

EASY COUNTRYSIDE TRAIL: YEARSLEY MOOR



A 1.3 mile (2km) there and back walk near Yearsley in North Yorkshire.

This popular trail leads you into the mixed woodland of Yearsley Moor with plenty of wildlife and beautiful views to enjoy. 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 are no benches or other facilities on the route. If you are looking for refreshments, you will find a couple of pubs in Ampleforth (about 3 miles to the north).

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.



Easy Terrain

**1.3 Miles
45 to 60
minutes**

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Access Notes



- 1. The walk follows a well-made compacted stone vehicle track for its full length and can be lengthened or shortened to meet your own requirements. There are no stiles, gates or steps on route.*
- 2. Access to the woodland track is via a gap alongside a vehicle barrier, which is 1.1m wide.*
- 3. The route includes several long moderate gradients. It should be noted that the outward leg is generally downhill with the return leg being mostly uphill, so make sure you choose your turning point carefully to suit your own ability. The estimated maximum gradient is 1:8 or 12.5%.*
- 4. The surface would be suitable for rugged pushchairs and rugged disability buggies for most of the year, assuming you can handle the gradients.*
- 5. Dogs are welcome in Yearsley Moor if they are kept under close control, in fact it is a popular dog walking spot.*
- 6. Breakfree Surface and Slope Rating B4.*

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Getting there

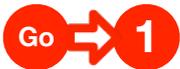
The small village of Yearsley is located about half way between the market towns of Helmsley and Easingwold in North Yorkshire. Yearsley Moor is an area of mixed woodland, about one mile north of the village. The walk starts and finishes at the Yearsley Moor entrance on the road called Yearsley Moor Bank. There is no public transport access but parking is plentiful. The nearest post code, **YO61 4SN**, will take you further north on Yearsley Moor Bank. From this point, head south on the road for 0.5 miles and you will find the access road on your left. The access road is marked as the entrance for Windygyates. Turn into the access road and park on the left-hand side, before you reach the track junction and vehicle barrier ahead.



once hunted here. Other discoveries include quarries, a mill, collapsed coal mines and the leftovers of fine dining from the 1700s.

The track leads you ahead and then begins another descent to reach a stone cottage on your right. This marks the furthest point of this Easy Countryside Trail and makes a good spot to pause and enjoy the views to the left, across the tree tops to the far hills.

Walk Sections



Start to Crossroads



From the parking area, walk straight ahead on the compacted stone track (heading away from the road junction). As you approach the sections of fencing ahead, you will see a choice of three tracks. Take the middle track (straight on), passing alongside a vehicle barrier and passing a Yearsley Moor information board on your left.

Keep ahead on the track and after about 100 metres you will have lovely views of Ampleforth Abbey, at about 11 o'clock through the gap in the trees. This is a particularly relevant local landmark as Yearsley Moor is owned by Ampleforth Abbey and managed by the Forestry Commission. The abbey is a monastery of Benedictine monks and is also home to a boarding school.

Simply continue on the main stone track which leads you steadily downhill. At the bottom of this slope you will come to a crossroads of paths, with a fingerpost on your right.



Crossroads to Stone Cottage

Go straight ahead on the main track, signed to Ampleforth 2.5 miles. On your right you will see a beautiful section of coppiced trees, a reminder of the rich and diverse history of this woodland.

Since 2009, archaeology volunteers have been exploring the site, learning more about previous finds and making fresh discoveries. The moor is home to burial mounds of Bronze Age chieftains and there is evidence that deer and wild boar were



Stone Cottage to End



When you have finished admiring the view, turn around and now it is simply a case of retracing your steps back to the start. Follow the stone track, climbing steadily most of the way. You will emerge back alongside the vehicle barrier to reach the parking area 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 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.

