

17 NORTH YORKSHIRE OSMOTHERLEY

Distance: 4½ miles/7.15km Time: 2½ hours Grade: Easy





CHOSEN BY... MARK REID Osmotherley lies sheltered beneath

the Cleveland Hills, a beautiful village of old stone cottages and pubs with a stepped Market Cross at its heart. This walk heads onto the moors above Oak Dale, where it meets an ancient drovers' road. Along the way there are superb views across the plains of Mowbray and Cleveland and away to the Pennines in the far distance.

Start 7

From the market square, with your back to the Golden Lion pub, turn L across junction and village green then head through alley between the

houses. Emerging onto lane, go through squeeze-stile opposite, then follow the enclosed path across fields then descend steps through woodland to footbridge over Cod Beck

2½ mile/500m
Ascend far bank, cross farm track and follow path, climbing alongside fence/hedge L, to reach gate in the fence. Continue across the field (fence L) and through another gate (Whitehouse Farm R). Cross field then bear R to join farm track. Turn L along track for 150m to reach junction with enclosed track. Cross stile by gate. Turn R on track and continue to reach road

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking On-street parking by village square in Osmotherley, grid ref SE456972

Is it for me? Muddy paths and tracks across fields and through woodland, with some road walking Stiles 4

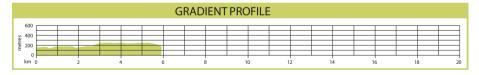
PLANNING

Nearest town

Refreshments Three pubs and a cafe at Osmotherley. Public toilets Osmotherley Public transport Buses 80, X80 and 89 connect Osmotherley with Northallerton, Stokesley and Middlesbrough. www.getdown.org.uk Maps OS Explorer OL26, Landranger 99 & 100

7 3/4 mile/1.2km

Turn L on road for short distance then take track R (signed 'Cleveland Way, Black Hambleton') through gate.



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Follow track for 300m before heading down into woodland. ignoring branching track R. to reach bridge over Slape Stones Beck. Continue along track to reach Oakdale Cottage, L. Continue on track heading up through Oak Dale to gate. Go through and continue to end of track near head of valley, with confluence of streams R.

11/4 miles/1.9km Head straight on through woodland to reach footbridge across Jenny Brewster's Spring, then follow path R through woodland, which emerges from trees and becomes flagged. Climbing steeply out of valley. As gradient eases, continue for 300m to reach road at Square Corner.

2 miles/3.2km

Turn L along road and follow for 1.2km to reach former pub the Chequers, R. Continue along road, branch R at junction and follow lane for 150m, then turn L along grassy track (signpost). Follow for 400m to reach stile in wall corner. Cross stile then proceed with wall L for 200m to reach gateway (views of Osmotherley ahead). Go through and cross field with wall L, crossing racehorse training gallops. Go through gate that leads onto enclosed grassy track.

₹ 3²/₃ miles/5.8km

Turn I on track and follow for 300m to reach junction at entrance to Whitehouse Farm. Turn R on clear track and

retrace outbound steps for 150m to reach signpost. Head R along path across field to join the wall, R, and follow it downhill, passing through gates. Cross track and continue to reach footbridge over Cod Beck. Cross and follow enclosed path slanting back up wooded bank, then straight on across field and through alley to return to village. W

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