on to the escarpment and a change of direction as the path starts to head east towards the coast. Take time to appreciate the views from this higher ground for a couple of miles before leaving the path for East Heselton, about a mile off route.

East Heselton to Filey

There's a short climb back on to the trail from your overnight destination before the trail rolls along, down towards the village of Sherburn before rising and falling to Ganton, a pretty little village where the path skirts around the grounds of Ganton Hall, before climbing back up to Staxton Wold where you'll reach the RAF radar station.

The final stretch to Filey takes in more dry valleys, the last of which is Stocking Dale, a lovely wooded section before you start to descend towards the quiet seaside town. If you can drag yourself past the ice



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cream stands along the seafront, the official end of the path is on Filey Brigg, where you will find a stone marking the finishing point of both The Yorkshire Wolds Way and The Cleveland Way.

Looking back across Filey Bay you will get a great view of the chalk cliffs at Bempton which you have been walking towards all week and if you do have the time, it's worth adding an extra day to your holiday to visit the RSPB reserve at Bempton, as well as Flamborough Head with its dramatic cliffs and the impressive lighthouse.

Additional Days

Hessle

Add an extra day at Hessle to visit Hull. Its 10 minutes by train or 20 minutes on the bus.

Hull is a port city in East Yorkshire where the River Hull meets the Humber Estuary. It was awarded the UK City of Culture in 2017 so take some time to explore its historic old town heart and cultural venues. All of the city's museums and galleries are free to enter so spend some time in the Ferens gallery or immerse yourself in Hull's maritime history at the Maritime Museum. Take a city tour or explore at your own pace following the

famous Fish Trail, an impressive piece of public art comprising 41 pieces of sculpture set into the pavements, made from traditional materials and creating a tour of the historic Old Town. All the pieces are life size fish, from a tiny anchovy to a 10ft ray.

Pocklington

The historic market town of Pocklington has plenty to entertain you. The church dates back to before the 15th century and there are lovely independent shops and boutiques. The renowned gardens at Burnby Hall offer peace and tranquillity with many different gardens and lakes set in 9 acres of woodland, as well as a museum dedicated to the travels of the former owner of the estate, Major Percy Stewart, and the exhibits he collected from remote and unexplored regions, some of which have been recognised by UNESCO as being of international importance.

It is also possible to take a bus to the historic city of York from Pocklington. It's about an hour each way if you feel like travelling further afield and exploring more of what Yorkshire has to offer.

Filey

A small, attractive seaside town with a long history of fishing, Filey has a

magnificent beach with dramatic views of the long black finger of Filey Brigg in one direction and the chalk headland of Flamborough Head and Bempton Cliffs in the other. It is well worth taking an extra day here to visit the RSPB Reserve at Bempton Cliffs. The Reserve is home to around 200,000 nesting birds including gannets, guillemots and kittiwakes during the breeding season. Just a short distance further along the coast is the magnificent Flamborough Head, one of the best-preserved chalk headlands in Britain and home to the oldest complete surviving lighthouse in the UK.

Getting There and Away

General travel information on the Yorkshire Wolds area will be in your holiday pack including train and bus timetables where available.

Detailed instructions on getting to your first night's accommodation by car, or on foot from the nearest train or bus station, will also be included in the holiday pack on individual accommodation maps.

To view train times please visit trainline.com where you can also purchase tickets in advance. For information on bus timetables please visit traveline.info



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If you require secure car parking whilst walking this route, please contact us for information.

Getting There:

By Air: The nearest International Airports are Leeds Bradford (LBA) or Manchester (MAN) – from either of these airports you can take a train to Hessle via Hull

By Public Transport: There is a railway station at Hessle with frequent connections to Hull and Doncaster (for East Coast Mainline).

By Road: Hessle is located on the northern side of the Humber Bridge, just off the roundabout where the A63 meets the A15.

Returning from Filey:

By Public Transport: Regular train services operate from Filey to London Kings Cross via Scarborough and York and North to Edinburgh on the East Coast mainline. Trains also run direct to Hull (for Hessle).

By Road: Filey is located on the A1039, just off the A165 Scarborough to Bridlington road.

How our holidays work

We specialise in self guided walks because we think it's the best way to really experience local landscapes, cultures &

history. You walk under your own steam, at your own pace, safe in the knowledge that we have organised everything, and help is only a phone call away. We book all your accommodation, move your luggage between overnight stops, provide you with maps and guidebooks, and all the details you need for a successful holiday. You just turn up and walk!

Inbuilt flexibility

Our holidays are designed to be flexible and can therefore be tailored to suit your requirements. If you're looking for something different, or extra, from the holidays described here, give us a ring and we'll do our best to please!

You can start on any day you like. We can arrange extra nights at any of the overnight stops, allowing for rest days or giving you more time to explore the locality. Or you can book part of a walk if you don't have the time to complete the entire distance.



How to Book

Once you have decided which holiday you wish to book, please fill in the form at the back of this brochure and either post or email it to us. We will get in touch with you shortly afterwards to confirm your holiday details.

Alternatively you can book on our website mickledore.co.uk, or telephone us in office hours.

Accommodation

Good accommodation and friendly hosts are an essential part of any holiday. We make a special effort to find the hidden gems, as well as keeping a close eye on the quality of the more mainstream accommodation.

As well as visiting the accommodation ourselves, we ask all our customers to complete a short evaluation on each night's accommodation, which then gives us an insight into the day-to-day operation, and lets us spot any potential issues before they become a problem.

The Dales high Way includes a great variety of accommodation, including small country hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfasts, farm house



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accommodation, and Victorian town houses. In selecting the accommodation we look for helpful, friendly hosts with good quality, characterful accommodation close to the trail. Occasionally we may use a chain hotel.

Single Rooms

We are happy to book single rooms on this walk at a supplement, but can't normally book more than two single rooms for any one group.

What We Provide

All Holidays

Accommodation Overnight Bed and Breakfast accommodation in selected hotels, farmhouses, village inns, guest houses and family B&Bs. Full English or Continental breakfast.

Guidebook A guidebook with route information, maps, photos and background information.

Information of Services Along the Route

A comprehensive Service Info sheet, including services such as cash points, banks, post offices, village shops, inns, cafes and taxis.

Maps 3 Ordnance Survey Explorer (1:25000) maps covering the route.

Personal Itinerary A personal itinerary setting out each overnight stop, including large scale maps of each accommodation, to ensure you find it easily.

Emergency Telephone Support If you get in to difficulties during your holiday, we are always available to help, even out of office hours.

Options

Luggage Transport We will transfer your luggage between each overnight stop – leave your luggage at the accommodation when you set off in the morning, it will be moved on to your next B&B. You only need to carry a small day sack with the clothes and provisions you require during the day's walk. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag per person, up to 18kg .

Packed Lunches Provided for each day's walking and recommended on this holiday as there will not always be a handy shop or cafe on the route.

Off Road Parking If you are travelling by car we can usually arrange off road parking for the duration of your trip. (There may be a small charge for this).

Arrangement of return transport We can also arrange your transfer back to your car, (or advise you when public transport

is a better option).

What's not Included

Evening Meals Your evening meal isn't included in the package, but we include full details and recommendations for each evening meal in your itinerary. You will normally be within walking distance of a pub and/ or restaurant, or where there is good food available at the accommodation, we'll book that for you. Allow about £30.00 per night.

Transport to the Start & Away from the Finish

Taxi or Bus transport if you need to miss a stage (but we'll help you organise it if you need help)

Travel Insurance Even if you are based in the UK travel insurance is worth having.

Prices

Detailed prices for all our holidays are available on the website mickledore.co.uk.



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About Mickledore

Mickledore Travel is based in Keswick at the heart of the English Lake District. We are one of the leading specialists in self guided walking and cycling holidays in the UK, and provide a friendly, professional and flexible service.

We are walkers and cyclists ourselves, so it really matters to us that you have a good holiday. We are still a small business, with a lot of local knowledge, and personal enthusiasm for the outdoors. If you've got any queries, we're always happy to help, so don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us an email, or call in and see us if you're in Keswick.

We specialise in UK holidays, and by concentrating on what we consider the best routes, we get to know the trails, accommodation, and local area intimately.

- All your accommodation has been carefully selected and is regularly monitored.
- We listen to you and tailor each holiday to meet your requirements.
- We have an excellent level of customer service.
- We have 15 years experience, and very high levels of customer satisfaction.
- Peace of mind – help is only ever a telephone call away.
- We are all outdoor enthusiasts – we know

what makes a good holiday, and we want you to have one!

- 100% financial protection – in the very unlikely event of Mickledore's financial failure, you receive a full refund.



Book With Confidence

Financial Protection

Your payments are fully protected against our financial failure. We are members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), and have arranged bonding through ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our financial failure, any monies you have paid to us will be refunded. This bonding is fully compliant with the Package Travel Regulations and provides 100% financial protection.

AITO Quality Statement

Mickledore Travel is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators. It promotes high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Mickledore Travel abides by AITO's Code of Conduct and adheres to the Quality Charter which can be viewed at www.aito.com. Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.



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The Yorkshire Wolds Way

When choosing between 5 and 8 days walking consider how far you'd like to walk each day, as well as how much time you'd like to spend relaxing and soaking up the views, and whether your choice will have you stay in your preferred locations, should you have them. If you choose the 8 day option be prepared to be transferred to and from your accommodation on several nights of your holiday.

Hessle to Filey in 5 Days Walking Code: YW6				Hessle to Filey in 8 Days Walking Code: YW9		
		miles	km		miles	km
Day 1	Travel to Hessle for your first nights accommodation			Travel to Hessle for your first nights accommodation		
Day 2	Hessle to North Newbald	19	31	Hessle to South Cave	13	21
Day 3	North Newbald to Millington then transfer to Pocklington	15	24	South Cave to Goodmanham	12	19
Day 4	Transfer back to Millington then walk to Thixendale	12	19	Goodmanham to Millington then transfer to Pocklington	9	14
Day 5	Thixendale to East Heselton	17	27	Transfer back to Millington then walk to Thixendale	12	19
Day 6	East Heselton to Filey	19	31	Thixendale to Wharram le Street then transfer to Malton	6	10
Day 7	Depart from Filey after breakfast			Transfer back to Wharram le Street then walk to East Heselton	11	18
Day 8				East Heselton to Staxton then transfer to Filey	8	13
Day 9				Transfer back to Staxton and walk to Filey	11	18
Day 10				Depart from Filey after breakfast		





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Booking Form

Contact Details

Address

Mobile Telephone..... Landline telephone.....

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Your Holiday

Holiday Code..... Holiday Name.....

Date of First Night..... Date of Last Night.....

Party Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

Options	Rooms Required	Rest Days (give date & location)
Luggage Transport Y/N	No. Double Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Packed Lunches Y/N	No. Twin Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Off Street Parking Y/N	No. Single Occupancy Rooms <input type="text"/>	
Return Transfer required (additional charge) Y/N		

Comments (special diets, other requirements etc):

Upon receipt of your booking form Mickledore will send by email a confirmation with the full price and 20% deposit cost required. You can pay by card or cheque (GBP only for cheque).

How did you hear about Mickledore Travel?



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