

All walks start at St Augustine's Church, Draughton. **Grid Ref. SE 0390 5246** where there is parking.

Timing assumes overall speed of 2 mph, ie average walking speed allowing for some short stops. The walks are not strenuous although there are some slight hills; you start at 192 m AOD.

GR = Grid reference km = kilometres M = miles m = metres AOD = above Ordnance datum.

Walk 1. 4.4 km (2.7 M) approx. 1 hr 20 min.

Head North down the village, turn left after Draughton Hall, through farm gate, past the sheep wind-shelter wall then bearing slightly right (NNW) down to stone slab bridge over stream, over two stone wall stiles *[good views of Embsay Crag and Crookrise and keep a look out for hares]*, heading for left hand group of trees (NNW) to main A59 'Harrogate' road (1 M). Turn right along road over Holywell railway bridge, then immediately right over stone wall stile and due East over fields and stiles to Thawn Haws Laithe (GR 039 533) and A59 road. Cross road and through gate turn right alongside wood and new plantation to stile back onto A59 road (GR 043 533). Cross road and walk back to village up hill to your starting point at the Church.

Walk 2. 8 km (5 M) approx. 2½ hours. (will be muddy when wet)

As walk 1 to the A59 Harrogate road (1 M GR 026 532) but cross this road and continue towards Eastby crossing the steel footbridge over the railway line, turn left with railway on left then after next stile go diagonally (NW) to Water Lane Laithe (GR 022 536); cross road, through field gate then track to Eastby (GR 019 544). *[You could extend the walk to a total of 16.5 km (10.3 M, 5½ hrs) by turning left at the junction of the farm lanes before you get to Eastby, go through Embsay and up Embsay Crag then along the wall side (open access area) and down Moor Lane (track) rejoining this walk at Halton East]*. Turn right and walk East past (or into for beer and/or food) The Miners Arms and at the end of Eastby village keep straight on along Bark Lane. When the track ends (1 km from village) go over a stone stile leaving wall on your left and at SE end of next field go through squeeze stile and over stone slab bridge. Keep going approximately ESE across a number of fields to Calm Slate farm, go through farm yard and at the road (Moor Lane) turn right (S), then take second left into Halton East. After 60 m (GR 042 539) turn right (S) between buildings [225 m AOD] short lane, then through fields and new plantation to A59 (GR 043 533), cross this road and up Low Lane back to your starting point.

Walk 3. 5.5 km (3.4 M) approx 1 hr 40 min.

Go East along lane past the Village Hall following track (until it turns sharply right to 'Haynholme') you continue straight on through field gate, alongside wall to metal field gate then ENE up-hill to another field gate, through this and follow wall to another field gate, go up to wall and follow it to yet another field gate by a small stream. After this go slightly right (NNE) up-hill to a stile over a fence ('A' GR 0605 5254) and then turn SW uphill to Berwick East House past stables to farm road ('B' GR 0575 5216) where you turn sharp right (NW), follow wall towards farm for 100m then over stone wall stile and follow wall to Berwick West. Turn left along farm road for 50m then right (SW) diagonally across field to stream and gate and up to A65 'Leeds' road. Turn right and unfortunately you have to walk alongside the road for 1km (though when you get to the wider part 'Draughton By-pass' you could walk alongside the wall at the bottom of the embankment). Turn down into Draughton and take the footpath on the right over the fields, to the bridleway you started out on, and turn left (W) back to your starting point.

Walk 4. 7.2 km (4.5 M) approx. 2 hr 15 min.

As walk 3 to 'A' (GR 0605 5254). After crossing the stile at 'A' turn left (SE) to Hawpike Farm; go through farmyard and turn right (S) along farm road for 1km to remains of Hag Head Laithe ('G' GR 0651 5161), keep right then turn right (NW) over stone wall stile before the barn. Through gap in wall keeping wall on your left but at second gate in this wall turn through this gate so wall is now on your right to stone wall stile, over this stile then downhill over timber stile into small coppice coming out at point 'B' (GR 0575 5216) on walk 3 and follow walk 3 from this point.

Walk 5. 8.6 km (5.4 M) approx. 2 hr 40 min.

As walk 3 towards point 'A' but go straight across field to the field gate (don't go over stile) keep left near the wall [Note: good views of Bolton Priory, Simon's Seat and Beamsley Beacon] and down over the old railway bridge ('C' GR 0654 5305) to the main A59, Harrogate, road. Cross this road and over the field and footbridge over Hambledon Beck to the old road near the 'Devonshire Arms' ('D' GR069 532); this is the lowest point on your walk at 100 m AOD. Turn left along old road for 500 m ('E' GR 065 534) then over stile on right into field and diagonally up hill towards left-hand tree of group of three trees, over stone stile and through farm gate then diagonally across field to Hesketh House farm (or keep to edge if in hay) [Hesketh farm park, farm animals in paddocks and barns and children's play areas, open Easter to September, 10 am to 5 pm]. Turn left, follow the road till the turning to Halton East ('F' GR 0442 5415), turn left (S) and the entrance to the village is the highest point of your walk (230m AOD). Half way through the village turn left (S) (GR 042 539) along the footpath (lane) between buildings through two gates then a third gate into the field [often with young cart-horses or young cows] and South across two fields and a new plantation to the A59 (GR 043 533), cross this road and walk up 'Low Lane' back to your start by the Church.

5a. Can be shortened slightly (by 0.3 km to 8.3 km (5.2 miles)) by turning left at the railway bridge 'C', right at the next field and follow Hambledon Beck under the A59 road to the stile at 'E', walk 5. [You pass Bolton Abbey Station and could take the 'Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway' train to Holywell Halt or Embsay; either return ticket or walk back (see map)]

5b. Can be lengthened to 13 km (8 M, 4 hr) by turning right at 'D', then right past the 'Devonshire Arms', then left (SE); just before the old bridge over the Wharfe turn left (N) by the river along the 'Dales Way' to Bolton Priory. Go to the road (B 6160) and at GR 072 542 go through the field gate and up-hill passing the monks' fish ponds and into the wood (GR 069 546), follow the track up through the wood to emerge onto open rough pasture; diagonally across this field to a field gate and continue diagonally across the next field to another field gate, then turn left (W) following the wall to Middle Hare Head at 300 m AOD (the bridleway is well used and the track is clear). Shortly after this high point you go through a field gate and turn left (S) down by the side of a wall across fields and stiles for 1.4 km (nearly 1 mile) to join the road at 'F' (GR 0442 5415) and follow Walk 5 back to Draughton.

Walk 6. 9.7 km (6 M) approx. 3 hr (Note: going in the reverse direction, anticlockwise, gives better views) As walk 4 to Hag Head Laithe ('G' GR 0651 5161) but here keep straight on (S), over stone wall stile to stone wall stile to left (E) of Highfield Farm, across field to golf course gate, turn right (S) across golf course to A65 and cross it. Down hill following track over stream (track bends right then left then right again) and 20m uphill turn left through field gate and through next field gate then uphill across middle of field to field gate at GR 0628 5048, head towards house and follow track round left (E) side of house and garden then drive to road. Turn right (NW) and follow this straight road and track for 1½ M [this is the old Roman road from Ilkley (Olicana) to Skipton and Ribchester] to road above Draughton Height (300m AOD). [note the stone with JC (Julius Caesar was here ?!!) and the old milestone by the gate with 'finger' pointers. You could continue along the Roman road to Skipton and catch the bus back to Draughton (+6 km (3.7 M))]. Turn right (N) along the road to Draughton Height Riding Centre [note date 1771 on barn lintel. You might try horse-riding here another day]; turn left over stone stile (or through gate) just after this farm. Follow path (N) over ladder stile and stone stile then down over stream then up to the A65, cross this road and over the stile into the field then left towards the village, turn left along the road, past the old Post Office, into Draughton then right (N) at the village green, go down hill to the Church.