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1. Although not strictly in the Yorkshire Wolds I thought I would add this walk for dogs and people that are perhaps a bit less mobile or just want an easy stroll. I often walk here and it is great to do a variety of short, medium and long walks in these lovely woods, depending how Bill and I are feeling on the day.

Start in the Forestry Commission car park off Common Lane (note you can park on the road if this is full but make sure you keep over to the side as the road is quite narrow and beware of the many pot holes!). Cross the road and go through the gate.

2. Take the path straight ahead (you will come back along the one to your left), and follow this as it winds its way through the wood. Look out for hollyhocks, honeysuckle, mushrooms, brambles, squirrels and even deer, depending on the time of year.

3. The path winds its way up alongside the fenced off nature reserve part of the woods (dogs not allowed) and sometimes the path can get quite muddy - so after rain go prepared with boots and a towel in the car if, like Bill, your dog decides to go for a paddle - or, often, a lie down!



The recent reintroduction of adders into the nature reserve does mean that you have to be mindful of going off the main paths, especially during their active season from March to October. So, take care and if you need it (hopefully not) the nearest vet that has an anti-venom is Wicstun Veterinary Group at Market Weighton (https://www.wicstunvetgroup.co.uk/)



4. When you reach the first main T junction after the nature reserve fencing take the path left.

5. Follow the sandy path, along the line of the pylons to the crossroads with the main path and turn left.

6. The main path goes all the way back to where you started and is a very easy walk along a stoned pathway to the gate, crossing the road and back to the car park. (1.)

At weekends there is sometime a mobile coffee van parked here so you can enjoy a well-earned drink.

There are lots of other different or longer walks to enjoy in Allerthorpe Woods, all of which are flat and relatively easy. The main paths could be navigated using an electric mobile buggy or even a wheel chair, but along smaller paths you may encounter uneven surfaces and tree roots crossing your path.

All of the paths can be off lead as the woods are a safe and enclosed space with no livestock - although you do see occasional horse riders.

