

Route Information

Acklam Ings

Total Distance

3.48 mi (5.61 km)

Elevation

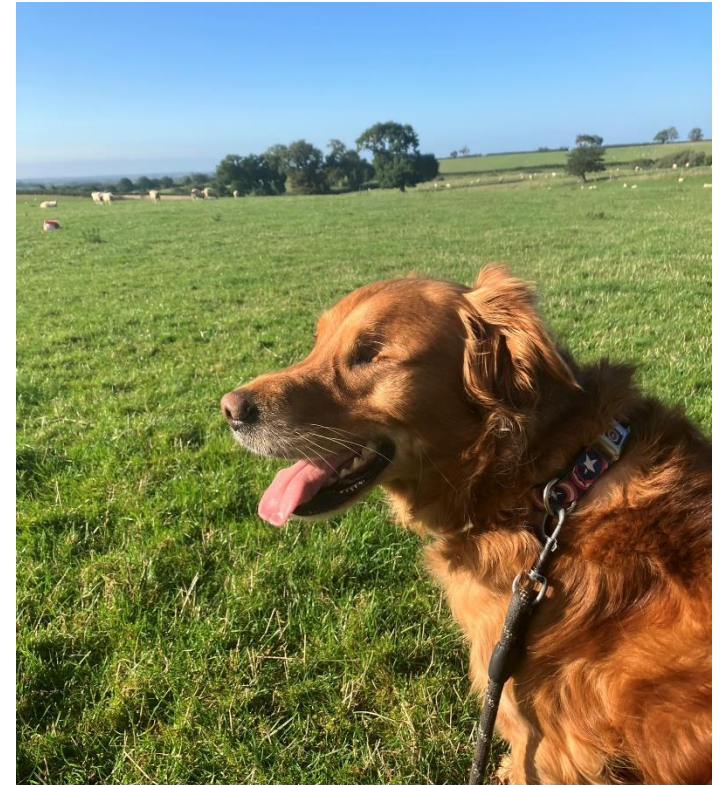
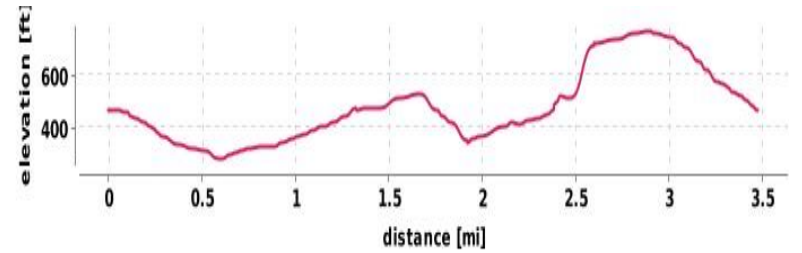
281 ft at lowest point

767 ft at highest point

Total Ascent

679 ft

Elevation Profile



ACCLAMINGS

Start From: YO41 1QZ ///shaky.towels.vine



1. We parked up on Gatehowe Road, which heads up, quite steeply, out of Kirby Underdale. There is room to park off the road past Mount Pleasant Farm and before Low House Farm.

Walk back to opposite the drive to Mount Pleasant Farm and take the track across the field on your right towards the trees. Note that there is no sign post here but it is a public footpath.

2. At the start of the trees, go through the metal gate and walk ahead along the side of the field with the trees on your left. The path swings round to left after which you will come to a gate.

3. Go through the gate and immediately turn right

to follow the fence line (don't go straight on as we did initially - this is a footpath but the wrong one!). This field had sheep in it, so dogs should go back on a lead. Follow the fence line to the bottom corner where there is another wooden gate and **stile**. Luckily you can bypass the stile via the gate.

4. Turn left after the gate and follow the path along the edge of this field (on your right) and the hedge line on your left. At the bottom of this field the path swings round slightly to your left and then right almost straight away, at a skeletal tree.



5. You will then come to 'duck-boards' that go over Gilder Beck and a gate which you go through. Follow the path as it bends right, and then as you come out into an open field head more or less diagonally straight across to the far-right hand corner. You will see a metal gate on your right but walk past this one as you are heading towards the post and were fencing that cuts across this field and the farm gate at the far-right hand corner.

6. The gate here has a livestock pen attached to the side of it and you will see a yellow way-marker sign on the gate post. Go through the gate where you will see a public bridleway sign pointing left along the farm road towards Lower Sleights Farm.

7. **Turn right** onto the farm road which now becomes Sleights Lane. This is a nice easy part of the route that follows the Lane up to the top where you meet the road at a crossroads.

8. At the crossroads turn right towards Birdsall (4 miles) and Pocklington (13 miles). Head up this quiet road for a short distance to the entrance to High Sleights Farm.

9. At the farm entrance you will see a public footpath signpost which points to a diverted path along the Chalkland Way. There is a **stile** here but you can go around the short length of fence to bypass it. Follow the diverted footpath along the side of the field with the hedge-line on your left. The path bends right and up the next side of the field.



10. The path now comes to a **stile** which is virtually impassable for larger dogs unless they can climb over it -- with help - which is what Bill did heroically! The sign also says '*beware of the bull*' - although none was in evidence - but be careful! This walk is not for the faint hearted!

11. The path in the field on the other side of the stile is not in evidence at all even though it is the Chalkland Way, but this is more than made up for with the absolutely stunning views of Deep Dale ahead. Bill absolutely loved it here though, as the grass was extremely long, wet and green and he had a fab time rolling about in it - I've never seen him as happy!!

Head in a right-hand direction across and down to the bottom right hand corner where there is a metal gate with a white way-marker sign on the gate post.

12. Go through the gate and continue through this next field - downwards and in a right-hand direction towards the trees that run along the bottom at Gilder Beck. You will pass a lone standing tree in the field and then eventually come



to a wooden gate onto 'duck-boards' over the Beck. Walk through the gate over the Beck and through the second gate.

13. Immediately through the second gate turn left and follow the path along, with Gilder Beck on your left and Back Warren Plantation trees up the slope on your right.



14. Keep following the path as it winds its way straight ahead keeping Back Warren Plantation up the slope on your right. At one point you will go over more 'duck-boards' and find another **stile**, which you can easily walk around. This is such an attractive part of the walk with beautiful views all around including behind you as you come into Deep Dale and then Hanging Grimston Wold.



15. At the end of this stretch after you have gone through an open gateway in the fence, the path starts to rise up and to the right, and then bends left. Keep climbing steadily up towards the end of Hanging Grimston Wold with a fence line straight in front of you. (There were cows in the next field - but fenced off)

16. At the fence line head right and straight up the side of the Dale. As you reach the halfway point the path gets really quite steep. Bill just bounded up - and then came back to look for me several times as I was out of breath climbing up!

17. When you eventually get to the top, take some time to look back and enjoy the views.

18. At the top you may be dismayed to find another inaccessible stile, BUT instead of trying to get over it, head right along the top of the Dale and at the end you will find a welcome wooden gate on your left to take you through to the path onwards.



If you do manage to negotiate the stile on the other side you will find the footpath sign warning you about the steep gradient you have just come up!

19. Turn right after the stile or gate and continue along the edge of the field with the hedge line on your right.

20. You will eventually come to the end of the field and another stile, BUT again you can bypass the stile by walking around the hedge and out onto the road. As you come through the gap in the hedge whilst avoiding the stile turn right and then just head back down Gatehowe Road to the start.

Even though this walk was difficult in places and had many stiles we did really enjoy it, so if you are confident, do give it a go!

Plus, we found another strange round agricultural thing

