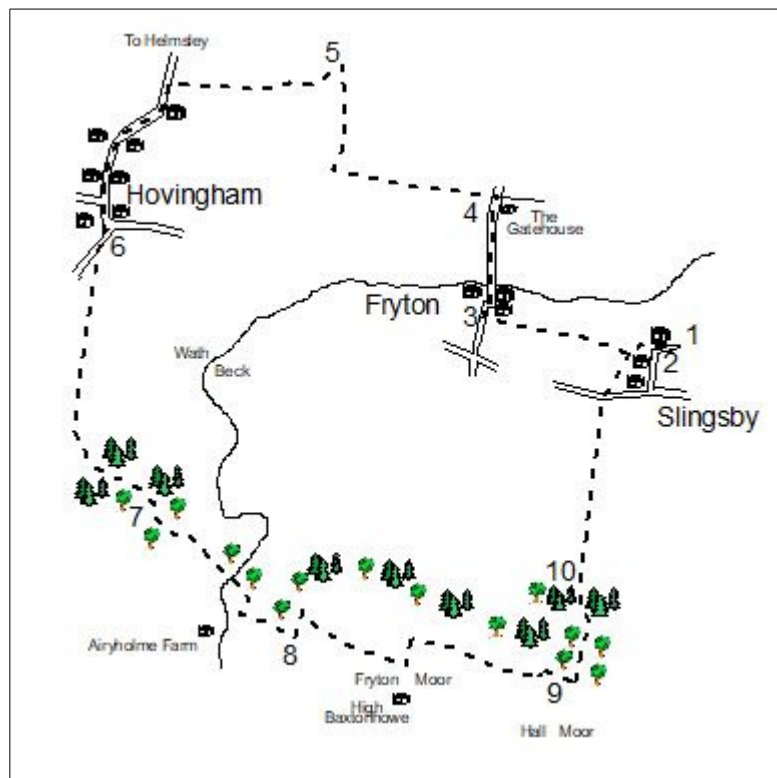


Fryton, Hovingham, Ebor Way, Fryton Moor, Hall Moor.

Another visit to Hovingham, this time taking the longer route both there and back. The route back follows the Ebor Way up into the woods.

Start – Slingsby Village Green
Distance – 7 miles **Duration** – 3 - 3½ hours



1. From the Maypole in the centre of the Green, head southwest (past the bus stop and small parking area).
2. At the corner (100 metres) bear left, and straight away cross the road to join a marked footpath between farm buildings and a large bungalow (Castle Garth). A kissing gate straight ahead gives access into the field. Proceed along a well trodden footpath keeping fence and hedge on your right through a series of field gates and a kissing gate heading for the buildings directly ahead which form the hamlet of Fryton.
3. On passing recently converted farm buildings at Fryton the path meets a tarmaced road. Go right by the road into the village. Pass through and exit the village over the humpback bridge.
4. On reaching The Gatehouse turn left on the waymarked footpath along the line of the former railway. On reaching a junction of waymarks turn right and cross the field to reach the tarmaced single track lane.
5. Turn left and at the end of the lane arrive at the main Helmsley –Malton road. Turn left and take care for a short distance before reaching the footpath that takes you into Hovingham village. Walk through the village alongside the main road passing the

Hovingham Inn and Worsley Arms Hotel on the left. Before reaching the bend in the road cross the road to the footpath on the other side.

6. As the main road bends left to Malton, stay on the footpath directly ahead as it passes the stone trough and climbs sharply to meet the Sheriff Hutton Road. Cross the road and 100 yards further on take the waymarked track left marked Ebor Way. The track leads uphill steadily before levelling out and entering a wood. About 150 yards into the wood, just past the water storage pool, the track splits.
7. Take the left fork, which is the marked bridleway (blue arrow on yellow), and stay on that track until it bends right as it exits the mature woodland. Turn left at the waymark and the path descends to a gate. Through the gate and follow the sign of the Ebor Way crossing the boggy field at one o'clock to another gate about 70 yards away. Through the gate and go left, again following the Ebor Way sign. The path skirts the bottom of the field before veering left at the waymark into the wood. The path continues alongside a stream for some distance before reaching a gate on the left with the main stream passing below. Through the gate, over a stile at the next hedge and walk along the next field, now with a lesser stream to the left to arrive at a junction of tracks.
8. Turn left passing a pond on your left and on the bending track go up the hill, passing a small ruin on the right before arriving at another stoned track with High Baxton Howe Farm visible over to the right. Turn left and, about half way to the woods ahead, turn right along the grassy track. This passes straight through open land before dipping then bending uphill to the base of the wood before reaching a crossing of paths.
9. Turn left into the wood and after a short, sometimes muddy, distance on the level there is a stiff climb up a stony path (through what is known as the primrose wood as the clearing on the right is covered by them in early spring) to arrive at a track and waymark post. Cross the track and enter the wood on the path signed Slingsby.
10. Exit the wood by turning right through a gateway and descend along the stoned track, taking in the excellent views over the Vale of Pickering to the moors. Pass to the left of the farm buildings and shortly after reach the main road. Cross carefully and go over the stile at the waymark then cross the fields at 1 o'clock over a series of stiles and gates. Exit through a gate to the right and meet the road in High Street turning left then following this as the road bends right back to the Green.