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The Area produces an annual programme of 350 led walks. We also have a special group of people in their 20s and 30s, who organise their own walks.

A guide to the route devised by Ray Wallis, and funded by the East Yorkshire and Derwent Area of the Ramblers' Association.



The Chalkland Way

A 40-mile, three-day circular walk on
The Yorkshire Wolds.

Devised in 1994, by Ray Wallis. Map by Norman Trezise and Cliff Woodhouse.

Being circular, the route can, of course, be started anywhere on its length, but the most convenient place is probably Pocklington. Situated about a mile north of the A1076 Beverley to York road, this market town is an excellent starting and finishing point, with a profusion of eating and drinking establishments. It has plenty of shops, and regular buses to and from Hull, York, Leeds etc.

Close to the bus station, the recommended place to start, are three car parks.

The bus station is at map reference 802488. Assuming a clockwise walk, the larger settlements on or near the route are listed below, in the order visited.

Bishop Wilton.

A lovely village built beside a stream at the foot of the Wolds. It boasts a fine church, but the main attraction for many walkers may be the Fleece Hotel. This has welcomed and revived Minster Way walkers for twentyseven years, quenching many a desperate thirst and ruining many a walk schedule.

It caters for Chalkland Way walkers as well, whose needs have not proved to be any different!

Thixendale.

Nestling deep amongst chalk valleys, this is one of the first places to be isolated when snow falls. It has a pub, shop, and café, and can also provide B & B. What more could a tired walker need? A great place for an overnight stay, at seventeen miles along the (clockwise) route.

Wetwang.

Probably best-known for its distinctive name, Wetwang has several other claims to fame. Two pubs, a general store, a fish & chip shop occupying the former fire-station, and, most important of all, the pond was home to two black swans, sadly deceased, hopefully to be replaced - providing the motif for the Chalkland Way badge and waymarks.

Huggate.

Thirty miles along the Way, a pretty Wolds village, complete with pond, Green, and a tall spire on its church. It also has the Wolds Inn.

Millington.

Although they sit below, and about three-quarters of a mile from, the Chalkland Way, the "Ramblers' Rest" café or the Gait Inn may lure weak-willed (sensible?) walkers away from the route. It's a hard climb back, so please be aware that they are usually closed during the day, except at weekends and Bank Holidays.

Updated 2007, by Ray Wallis.

The Country Code.

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
Guard against all risk of fire
Fasten all gates
Keep your dogs under close control
Keep to paths across farmland
Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
Take your litter home
Help to keep all water clean
Protect wildlife, plants and trees
Take special care on country roads
Make no unnecessary noise.

B & B Accommodation (at 2007)

K. & D West, Canal Head, Pocklington	01759 305238
Feathers Inn, Market Place, Pocklington	01759 303155
Fleece Hotel, Bishop Wilton	01759 368251
Anne Stumpner, Beckside Cottage, Bishop Wilton	01759 368617
Cross Keys Hotel, Thixendale	01377 288272
Mrs. Brader, Manor Farm, Thixendale	01377 288315
Wolds Inn, Huggate	01377 288217

Trout Pond Barn, Acklam,
01653 658468
Greenwick Farm, Huggate.
01377 288122.
Millington Village Hall barn,
01759 301931/304735.

The Yorkshire Wolds.

Britain's most northerly chalk outcrop, the Wolds are noted for their green, dry, valleys. Stretching in a curve from the Humber in the South to the cliffs of Bempston and Flamborough in the North.

Visitors to the area are often surprised and delighted by the beauty of this relatively unknown corner of England.

The next time someone expresses the view that East Yorkshire is flat, let them walk up some of the valley-sides on this walk - they may then revise their opinion. They won't argue, they'll be out of breath.

Routefinding.

Little difficulty should be experienced if the route is followed in conjunction with the O.S. maps listed below, and the many signposts and waymarks. It should be noted that some of the paths, notably between Bugthorpe and Lower Sleights Farm, may become overgrown in Summer, and progress may be slow here.

According to the old song, the longest mile is the last mile home. Whilst this may well be true, experience tells me that the easiest mile to get lost on is usually the first one, on any walk, and the Chalkland Way is no exception.

So:

Again assuming a clockwise walk, leave Pocklington Bus Station to the N.W. for fifty yards or so, before turning N.E. into Railway Street, Market Place, Union Street and London Street, which becomes St.Helen's Gate. Watch out for Target Lane, 50 yds. after a School Warning road sign. Turn left here, bear right, and you will soon be safely on your way - uphill you will notice, on a track towards Pocklington Wood. Now follow the map, and you should be fine.

O.S. Maps.	1: 50,000	OR	Explorer 1: 25,000
Landranger			
106	Most of route.		294
100	Short section only.		300
101	Short section only.		

Approximate mileages.

Pocklington-Thixendale	17.
Thixendale-Huggate	13.
Huggate-Pocklington	10.

Badge.

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75 Ancaster Ave.,
Hull, HU5 4QR
Price £1. + S.A.E.

Do it in half-mile bits if you like, but enjoy it!

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