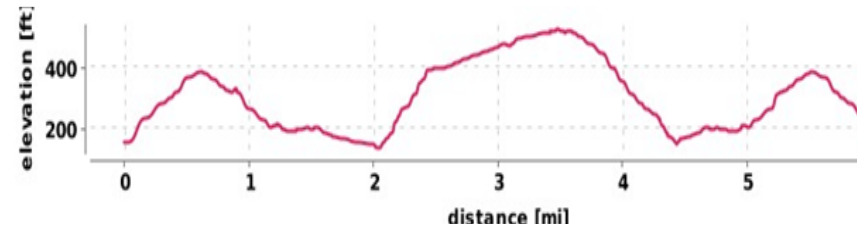


Route Information

Drewton Dale

Total Distance	6.15 mi (9.89 km)
Elevation	137 ft at lowest point 525 ft at highest point
Total Ascent	936 ft

Elevation Profile



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Starting From: HU15 2AZ ///careless.prune.copy

1. Park along Little Wold Lane ensuring that you do not block any access and walk up towards where the road runs out and turns into the footpath. Follow the path up and into the Little Wold Plantation.
2. Take the path straight ahead in the woods and before long you will come to a small clearing on your right where you will find the poetry bench offering lovely views all the way to the Humber. After you have taken a short break here carry on, straight ahead through the woods to the end.
3. At the end of the woods turn right onto the track and follow it downhill for about 1/4 of a mile until you see the gap in the hedgerow on your left and the Yorkshire Wolds Way public footpath sign.
4. Turn left at the sign and go through the metal gate onto the top of Comber Dale.
5. Follow the path down into the Dale enjoying beautiful views and tranquillity of this spot. The path follows the fence line all the way down to a 3-way footpath sign. Take the left-hand public bridleway towards Drewton (1 mile).
6. Negotiate the gate just at the start of this part of the path by manoeuvring it to let you into the middle of it and then out the other side - it is a little bit tricky! Once you have wrestled the gate just follow the path with the fence line on your left and trees on your right.
7. The path opens out but just keep following it as it bends slightly left and then right. As you come to the end this path it swings right to a bridge which goes over a dismantled railway track. After the bridge just keep following the path with more trees on your right that lead down to Drewton Beck.
8. You will find a roadway at the end of this path and a public bridleway signpost pointing left and right. Turn left and follow the roadway towards Drewton Manor.
9. Just before the house at the end of this road turn right to follow the signpost up the side of it and past a duck pond. Please note the signage asking for dogs to be kept on a lead whilst on Drewton Estate land.
10. The roadway climbs quite steeply up at this point - so I did take quite a few breathers to enjoy the view! At the 'Footpath Only - no cycles allowed' sign turn right and follow the edge of the woods along on the grassy path.
11. At the top of this stretch you will come to a stile. Fortunately, there is room next to the stile for dogs to walk through. Once over turn immediately left and follow the fence line upwards, (note do not go straight ahead, as this brings you to a breeding pen for game birds which is something you will not want your dogs to find!).
12. The fence line bends away left part way up the field but just carry on ahead across the field following the path up to the gap in the hedge at the top. Go through the gap at the signpost pointing straight ahead and right. Turn right.
13. Follow the path with the woods on your right with Austin's Dale below. It bends left then right; just after it turns sharply left at the corner of the field and just before joining the busy B1230 nip through the open gate to walk right.
14. This cut through avoids walking on the road and you should be able to keep to the vehicle tracks across this field towards the path opposite. When we were there the start of this path is marked on the road by a footpath sign with a plastic cone balanced on top! Turn right onto this next path.
15. Follow the wide, sometimes muddy path straight ahead. At the top, skirt around a small plantation, turning left, then right and then right again through the gap in the hedge where there is a yellow way marker.
16. Follow the path to where you enter the trees and keep going along this edge of Austin's Dale, this time with some glimpses down into the valley below. You will eventually come to a stile. Negotiate the stile by feeding your dog through the fence where the post is slightly askew.
17. Follow the grassy path ahead along the side of Drewton Wold towards Diamond Cottage, which you will see nestled in the bottom of the dale. Head towards this house. At the house go to the far end at the gate and you will see a kissing gate and footpath sign for the public footpath. Go through and follow the path left.
18. Follow the roadway straight ahead with the fence on your left. It bends left and then right at which point you will cross over Drewton Beck. Keep following the roadway up and you will come to the point at which you turned left at instruction 8. Turn left back onto the path you came down on.
19. Now you can just retrace your steps back up the path, over the disused railway bridge and keep going to the tricky gate you found at point 6. When you reach the 3-way footpath sign turn right and head back up Comber Dale to the top where you go back through the gate and turn right.
20. Then just follow the track back up to Little Wold Plantation, turning left to go back through the woods, take a final glance of the poetry bench and back to Little Wold Lane where you parked. Job done!