

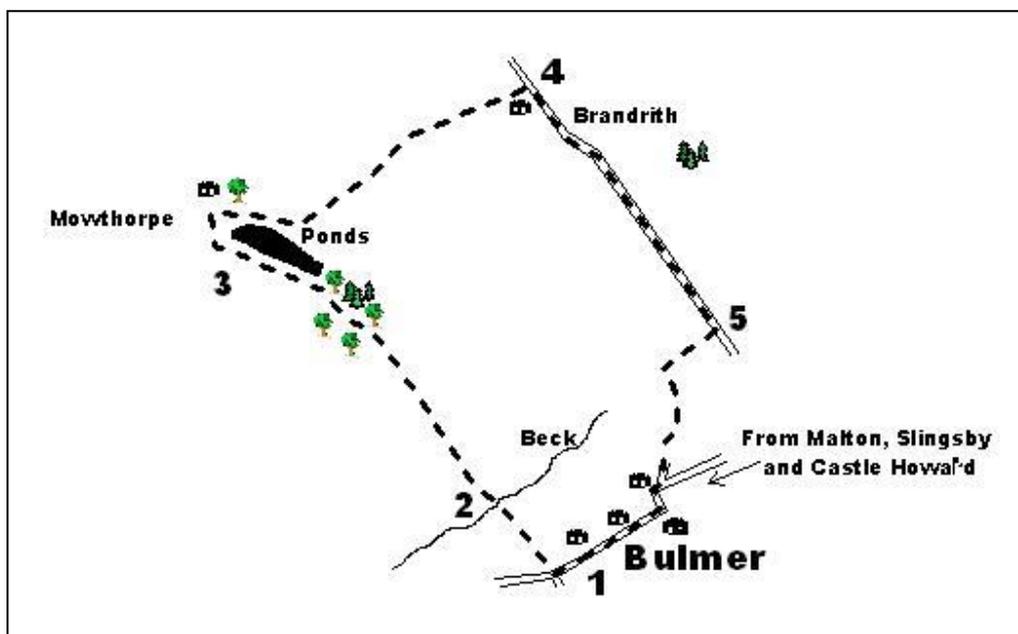
Walk for September 2016

Bulmer, Mowthorpe, Brandrith.

A pleasant and relatively easy short walk with only one uphill stretch. The views are good and there is the added interest of some popular fishing ponds at the lowest point of the walk. The start and finish of the route includes walking virtually the length of Bulmer, a beautiful village perched on a hilltop.

Bulmer lies about 2 miles south west of Castle Howard. It is best approached from Slingsby by taking the York road past Castle Howard, pass through both arches then go right at the next crossroads. Park on the straight stretch of road in the centre of the village, taking heed of the no-parking request in the lay-by there.

Start — Main Street, Bulmer	
Distance – 3 ¼ miles	Duration - 1½ - 2 hours



1. Walk east (away from the church) to the end of the straight stretch of road. Just after the road branches, with the main road bending right, turn right down a lane. There is a waymark post 10 yards down on the right showing 'Mowthorpe 1 mile' that is not easy to see from the road. Go through two gates then down the field, through the small wood and over the beck.
2. Enter the field beyond through the gate and the path goes straight uphill then bends slightly towards the corner of the field to the left of the large tree. Pass into the next field and follow the waymark with the hedge on your left over the hill. When the hedge finishes carry straight on over the cultivated field to arrive at a gate on the edge of the wood. Follow the path as it winds its way downhill through the wood and then opens out to a grassed path with lakes and fence on the right. Carry on towards the hedge and copse ahead.

3. It is tempting to follow the fence line as it bends right at the end of the copse, but the public right of way takes you to the track at the hedge ahead, then right, 80 yards and right again to join the track that bends downhill along the other side of the lake. The track rises fairly steeply before levelling out at the top. When you get there it is worth looking back to appreciate the views. Directly back on the horizon can clearly be seen the ruins of Sheriff Hutton Castle. Continue on the path until it arrives at the road alongside Brandrith Farm.
4. Turn right on to the road, past the farm and downhill for about half a mile. You will be unfortunate to meet more than a couple of cars as the road is relatively quiet. There are pleasant views of Bulmer to the right and the spire of Welburn church is visible at around 10 o'clock.
5. As the road starts to level out take the waymarked path to the right signposted 'Bulmer ½ Mile'. After 200 yards pass left through the gate, over the field at 1 o'clock to another gate, 2 o'clock across the next and carry straight on with the fence on your right to exit beneath the silver birch trees. The narrow path emerges across a grassed area to join a tarmaced drive that meets the main road through Bulmer at a double bend. Join the roadside path round those bends and past the church back to your vehicle.