

Getting to Terrington

By car: Terrington lies to the west of the A64. It is 9 miles from Malton, 3 miles from Castle Howard and 4½ miles from Hovingham. Please avoid causing inconvenience to residents and farm vehicles when parking.

By bus: A twice daily service links Terrington with Malton. With a short extension to the walk it is also possible to start and finish this route in Slingsby which has a more frequent service. Please visit www.northyorkstravel.info



The Village

On returning to Terrington please take time to enjoy this attractive and vibrant village. Terrington has a shop with an art gallery and café (walkers and cyclists welcome), public house which serves food and brews its own beer, doctor's surgery and a number of other businesses.

Accommodation is available in Terrington and the surrounding villages. Please visit www.terringtonvillage.com for more details.



The Country Code

When walking in the Howardian Hills AONB please remember the Country Code:

- Be safe—plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead or under close control
- Consider other people

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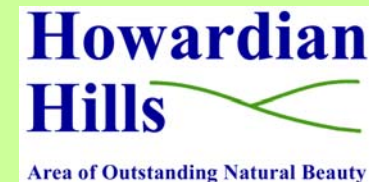
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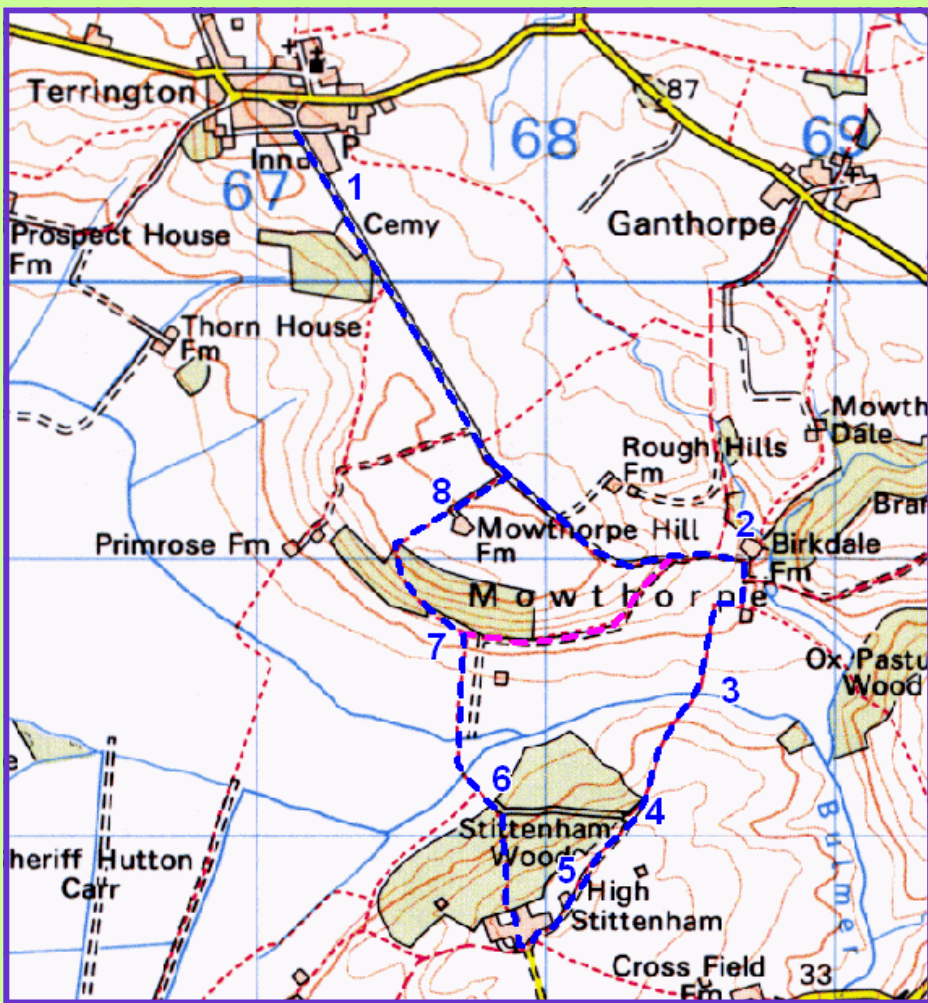
History and Habitats



A circular walk starting from Terrington (3)

This walk explores the countryside to the south of Terrington, passing through the hamlet of Mowthorpe on the way to High Stittenham. If you walk this route in the evenings keep a watch for barn owls hunting over the wide margins of the arable fields.

The southern-most tip of this walk is the location of the shrunken village of Stittenham. Earthwork remains of the probable shrunken village were mapped from aerial photographs and rigg-and-furrow patterns are still visible as undulations in the ground.



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Distance: Approximately 4½ miles (7¼ km)

Time: Allow 2½ hours

Terrain: Farmland and woods. Mostly well-defined paths and minor roads, gentle ascents with fine views. Some parts may be quite muddy at times—suitable footwear advisable.

Maps:

The walk can be found on:

OS Explorer 300, The Howardian Hills and Malton

OS Landranger 100, Malton and Pickering

You are advised to use an OS map alongside this leaflet when following the walk routes.

Directions:

- 1) Leave Terrington on Mowthorpe Lane towards Birkdale Farm. Enter the farmyard at Birkdale Farm, turn right on the bridleway just before the farmhouse and walk through the wooden gate. Where the track divides continue straight ahead keeping the hedge to your right.
- 2) Continue for 200 yards then turn right just before a barn. Follow the edge of this field then pass through the gate and turn to the left, heading down the field edge towards Mowthorpe Bridge. Sheriff Hutton Castle can be seen in the distance.
- 3) After crossing the bridge over Bulmer Beck the path climbs up alongside disused quarries and to the right of an ancient hedgeline, at one point passing through a handgate adjacent to a fieldgate.
- 4) Keep Stittenham Wood to your right hand side. This is the route of the old road to the medieval village of Stittenham, which was recorded in the Domesday Book. The path approaching Stittenham Wood is on a raised causeway, whilst in the next field it becomes a holloway. The humps and hollows in this field are signs of sand and limestone quarrying.
- 5) On entering Stittenham, the grass fields on both sides of the path show good remains of the old 'rigg-and-furrow' strip cultivation system, on which the inhabitants of the village would have grown their crops. Immediately opposite the village pond follow the signs through Hall Farm to gain access to Stittenham Wood, particularly pretty during bluebell season. Follow the narrow footpath that winds its way through the trees, to meet a more major track and turn right along this for about 50 yards, looking out for a waymark on the left hand side which indicates the continuation of the footpath through the wood. You then cross another track and gradually descend with quite a sharp drop to the left side. Nearing the northern edge of the wood, join a wider path, almost straight ahead of you, to emerge from the trees into farmland.
- 6) Cross the field heading towards the line of trees which border Commission Beck and on reaching the beck cross the sleeper bridge. Now veer half-right across the next field, to line up with a farm track which can clearly be seen ahead. Cross Ings Beck and join the track as it gently climbs towards Mowthorpe Wood, passing by some derelict farm buildings in an enclosure to the right. At the top of the track go through a metal gate onto another wide track which fringes the woodland.
- 7) Turn left and follow the path as it curves up into the trees, enjoying the views of the surrounding countryside as you do so. Before the path narrows, note the magnificent old twisted oak tree to your right. Climb to the top of the hill and another gate. Once through the gate keep the hedge to your left hand side and, noting the disused quarries to your right, follow along to a stile near Mowthorpe Hill Farm.
- 8) Now, with the farm to your right, follow the driveway until reaching the road junction and then turn left to retrace your steps along Mowthorpe Lane and back into Terrington.