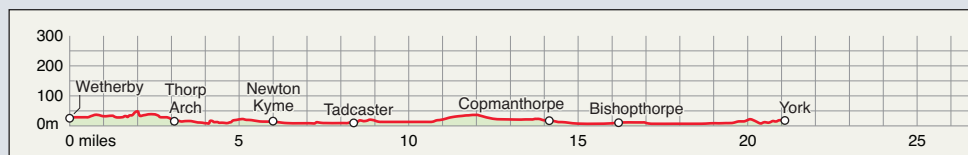



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- **Terrain** Mainly earth footpaths, with some city and town pavements
 - **Difficulty** Easy
 - **Directions & GPS*** 015.pdf, 015.gpx, 015.kml at  <https://trailblazer-guides.com/press>
- * See p10-11 for more information on downloads

ROUTE OVERVIEW

21.1 miles (33.9km)

Gentle riverside walking at its finest, taking in a stretch of the Ebor Way and an ancient Roman road, culminating in a stunning aerial view of the city from the top of York Minster tower. Allow plenty of time for the sights of York.

Wetherby to Tadcaster

8.3 miles (13.3km)

- **Time** 2½ hours actual walking time
- **Total Ascent** 90m / 295ft
- **Map** OS Explorer 289 *Leeds*

The route to York, over gentle, almost flat Yorkshire farmland, follows the Ebor Way, although its white-on-green roundels depicting York Minster are missing at some key points. From Wetherby the route is over farmland until, after **3 miles**, at Thorp Arch, the path follows the banks of the River Wharfe for **5.3 miles** to Tadcaster.

Tadcaster to York

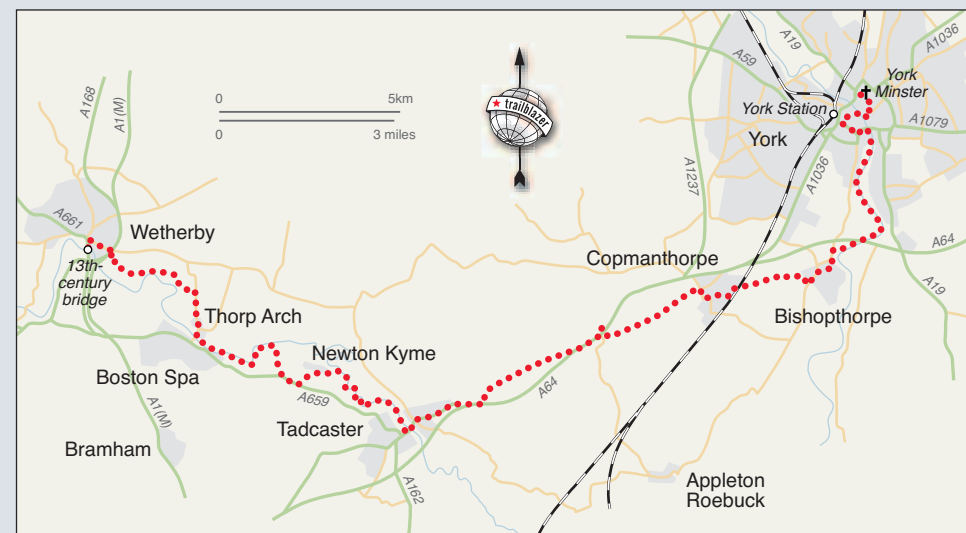
12.8 miles (20.6km)

- **Time** 4½ hours actual walking time
- **Total Ascent** 163m/535ft
- **Map** OS Explorer 290 York



From Tadcaster you take the die-straight route of The Old Street, a Roman road, for **6.2 miles** to Copmanthorpe, then over the fields for **2.2 miles** to Bishopthorpe, where you join a second river, the Ouse, for a **4.4 mile** walk along its banks to the city.

Day walk options





- **By public transport** For the Wetherby to Tadcaster section, take the train to Leeds and a bus or taxi from Leeds station to begin the walk at Wetherby. At Tadcaster take a bus or taxi back to Leeds. For the Tadcaster to York stretch, take the train to York, then a bus or taxi to begin at Tadcaster.
- **Taxi option** York Station Taxis (☎ 01904-623332, 🌐 yorkstationtaxis.co.uk).



Where to stay or eat along the way

- **Wetherby** Stay before the walk at elegant *Wharfe House B&B* in the town centre (\pounds 01937-588819,  wharfe.house, Westgate).
- **Tadcaster** Stay at the *Shann House Hotel* (\pounds 01937-833931;  samuelsmithshotels.co.uk/shann-house-hotel-tadcaster) a Georgian townhouse B&B run by the Tadcaster's Sam Smith brewery. **Drink** at the *Angel and White Horse* (\pounds 01937-835470).
- **York** Numerous places to stay and eat in the city centre.

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the 13th century engineering of the stone **bridge** over the River Wharfe at **Wetherby**.
 - In **York**, acknowledge the darker side of faith by visiting three sites associated with religious oppression: The hidden Catholic chapel at the **Bar Convent** ( barconvent.org.uk; Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun closed, 17 Blossom Street), the scene of an anti-Semitic atrocity at **Clifford's Tower** ( english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/cliffords-tower-york, Tower St YO1 9SA) and the **shrine of St Margaret Clitherow**, ( stwilfridsyork.org.uk/shrine-st-margaret-clitherow; Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 8am-5pm, 35 The Shambles).
- Enjoy the awe-inspiring view from the top of **York Minster** ( yorkminster.org; Mon-Thur 11am-4:30pm; Fri & Sat 10am-4:30pm; Sun 12.30-2.30pm; Deangate).

Saints' days: St Paulinus 10 October; St William of York 8 June

			Walk 15:Wetherby to York
Distance since start	Distance since last direction	OS grid refs	
0	0	SE 40431 48063	Facing north, with Wetherby Bridge behind you, walk up North St, the B6164 into Wetherby town.
110yds/100m	110yds/100m	SE 40438 48140	Turn right into Victoria St.
230yds/210m	110yds/100m	SE 40583 48104	At the end of Victoria St turn left into Greenfold Ln.
295yds/270m	77yds/70m	SE 40601 48120	At the end of Greenfold Ln turn right into Walton Rd.
770yds/700m	470yds/430m	SE 40961 47942	Where Walton Rd meets the junction with the A168 at the roundabout, go straight on, keeping to Walton Rd and walking towards the bridge you can see over the dual carriageways of the A1(M).
880yds/800m	110yds/100m	SE 41070 47883 SE 41216 47911	Immediately after crossing the bridge, turn sharp right and descend the bank towards the track that runs parallel with the motorway. <i>Or, if you prefer a gentler descent, continue for 800m where the track meets Walton Rd, and turn right there.</i>
0.6mile/1km	220yds/200m	SE 40971 47773	Turn left onto a narrower track between hedges, marked with a Footpath sign and as Heuthwaite Ln on OS maps.
0.7mile/1.1km	110yds/100m	SE 41116 47706	Follow the track as it turns right.
0.8mile/1.2km	110yds/100m	SE 41085 47623	Follow the track as it turns left, until it meets tarmacked Watersole Ln.
1.1mile/1.7km	550yds/500m	SE 41540 47346	Where Heuthwaite Ln meets Watersole Ln cross over and continue straight on along a path on the field margin. <i>OS maps show a right of way angling 20 degrees left to cross this field, then turning right at the far field margin, but this route is not evident on the ground.</i>

1.4miles/2.2km	550yds/500m	SE 41983 47405	Reaching the far side of this field, bear slight right to follow the path alongside trees.
1.5miles/2.5km	330yds/300m	SE 42273 47385	Keep straight ahead as the path joins Flintmill Ln, and pass Flint Mill Grange, keeping the farm buildings to your right and continuing along Flintmill Ln.
1.8miles/2.9km	440yds/400m	SE 42466 47353	As the tarmacked lane turns right, continue straight ahead on the track and follow it round to the right, along a field boundary towards woodland.
1.9miles/3km	110yds/100m	SE 42678 47182	The track then bears slight left through woodland, up to a left-hand bend between fields.
2.2miles/3.5km	550yds/500m	SE 42986 46887	Follow the path round to the left and along to meet Wood Ln.
2.3miles/3.7km	220yds/200m	SE 43218 46913	At the T-junction, turn right onto Wood Ln. There is a rare Ebor Way fingerboard at this point. Continue along the lane to the village of Thorp Arch.
2.7miles/4.4km	770yds/700m	SE 43269 46258	Reach the village of Thorp Arch, and continue straight on, along what is now a lane called The Village, and through a staggered crossroads, with Thorp Arch Pk to your right, then Dowkell Ln to your left.
2.9miles/4.7km	330yds/300m	SE 43307 45932	Continue straight on, the lane now becoming Bridge Foot.
3.1miles/5km	330yds/300m	SE 43150 45701	Cross the River Wharfe via the bridge and then turn immediately left, following a tarmacked track that slopes down to the riverbank. Continue along the riverbank path, with the river on your left.
3.3miles/5.4km	440yds/400m		Pass the former Spa Baths buildings (on your left) and hotel (Wharfdale Hall, on your right) at Town Ings.
3.7miles/6km	660yds/600m	SE 44177 45225	As you leave the built-up area, keep to the riverbank, following a path which, apart from one slight divergence away from the river where a footbridge takes you over Firgreen Beck, hugs the bank.
4.3miles/7km	330yds/300m	SE 44692 45374	Pass beneath Wharfe Bridge, keeping to the riverbank path.
4.6miles/7.5km	550yds/500m	SE 45185 45575	Bear right away from the riverbank to join a track, with the tree-lined field margin to your left, and continue along it as it kinks left and continues between hedges.

5.3miles/8.5km	0.6mile/1km	SE 45466 44711	Where the track meets the A659 turn left and walk along the pavement to the next road on the left.
5.5miles/8.9km	440yds/400m	SE 45887 44558	Turn left into Croft Ln, and follow it to the hamlet of Newton Kyme.
5.9miles/9.6km	770yds/700m	SE 46393 44874	Continue straight on through a junction where, confusingly, your route ahead and the turning to the right are both called Croft Ln. Continue straight on for 100m towards Newton Kyme Hall.
6miles/9.7km	110yds/100m	SE 46458 44882 SE 46924 44887	Leave Croft Ln by the path that first arcs right, then bears left, to pass Newton Kyme Hall and St Andrew's church. Bear gently left after these and pass just to the left of a belt of woodland to join the riverbank path . This riverbank path will take you, following the River Wharfe's many twists and turns, all the way to Tadcaster.
7.9miles/12.7km	1.9miles/3km	SE 48436 43842	Pass beneath Tadcaster Viaduct, and then pass Tadcaster Weir, keeping to the riverbank.
8miles/13km	330yds/300m	SE 48585 43552 SE 48569 43439	Reaching St Mary's Church, Tadcaster, bear left to leave the riverbank and enter the churchyard. Continue through the churchyard to reach a lane called Churchyard, and turn left , joining Kirkgate, the A659.
8.2miles/13.2km	220yds/200m		The Ark, the timber framed house across the road on your right, is reputedly the place where the Pilgrim Fathers planned their trip to America. Continue along Kirkgate to the High St.
8.3miles/13.3km	110yds/100m	SE 48640 43336	Turn left into High St. You are now in the centre of Tadcaster.
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8.3miles/13.3km	0		To continue, follow the High St (A659) through Tadcaster. It becomes York Rd
9.2miles/14.8km	0.9miles/1.5km	SE 49862 44075	Where the A659 joins the A64, keep to the pavement, with the junction to your right, for a short stretch alongside this busy road. Continue past the large industrial estate on the left.

9.6miles/15.5km	770yds/700m	SE 50591 44135	Turn left, away from the main road, up Catterton Ln. Follow this as it bears right and goes through trees.
9.9miles/15.9km	440yds/400m	SE 50735 44498	Leave Catterton Ln to the right to follow the course of the old Roman road to York, marked as The Old Street on OS maps. There is an Ebor Way fingerpost half-hidden in the hedge. Continue, with high hedges to either side of the path passing through Streethouse Farm to reach the A64.
11.3miles/18.2km	1.4miles/2.3km	SE 52819 45463	At the A64 the path bears gently left to run alongside the road. Continue along the pavement.
11.9miles/19.1km	990yds/900m	SE 53555 45984 SE 53624 46086	At the exit for services, follow the blue Ebor Way fingerpost that directs you up steps to a road passing above the main carriageway. Turn right to follow this road over the A64 as it bends to the right and descends on the other side. Before it reaches the junction, look out for another blue Ebor Way finger post pointing left.
12.2miles/19.6km	550yds/500m	SE 53743 45853 SE 54806 46253	Turn left to take the Ebor Way into a field. Walk along the left-hand field margin, with the embankment of the road you have just left on your right. You are again on the course of The Old Street. Where it meets a lane continue straight ahead towards Copmanthorpe.
13.9miles/22.4km	1.7miles/2.8km	SE 56176 47140	Reaching the outskirts of the village of Copmanthorpe, where the path meets a lane called Manor Heath, turn right on to Manor Heath and cross over.
14miles/22.6km	220yds/200m	SE 56244 46910	When Manor Heath bends left, and becomes School Ln, continue along until it meets Horseman Ln.
14.1miles/22.8km	220yds/200m	SE 56449 46934	Bear right onto Horseman Ln and continue to first turning on left, Church St.
14.2miles/22.9km	110yds/100m	SE 56484 46903	Bear left onto Church St and continue to junction with Low Green.
14.3miles/23km	110yds/100m	SE 56553 46906	Turn left onto Low Green for 100m.

14.4miles/23.1km	110yds/100m	SE 56628 46956	Turn right off Low Green onto an unsignposted footpath leading between houses, past a school and along two sides of its playing fields, to emerge in Wheelwright Close.
14.4miles/23.3km	220yds/200m	SE 56894 47030	Continue along Wheelwright Close to the junction with Farmers Way.
14.5miles/23.4km	110yds/100m	SE 56939 47058	Turn right into Farmers Way and follow it as it bends left, up to Fletcher's Croft.
14.6miles/23.6km	220yds/200m	SE 57046 47122	Turn right into Fletchers Croft and walk towards the railway line.
14.7miles/23.7km	110yds/100m	SE 57084 47107 SE 57122 47151	At the foot of Fletchers Croft, before the railway line, turn left to take a path leading alongside the railway. Turn right to cross the railway. CAUTION: There is a light to signal when it is safe to cross. Cross only on green. Continue over fields, keeping to the right-hand field margin, with a hedge to your right.
15.2miles/24.4km	770yds/700m	SE 57766 47292	Follow the path as it kinks left, then right to take a footbridge over a stream. Continue straight ahead along the field boundary until you approach some houses and the path bends round to the right, then left and meets Copmanthorpe Ln.
15.5miles/25km	660yds/600m	SE 58388 47462	Turn right into Copmanthorpe Ln. Follow the lane towards Bishopthorpe village, until it reaches Bridge Rd on the right.
15.8miles/25.5km	550yds/500m	SE 58804 47490	Turn right into Bridge Rd and continue to the end.
16miles/25.8km	330yds/300m	SE 58934 47262	Where Bridge Rd meets Appleton Rd, turn left into Appleton Rd.
16.3miles/26.2km	440yds/400m	SE 59175 47586	Continue along as Appleton Rd bears slight right and becomes Main St.
16.5miles/26.6km	440yds/400m	SE 59596 47719	Where Main St meets Bishopthorpe Rd, bear left and follow Bishopthorpe Rd. Bishopthorpe Palace, residence of the Archbishop of York, is almost immediately on your right. Keep going along Bishopthorpe Rd.

16.8miles/27.1km	550yds/500m	SE 59596 48171	Turn right to leave Bishopthorpe Rd via a hard-to-spot footpath through a belt of woodland, just after Warren Pond. <i>NB: There is only a very small green footpath sign at head height almost entirely obscured by foliage. If you find the crematorium on your right you have come too far, and should turn back.</i>
17miles/27.3km	220yds/200m	SE 59771 48155	When the path reaches the bank of the River Ouse, turn left to follow the Ouse into York, passing under the A64.
18.8miles/30.3km	1.9miles/3km	SE 60314 50281	Pass the Millennium Bridge and continue along the riverbank path, passing Joseph Rowntree Park and entering the city.
19.4miles/31.3km	220yds/200m	SE 60353 51279	At Skeldergate Bridge, pass under the bridge then turn left to take the steps up to Bishopgate St. Walk along Bishopgate St and bear right, with the city walls on your right, to reach Nunnery Ln.
19.7miles/31.7km	440yds/400m	SE 60034 51230	Reaching Nunnery Ln, bear right to follow it.
19.9miles/32.1km	440yds/400m	SE 59728 51428	When Nunnery Ln reaches a crossroads with Micklegate to your right and Blossom St to your left, the Bar Convent, with its hidden chapel, is on the corner of Nunnery Ln and Blossom St. To continue, turn right into Micklegate, passing beneath the ancient city gateway. Follow Micklegate to the Ouse, where it becomes Bridge St.
20.2miles/32.6km	550yds/500m	SE 60185 51644	Cross the bridge over the Ouse onto Bridge St and continue for 100m to Clifford St.
22.3miles/32.7km	110yds/100m	SE 60311 51681	Turn right into Clifford St.
20.5miles/33km	330yds/300m	SE 60402 51493	Arrive at Clifford's Tower. To continue, retrace your steps to Bridge St.
20.6miles/33.2km	220yds/200m	SE 60317 51692 SE 60429 51754	Turn right, then continue straight on as Bridge St becomes High Ousegate. Go straight on when it crosses Parliament St, and becomes Pavement, to reach The Shambles.

20.7miles/33.4km	220yds/200m	SE 60485 51809	Turn left into The Shambles. The Shrine to St Margaret Clitherow is in the white rendered house to your left after 50yds. To continue, carry on along The Shambles, bearing right to reach Low Petergate.
20.9miles/33.6km	220yds/200m	SE 60437 51965	Bear left into Low Petergate, and continue straight on when it becomes High Petergate.
21.1miles/33.9km	330yds/300m	SE 60253 52149	York Minster is on your right.