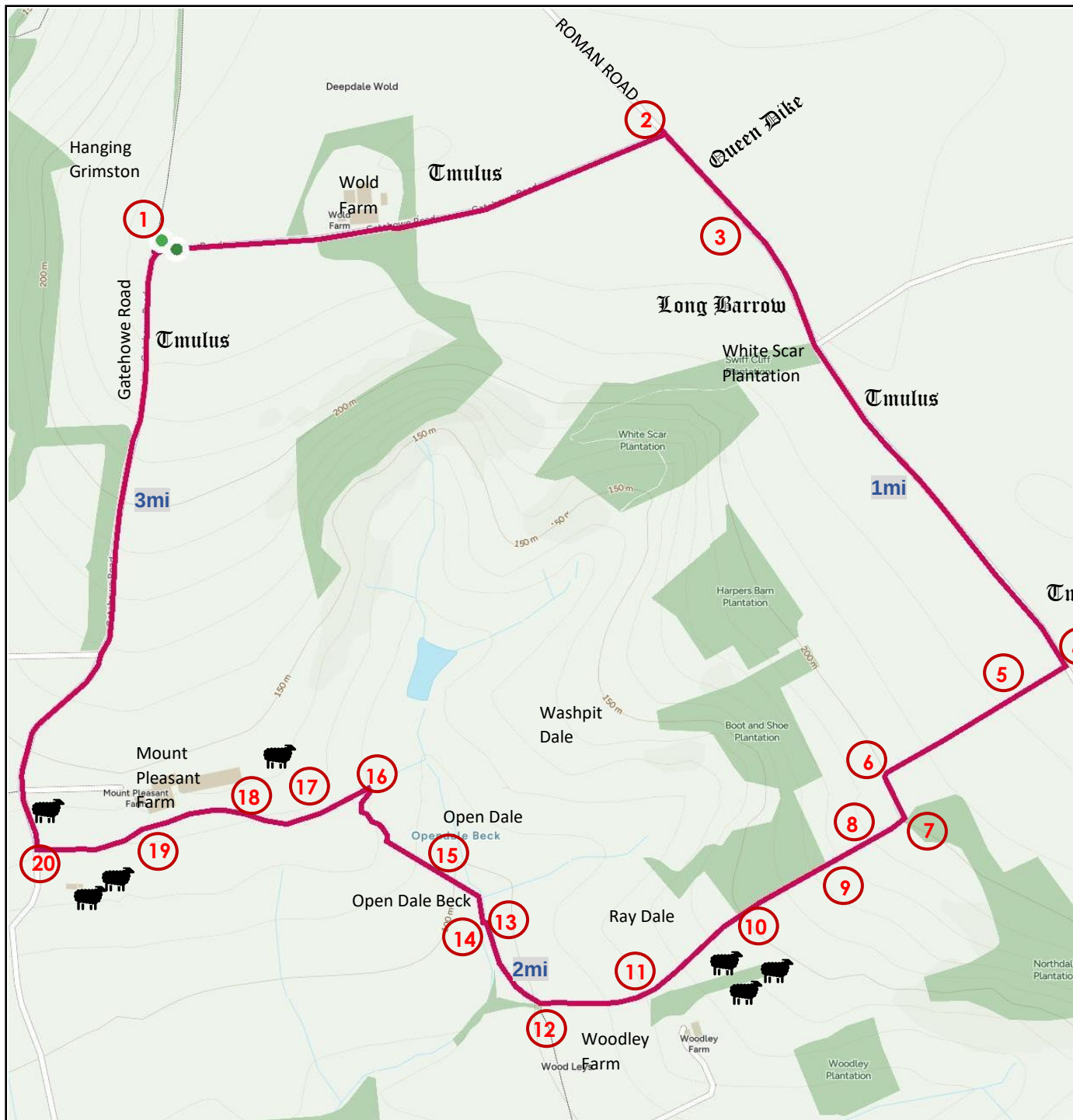




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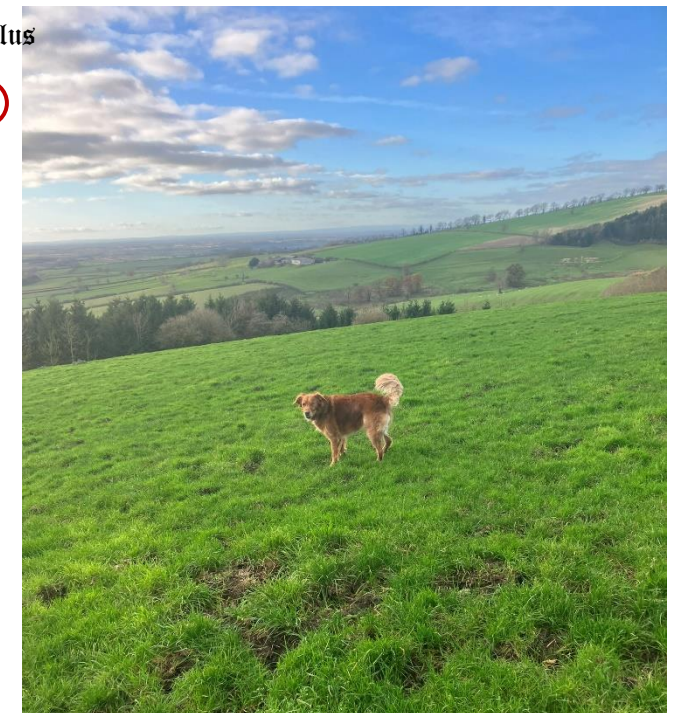
Acklam Ings Plus

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Total Distance	3.28 mi (5.27 km)
Elevation	311 ft at lowest point 780 ft at highest point
Total Ascent	516 ft

Elevation Profile



Start From: YO41 1QZ ///dumpy.bibs.fillers

1. Park on where Gatehowe Road bends at the corner heading towards Wold Farm. This is where you come out when you are doing our main Acklam Ings Walk, so if you are, you can turn left at this point (point 20) and pick up this walk.
2. Continue along Gatehowe Road, on the Chalkland Way, past Wold Farm. Look out for a tumulus on your left just past here and you will soon reach the T junction with the Roman Road where you turn right.
3. There are more ancient features to look out for along this stretch including Queen Dyke, on the left and a Long Barrow on your right.

The long barrow was excavated in the 1868 by the antiquarian J.R. Mortimer. Burials included a human leg bone as well as bowls and pigs' jaws but without the tusks, the remains have since been dated to about 3450BC. The barrow is thought to have been around 24 metres long by 15 metres wide. Later the barrow became part of a linear earthwork now known as Queen Dyke, thought to date from the middle Bronze Age.

4. Walk along the road past where the Chalkland Way heads off left and past two more tumuli. You will spot a signpost at just under a mile taking you off right.
5. Walk down the field edge with the hedge on your right, passing a bench with a plaque to Stanley Major Errington.
6. At the end of this stretch the path turns left, so, carry on along with the wire fence on your right.
7. After a short while you will come to a gate in the wire fence with a green public right of way sign and yellow way marker pointing you through the gate and right
8. Once you are in this next field, follow the tree line across the field as it slopes downwards - you are now in Ray Dale - there were sheep when we were here so just watch out for them.
9. At the foot of this bit you will come to a fence with a stile at some trees on your right. The gate was padlocked but Bill managed to scramble underneath it fortunately.
10. Once through the stile obstacle continue walking downhill with the wire fence and trees on your right (we had sheep to our left too). You will come to another swing gate, but this time you can walk through into the next field.
11. Once through the gate you can enjoy the fabulous views as you continue downhill, heading slightly left to walk down the fence on your left towards the bottom.
12. At the bottom you will find a fence, which has a way-marker pointing left (this is another path which you should ignore). Instead your path curves round to the right continues downhill towards Opendale Beck. In the distance on the top of the hill ahead you will see a farm building which is where you are heading as this is Mount Pleasant Farm.
13. Keep heading towards the beck in the valley bottom. This is the bit that was particularly wet when we were here, so I very much hope that has dried out for you when you do it.
14. You will hopefully find that you can just go through the kissing gate here, rather than wade through water or commando climb along the fence. And once through turn right.
15. Follow the wire fence on your right, a little way along to a wooden swing gate. Go through the gate into Open Dale but don't make our mistake and cross the stream again. You want to stay to the left of the Beck and follow the tree / fence line along the top left of this next section, with bumpy and marshy ground to your right - stay fairly high up and you should be fine.
16. You may have to come away from the top of this stretch towards the edge but you are heading more-or-less straight ahead to another swing gate in front of you.
17. Through the gate, turn left and head along the fence line on your left whilst enjoying the views to your right.
18. As the fence line turns away left carry on straight ahead. You will see Mount Pleasant Farm on your right and you need to walk closer to it to get through the fence there. Head for the large trees in the middle of this field including the one shaped like a two-pronged fork.
19. At the fence line, when you are passing Mount Pleasant Farm there is a swing gate with a yellow route marker. If you have been on the right line you will also have passed a post with a route marker on it, beforehand. Go through the gate and walk straight ahead up to the next fence. Note - there may be sheep all around here so it is best to keep dogs on a lead. There are, though, some glorious views all around.
20. Go through the gap in the next fence, walk straight ahead and you are back on Gatehowe Lane. Now all you have to do is turn right and you can walk up the road to whichever point you started.