EASY COUNTRYSIDE TRAIL: TERRINGTON **MOWTHORPE LANE**





Easy Terrain

2.5 Miles 1 to 1.5 hours



A 2.5 mile (4km) there and back walk from the village of Terrington in North Yorkshire.

This simple route allows you to experience the tranquillity and far-reaching views of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, without venturing too far from civilisation. This walk is part of the Howardian Hills Easy Countryside Trails collection, published through a collaboration between iFootpath and the Howardian Hills AONB Partnership, with the aim of providing countryside access for all in the Howardian Hills.

There is one bench along the route (alongside the cemetery). If you are looking for refreshments, you will find Terrington Village Stores and Tea Rooms (which has indoor and outdoor tables) just 50 metres from the start of the walk. If you wish to extend your day out, Yorkshire Lavender is located just 0.5 miles west of Terrington village.

This walk follows public rights of way through public and private land. Please show respect for landowners and other visitors and remember the Countryside Code. OS Explorer Map 300: Howardian Hills and Malton.



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Access Notes



- 1. The walk is generally flat with only a few gentle or moderate gradients, and can be lengthened or shortened to meet your own requirements.
- 2. All the paths are wide vehicle tracks and there are no stiles, gates or steps on route. The lane is a no through road, so is usually very quiet, but do take care of occasional cars.
- 3. The first 0.8 mile stretch (up to Waypoint 2: Blind Summit) is on a tarmac lane with an estimated maximum gradient of 1:16 or 6%. By following this shorter version of the walk (1.6 miles, there and back), the route would be suitable for most wheelchairs and pushchairs.
- 4. The remainder of the full route follows a broken tarmac and compacted stone track (which can have some shallow surface mud and some pot holes) with an estimated maximum gradient of 1:8 or 12.5%. This full route would be suitable for rugged pushchairs and rugged disability buggies for most of the year.
- 5. Breakfree Surface and Slope Ratings A2 (shorter version) and B4 (full version).



Getting there

Terrington is located about 4 miles west of Malton in North Yorkshire. The walk starts and finishes at the junction between the main street through Terrington and Mowthorpe Lane. This junction is between the village stores and Terrington Hall School. If you are coming by public transport, there is a bus stop outside the village stores. If you are coming by car, roadside parking is available along the main street through Terrington.

Approximate post code YO60 6PP.

Walk Sections



Start to Cemetery



From the main village road, take the side road marked as Mowthorpe Lane and signed to the village hall. This is usually a quiet road, being a no through road, however do take care of any occasional traffic. Follow the lane as it bends left, leading you between the stone properties of Terrington village. From this point there is a narrow footpath (about 0.4m wide) within the grass verge on your right, should any members of your party wish to use it, however you will notice plenty of walkers using the lane itself

Just before the edge of the village, you will pass Terrington Village Hall on your right. Continue on the lane, passing the national speed limit signs that mark the village boundary. About 320 metres further along, you will see the green metal entrance gates for the village cemetery on your right, and a working black and white water hydrant on your left. There is a wooden bench alongside the cemetery wall here should you wish to take a rest.

Cemetery to Blind Summit



The narrow footpath within the grass verge ends here, so all your party will need to join the lane at this point. Keep ahead along the lane and you will notice the tranquillity increasing as you leave the village behind. Beyond the cemetery, you will have hedgerows and open fields on both sides. Beautiful farreaching views also begin to open up.

Ignore the footpath (part of the Ebor Way) signed through a gate to your right, instead simply continue along Mowthorpe Lane. Further along, you will come to a Blind Summit road sign on your left. If you need to avoid the steeper slopes and broken lane surfaces, now is the time to turn around and make your way back to the village.

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Blind Summit to Turning Point



For the full route, continue ahead on the main lane, passing the entrance for Primrose Hill Farmhouse on your right. Stay with the lane as it bears right then left, signed as a bridleway to Brandrith Farm. At the next junction, ignore the footpath signed right to Mowthorpe Hill, instead keep straight ahead on the track, signed as a farm access road.

Further along, ignore the left track fork (which leads to a farm in the valley bottom). Instead, continue ahead on the main track for about 280 metres, to reach a point with a speed hump (alongside a field boundary hedgerow on your right and a waymarker arrow on your left). This marks the furthest point of this easy countryside trail and our turning point. Before you turn around, take time to appreciate the beautiful far-reaching views ahead.

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Turning Point to End



Now it is simply a case of re-tracing your steps back to the village. Follow Mowthorpe Lane back the way you came, ignoring any other paths and tracks to the side.



After passing the Blind Summit signs, you will be able to see the square church tower of All Saints Church in Terrington, at about 1 o'clock. The church has some Saxon remnants, but it is thought that it sits on the site of an even earlier place of worship. The village itself gets several mentions in the Domesday Book.

You will emerge back to the junction with the main village road, where the walk began.

Disclaimer

This walking route was walked and checked at the time of writing. We have taken care to make sure all our walks are safe for walkers of a reasonable level of experience and fitness. However, like all outdoor activities, walking carries a degree of risk and we accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects, personal accident, injury or public liability whilst following this walk. We cannot be held for responsible for any inaccuracies that result from changes to the routes that occur over time. Please let us know of any changes to the routes so that we can correct the information.

Walking Safety

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and an Ordnance Survey map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.



