

Wander
With
History
Walks in Kirklevington & Castleavington



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FOOTPATHS AROUND KIRKLEVINGTON



This booklet is an attempt to describe the historic and natural history of the footpath routes around Kirklevington and its immediate vicinity.

All the footpaths are public rights of way unless a permissive path is indicated. The walks described are all indicated on the relevant Ordnance Survey Maps.

- 1) Outdoor Leisure 26 North York Moors (Western Area).
- 2) Ordnance Survey Landranger 93 Middlesbrough and Darlington Area.

Walkers should obey the Country Code and respect the landowner's property.

Footpaths which may be visible but are not marked as public rights of way on maps should not be walked. These footpaths are for the landowners use and there is no right to roam over any of the land covered by the walks in this booklet.

Walkers should be adequately dressed and have suitable footwear for the weather and ground conditions. A relevant map and possibly a whistle should be carried at all times.

All walks start and finish at Kirklevington Village Memorial Hall.

INFORMATION ON RIGHTS OF WAY

A public right of way allows members of the public access across privately owned land under the following conditions:-

Footpaths are for pedestrians only.

Bridleways may be used by horses, pedestrians and pedal cyclists only.

All footpaths and bridle ways are based on the relevant current Ordnance Survey Map and show all public rights of way at the issue date of the map.

- The maintenance of paths is the responsibility of the local council.

The local council is the Highway Authority responsible by law to carry out the following:-

- Protect the rights of the public to use the rights of way.
- Prevent where possible the obstruction of the rights of way.
- The public have the right to walk along the footpath but cannot deviate into the adjoining land. The public may however stop on the footpath and rest.

- The right of way may have no legal width but progress along a right of way must cause the minimum amount of damage hence single file through arable land.

Paths can be ploughed out but must be reinstated within two weeks. Paths along a field boundary must not be ploughed out. Sufficient space should be left to allow for safe passage.

- No recognised breed of bull over 10 months old may be kept in a field with a public right of way crossing it, except in the case of a bull which is accompanied with cows or heifers.
- Any other animal known to be dangerous may not be kept in a field which may be accessed by the public.
- Any dispute between the owner of the land and access to a public right of way should be reported to the local authority for clear determination.
- Public rights of way can be altered usually by declaration of the local authority and after satisfactory notice. In some cases these changes may not be on the ordinance survey map but way mark signs should clearly indicate the change on the ground.
- Permissive footpaths are not rights of way but have been indicated by the land owner to direct the public away from the original right of way. This in no way prevents the right of way being used and the existing right of way should be defined on the ground. Although the permissive path may be closed at any time by the land owner. It is hoped by mutual consideration the permissive path will be used as an alternative to the public right of way and so protect what the land owner considers of importance.
- Control of dogs is an important issue in a farming environment. Dogs should be kept on leads or close control (i.e. trained to walk to heel and obey commands without fail). All dog excrement must be picked up. Dogs must not be allowed to foul the landowner's fields or damage any crop or chase stock.
- Waymarkers are used to show the route. Footpaths are shown by Yellow arrows, Bridleways are shown by Blue arrows. Do not interfere with Waymark signs, this is an offence

THE COUNTRY CODE

- Prevent fire risks.
- Close and fasten all gates.
- Dogs to be kept under close control.
- Keep to the path.
- Avoid damage to crops, fences, hedges and walls.
- Do not leave litter.
- Do not make unnecessary noise.
- Do not pollute water supplies.
- Respect the natural heritage and wildlife.
- Be aware of traffic on country roads and lanes.
- Do not interfere with livestock and machinery.
- Respect the heritage and life of the rural environment.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Stile
	Footpath
	Road or Lane
	Footbridge
	Fence Line
	River or Stream
	Tree or Wood
	Hedge

The sketches are drawn more to give an indication rather than scale. Where possible the scale is approximately 1: 10,000.

All salient features such as buildings, roads, rivers etc. are not to scale.

Where the sketch is broken into 2 or 3 sections by directional section arrows, the section indicates the continuation of the map and the arrows indicate the direction of sight.

Walks 5 to 9 are continuation of previous walks as indicated in the text and on the individual route sketches. To understand the complete walk the relevant walks have to be read together.

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Distance - 3.8 miles

Difficulty - Moderate, care to be taken when crossing railway.

The walk follows walk 3 along Forest Lane under the Railway Bridge, but on reaching the brow of the hill, turn left at the sign posted Bridle Way. Before reaching the house, head towards the gate immediately in front of you keeping the outbuildings on your right. Passing through the gate, keep the hedge on your left. There may be an electrified fence on your right so take care. Continue along the hedge side towards the field gate in front of you. This path can be extremely muddy late in the year and usually the gate is surrounded by water, so be prepared.



Kirklevington

Continue through the gate, after negotiating the water hazard, on your left the Cleveland Hills can be seen. The main outriders being Hasty Bank, Cold Moor, Cringle Moor and Carlton Moor running down towards Live Moor. The path continues to skirt the field until a Hunter Gate is reached.

It is worth a moment to stop and take in the view at this point. For such a small increase in height the view is panoramic. To the East the North Yorkshire Moors stand out. To the West the Pennines can be seen with Pen Hill and Great Whernside clearly seen, and on a clear day Cross

Fell can be seen in the distance. To the North you have the Durham Plain unfortunately you can also see wind turbines, though you might find the slow rotation of the sails soothing. Each to his/her own. Turn left through the gate keeping the fence to your right and keep straight on.



North Yorkshire Moors

Go through the gate in front and straight across the field to the next gate, usually you will find sheep in the field. Continue on through the

next field and over a small bridge. Notice how deep the ditch is and the erosion of the sides. Go over the bridge through the gate and turn right keeping to the hedge line. Very quickly you will pass a pond on your right hand side. Depending on the season this pond can be full of water or just a mud hollow. After passing the pond go through the gate immediately in front of you and walk down the lane. On reaching a cottage on your left turn into the farm access. There is a footpath marker, but sometimes it's hidden by vegetation.

Walk along the lane and continue in front of the modern farm building, as the lane bears left. Note the remains of the old farmhouse. Passing a cow byre on your right, turn right through the gate next to the byre.

Continue straight on through another gate and towards the railway, where the level crossing can be seen. On reaching the crossing take care when crossing the railway, the line is the main line between Northallerton and Teesside, so do not dally and observe the signs. Head towards the hedge opposite and turn left at the hedge line and proceed to the next gate. Again, depending on the season, be prepared for mud and water at this gate. Keeping the hedge on your right, you will find the hedge makes a right-handed turn. Again keep the hedge on your right and head for the wood in front of you. You meet the first stile on the walk and if you have a dog you may find the stile is not dog friendly.



The Cleveland Hills from Cow Byre

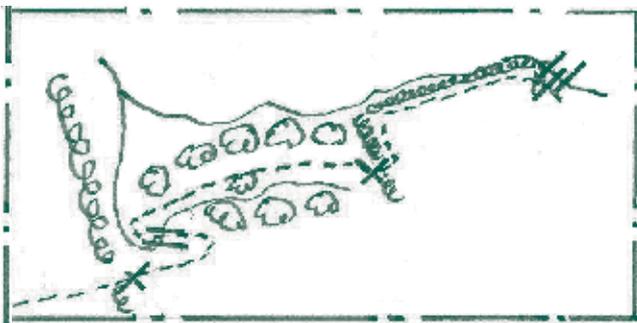
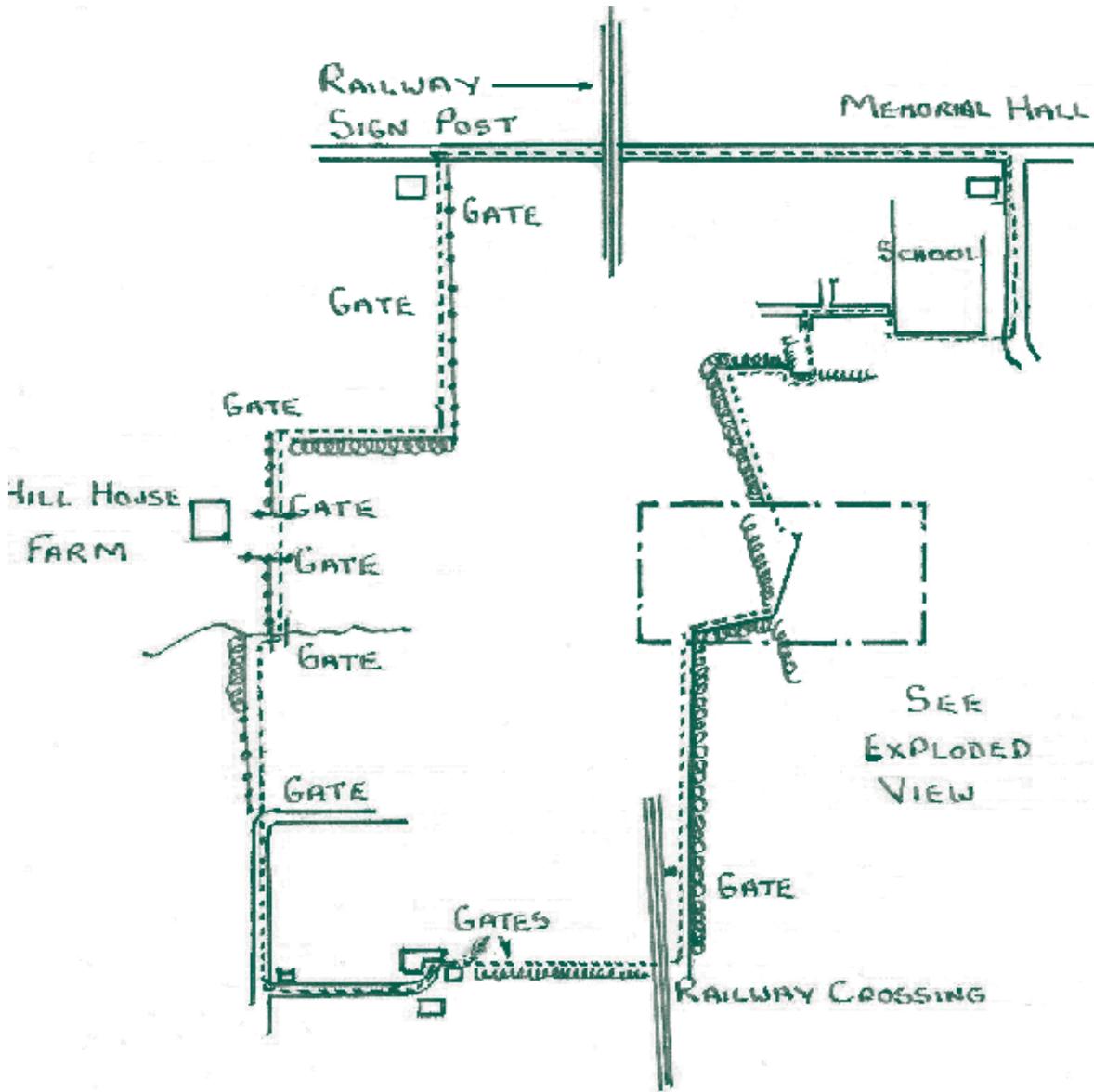
Pass over the stile and follow the clearly defined track over a bridge and through the wood. If you look closely you will see signs of large mammal tracks in this wood. Another stile is reached at the exit of the wood, a little bit easier for a dog, but a helping hand may be required. The stile gives access to a field, which is normally used as a wheat field. Continue along the field boundary on your left. On reaching another stile climb the stile and cross a small wooden bridge, be careful, because this bridge may be overgrown with vegetation, so take care in placing your feet.

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On entering the next field, Kirklevington can be seen in front of you. Take the path on your left and walk around the field boundary. At NZ 426091 the ordinance survey maps show the footpath turning right and going across the field. Although this is the right of way the landowner is trying to encourage walkers to take the path around the field hedge line and not walk through his crops.

Continue round the field keeping the hedge on your left. Just as you come to a dogleg in the hedge you will notice a path crossing into the adjacent field. Do not take this path because it is not a right of way. You continue walking round the dogleg and head towards an 11,000 volt power line in front of you. Just before you reach the power line turn left into the adjacent field. Crossing the field you reach St Martins Way. Turn right and head towards the school field, at the head of St Martins Way. On reaching the school field, turn right and follow a path round the edge of the field. The path opens out into Pump Lane. Turn left into the lane and a further 70 yards brings you back to the Memorial Hall.

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EXPLODED VIEW