

Walk for December 2017

Terrington

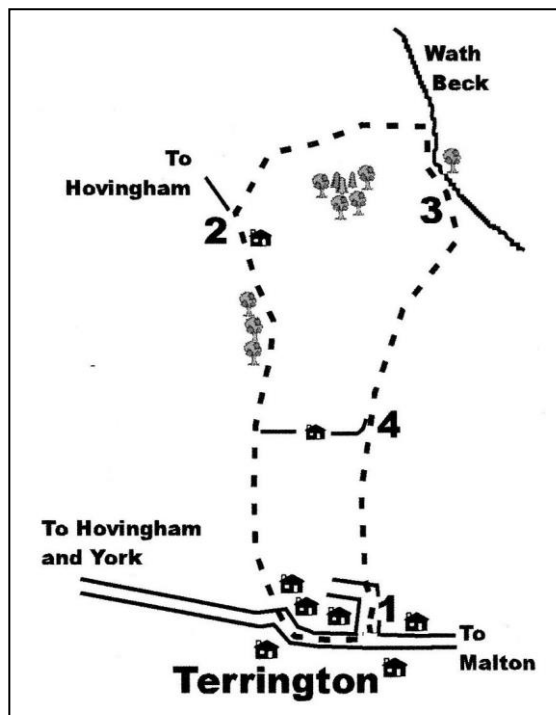
An ideal midwinter walk that's short on distance but long on views. From the time you leave the village to your return to near the church, the scenery typifies the best of the Howardian Hills, with rolling hills, woodland and rich farmland.

Terrington lies some 3 miles west of Castle Howard and is signposted from the crossroads near the Great Lake. Park in Church Lane, which runs off the main street through the village opposite an old white painted water pump

Start — By the church in the centre of Terrington Village

Distance – 2 ½ miles

Duration – 1- 1½ hours



1. Go back to the main street, turn right and walk to the top of the village. The road bends first right and then, as it bends to the left, carry straight on the tarmaced lane that goes downhill with trees on the left and houses on the right. The landscape opens up as the lane descends and becomes a dirt track. Over the small beck and as the track starts to rise, at the end of the wood, the right of way is diverted to a grass path to the left of a wall.
2. Through the gate to rejoin the main track, turn left and immediately go right on the grass track that rises with the fence alongside on the right. The fence ends and a hedge takes its place as the path bends left and then right before descending to a beck with an impressive two way bridge over it. Take the right hand bridge then follow the path with the beck on the left as far as a handgate.
3. Pass through the gate into the field and walk straight ahead uphill, moving away from the trees by the beck. 50 yards further on, at the crest of the hill head for the left hand of the two gates in sight and pass through to join a path alongside a low hedge. Stay on this path as it becomes a bending slightly but generally heading towards a point just right of the church.

4. As the track turns sharp right to a farm, go straight ahead at the solitary stone gatepost on a grass path that leads to a gate on the first horizon. Through that and on towards the steps on the next horizon. These bring you on to the school playing fields which are crossed to reach a wall on the left. Pass along that and as it bends off to the left go through the wooden field gate at 1 o'clock to join a track that quickly joins the road where you parked.