Long views and villages from Barton-le-Street

4 miles (6.5km) moderate circular walk

This walk starts in Barton-le-Street, a small limestone settlement at the foot of the northern slope of the Howardian Hills AONB. Whilst in the village visit St Michael and All Angels Church which contains many fine carvings. A notice board outside tells you about its history. Opposite the Church is the Old Schoolhouse, now used as the Village Hall. Appleton-le-Street is a more linear village. The grassland surrounding All Saints Church is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. In early summer you can find common knapweed, field scabious and meadow cranesbill. From the bank top enjoy views across the Vale of Pickering to the North York Moors National Park. To your left as you walk this section you can see historic earthworks under the trees.

START: At the village green. Walk towards Glebe Farm at the eastern edge of Barton-le-Street.

Key to map

Walking route
Route instruction
Footpath (no cycling)
Bridleway
Byway open to all traffic
Other tracks
Primary route
Main road
Secondary road
Minor road
Take special care at this point/section
Gradient: 14-20% (arrow points downhill)

Key to route descriptions

R = right
L = left
SA = straight ahead/across
jct = junction
X roads = crossroads
m = metres
km = kilometre
Scale 40mm = 1km (0.6 mile)

1. Pass the farm buildings on the tarmac lane and follow the fingerpost indicating footpath to Appleton-le-Street.
2. Continue straight ahead and take the lane to the side of the pub car park.
3. Follow lane uphill, very soon taking RH fork to All Saints Church and Coneysthorpe.
4. Pass through two hand gates to enter small field (sometimes containing ponies). Cross diagonally to go through metal field gate and hand gate combination.
5. SA along lane to join main road. Walk carefully along busy main road to join pavement. Cross road at Cresswell Arms and take lane to the side of pub car park.
6. Follow lane uphill, very soon taking RH fork to All Saints Church and Coneysthorpe.
7. SA for approximately 0.75 mile, look out for abandoned old farm machinery on RHS.
8. Bear R for approx 100m to enter forestry on the bank top. At 4-way finger post turn R towards Slingsby Bank. This section of path can be very muddy.
9. After 0.75 mile, at fingerpost, turn R downhill to Barton-le-Street.
10. Take care as you cross the busy main road to enter the village.

Park & Start: On the road side near the village green in Barton-le-Street.

Public loos: None on the route – the closest are at Castle Howard.

Refreshments: Cresswell Arms in Appleton-le-Street. Close by are the Courtyard café and take-away coffee shop at Castle Howard and The Grapes public house and village stores in Slingsby.

Terrain: One steady ascent. Paths can be very muddy in winter and after spells of heavy rain.

Footwear: Sturdy walking boots are recommended at all but the driest times of year.