

# EASY COUNTRYSIDE TRAIL: GRIMSTON MOOR



## A 1 mile (1.7km) circular walk around the woodland of Grimston Moor in North Yorkshire.



Easy Terrain

Explore this beautiful patch of managed woodland, a mosaic of coniferous trees and open heath with a pretty stream running through its centre. 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, just a simple large log set on the ground. There are no facilities on the route. If you are looking for refreshments, there are several options in Hovingham (4 miles east) or in Gilling East and Oswaldkirk (4 miles north).

This walk follows paths through open access land. Please show respect for landowners and other visitors and remember the Countryside Code. OS Explorer Map 300: Howardian Hills and Malton.

1 Mile  
30 to 40  
minutes

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### Access Notes



- 1. Grimston Moor is managed by the Forestry Commission and is accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Dogs are welcome if they are kept under close control.*
- 2. The walk has several long gentle slopes plus a few moderate slopes. There are no stiles, gates or steps on route. Access to the tracks is via a gap alongside a vehicle barrier, which is 1.3m wide.*
- 3. The tracks are a mixture of compacted stone, compacted earth and short grass and some sections are rutted. The tracks are wide vehicle tracks but some parts have undergrowth down the centre, reducing the usable width to about 0.8m.*
- 4. Some sections can get muddy after rain or in the winter and about half way round there is a stretch that can be boggy (you can always retrace the outward leg if this stretch is impassable to you). Good boots are a must for walkers.*
- 5. The estimated maximum gradient is 1:8 or 12.5%. With this in mind, the full route should be suitable for rugged pushchairs and rugged disability buggies during dry periods.*
- 6. Breakfree Surface and Slope Rating C4.*

# Getting there

Grimston Moor is located about 1 mile east of the hamlet of Yearsley in North Yorkshire. The walk starts and finishes in a small parking area (with space for 3 or 4 cars) at the edge of Grimston Moor. There is no access by public transport. The parking area is accessed from Park Street, close to its junction with the B1363.

The nearest post code, **YO62 4HX**, will take you to nearby Grimston Grange. From Grimston Grange, travel a further 300 metres east (away from the T-junction) and you will find the small parking area on the left, alongside a wooden vehicle barrier and opposite a wooden farm gate. Please do not block the vehicle barrier when parking.



down to your right is known as Burnt Gill Plantation. Continue through the dip at the bottom of the slope and follow the track as it swings right to cross a stream, Burnt Gill.

# Walk Sections



## Start to T Junction



Pass through the gap alongside the vehicle barrier and, a few paces along, you will come to a fork in the stone track. Take the right-hand branch and follow this stone track through the woodland moor, with the road running parallel across to your right. A little way along you will pass a log seat on your left, one of 25 that were installed in 2012 to celebrate 25 years since the designation of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Grimston Moor is run by the Forestry Commission as a managed forest, meaning you are likely to be walking through a mixture of younger trees, older trees and heath. The moor is home to several ancient round barrows, a type of burial mound, that date from at least 3,500 years ago.

After about 500 metres you will come to a T-junction.



## T Junction to Stream Crossing

Turn left here and continue on the compacted earth vehicle track. Follow this track ahead, then swinging steadily left. Some of the more open sections are lined with heather, a reminder of the area's heathland history. Just before the path swings hard left, you will come to a section which can be very boggy. If this is impassable to you (or if you want to avoid the steeper gradients still to come), now is the time to turn around and retrace your steps back to the start.

For the full walk, follow the track around the left-hand bend and then leading you steadily downhill. The steep woodland sloping



## Stream Crossing to End



Beyond the stream crossing, follow the main stone track which swings left, climbing up to another bend. Follow this left bend and the track now levels off with minor power lines running parallel on your right. The path bears left again, climbing and leading you back to the vehicle barrier and 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.

