

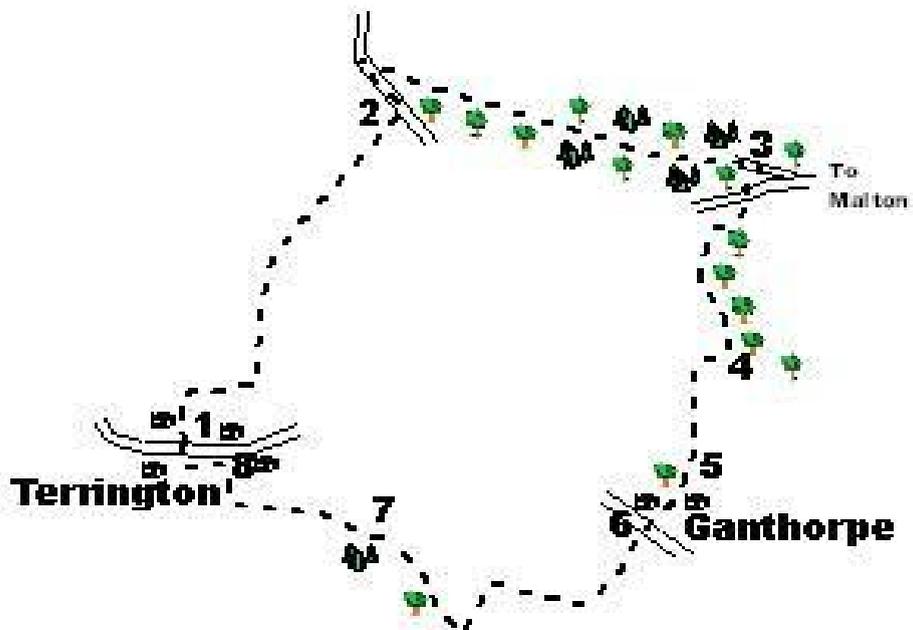
Walk for March

Terrington and Ganthorpe

A walk with a bit of everything. Great views, peaceful woodland, mixed farmland and a stroll through Terrington's near neighbour, the hamlet of Ganthorpe. There are a couple of steady climbs but nothing too strenuous.

From Slingsby take the road towards Castle Howard and York. Terrington lies some 3 miles west of Castle Howard and is signposted from the crossroads near the Great Lake. Church Lane runs off the main street through the village opposite an old white painted water pump. There is ample parking on the right.

<p>Start — Church Lane, Terrington</p> <p>Distance – 5 miles Duration – 2 to 2 ½ hours</p>
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1. Walk up Church Lane and take the grass path to the left of the house directly ahead, waymarked 'Ebor Way'. The path opens up into an area with a cricket field on the left and a stone wall on the right. Follow the wall round to the right past the rugby pitch, down a sharp drop and turn right into the field, still with the wall to your right. Follow the path down the edge of the field to a waymark post and turn left. The path then descends gradually to pass a small lake off to the right before crossing a small beck and rising to join a stoned track.
2. Turn left and continue climbing, then as the road bears right at the summit turn sharp right to join the track that runs along the ridge. The first 200 yards of this track offer extensive views to north and south

before entering the wooded area. For the next mile or so stay on the track as it passes through deciduous woodland.

3. At a low waymark post on the right, turn right and descend steeply through the wood for about 150 yards. Take care at the bottom as the path opens out on to the Terrington to Castle Howard road. Turn right, carefully cross the road, and 30 yards along go left through the gate and take the waymarked path signed 'Ganthorpe – 1 mile'. For about half a mile keep to the edge of the field with the wood on your left.
4. After passing through a first gate, you reach a hand gate with the waymark pointing right. The right of way skirts the edge of the field with the fence on your right, and after passing two individual trees, head along the track toward the left-hand side of the woodland ahead.
5. After passing the wood go through the metal handgate ahead then follow the path as it rises to the right of a series of ponds and waterfalls. The path widens into a driveway as it reaches houses then becomes a tarmac road bending first to the right then left through Ganthorpe to emerge at a 'roundabout' adjoining the Terrington – Bulmer road.
6. Pass to the left of the 'roundabout' and straight ahead across the road is a track waymarked 'Sleigh Lane'. Stay on the lane until the hedge on the right ends and take the waymarked path to the right. At the end of the first field do not go through either gate, but turn left downhill with the hedge on your right until, at the bottom of the field, you turn right at the next waymark post with the small beck on your left. Turn left through the hedge further up that field then stay on that path with the hedge on your left until reaching a waymark post that directs you through a thick hedge at 11 o'clock.
7. Once through the hedge the path is indistinct. Head at 10 o'clock towards a gap in the coniferous trees where, after passing through a gate and through the gap in the trees, another waymark sends you at 1 o'clock in the general direction of the now visible church tower. On reaching the hedge on your right, carry on towards the corner of the field. About 100 yards before the end, pass through the gate to your right and follow the clear path across the field.
8. Pass out of the field through the metal gate then turn sharp left up the lane, right where it meets the road and bear right before crossing the main village street to return to Church Lane.