Walking the Banks from Slingsby

4 miles (6.5km) easy/moderate walk

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**Key to map**
- Walking route
- Footpath (no cycling)
- Bridleway
- Byway open to all traffic
- Other tracks
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- Main road
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**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)

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START at the village store. Walk along Green Dyke Lane, passing the cemetery.

1. **Turn R through gate, signposted Slingsby, to head downhill back to the village.**

2. **At the jct turn L, signed Long Lane.**

3. **Turn R onto the bridleway to Butterwick and Barton-le-Street.**

4. **SA the slight dog leg keeping the hedge to your L. Then cross a large field on the wide grass strip.**

5. **R on stone track, towards Barton-le-Street.**

6. **Please follow the signs and be aware of moving machinery through the farm yard. Turn R onto village street. Pass the Church and Village Hall.**

7. **Cross the main road (fast moving traffic – please take care) and follow the bridleway sign next to Hope Cottage. After 50m turn R along the field edge path with the hedge to your R.**

8. **Bear L uphill, keeping the hedge to your R.**

9. **Turn R onto the Centenary Way, signed to Slingsby Bank.**

10. **SA through the gate to cross the field to the gate ahead.**

11. **Use the wide verges to find a safe place with good visibility to cross the Avenue (fast moving traffic) then pick up the path SA.**

12. **Turn R through gate, signposted Slingsby, to head downhill back to the village.**

13. **Be aware of traffic on the short stretch of road to the jct and cross the main road with care. Please take time to explore the village before leaving.**

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**Gradient: 14-20%**

- **(arrow points downhill)**

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**Parking & Start:** Slingsby village store. Please park considerately on road side in the village

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

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

**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

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