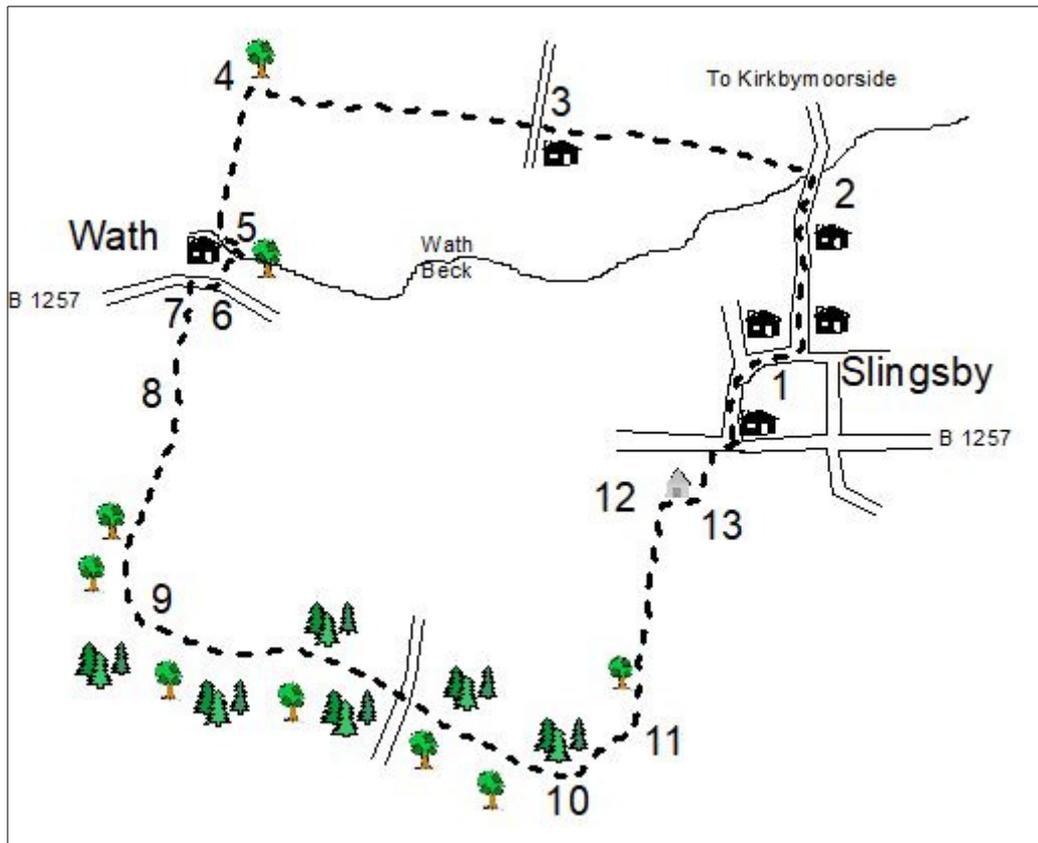


Greenacres House, Wath, Fryton Woods

A walk that takes in the flat farmland between Slingsby and Hovingham before passing through the small hamlet of Wath, and rising steadily past its large limestone quarry. The trail then passes through mixed and coniferous woodland before taking in panoramic views during the descent back to Slingsby.

Start – The Village Green
Distance – 5 miles **Duration** – 2-3 hours



1. From the maypole in the centre of the Green, take the Kirkbymoorside road heading north (signposted by the telephone box).
2. The beck emerges after the last house on the left and 50 yards further down on the left a bridge over the beck (marked Public Footpath) takes you on to the line of the disused railway.
3. On reaching The Gatehouse bungalow on the left where a tarmaced road crosses the track, cross the road at 11 o'clock to continue along the old railway track. This track narrows to a footpath with a blackthorn hedge on the right before reaching a copse with a gap ahead in a thick hedge
4. Before going through the gap turn left down the field with the hedge on your right, following the line of electricity poles, heading for the large trees which are now in view. Beyond the trees, the bowl of Wath Quarry scars the landscape.
5. At the end of the field by the trees, turn left and follow the tree line for around 100 yards to a bridge on the right over the beck, joining a track across the field.

6. 100 metres later, beside the double electricity poles, go left up the hill through the gate to a gate which opens on to the verge of the main B1257 road. (Take extra care with traffic at this point!) Cross the road and walk downhill (west) 60 yards to the gate on your left marked Public Bridleway.
7. Go through the gate and follow the track that rises quite steeply uphill. After another gate continue rising.
8. On reaching the first sign on the left saying 'Danger Cliff Edge, carefully take a look over the fence to see the impressive Wath Quarry workings. Continue along the track that narrows as it reaches the wood, which remains on your right until reaching a wooden gate at the end of the field beside a crossroads of paths.
9. Go through the gate and turn immediately left along a grass covered track which is part of the Centenary Way. Follow the track through the woods which are intersected only once by a tarmaced road. (A few steps to the left reveals a fine view of Fryton village and beyond. Back on the track, cross the road and continue along the track for approximately half a mile.
10. The wood widens slightly into a clearing and grass paths go to the left and right. Close by is a waymark post on the left with an arrow pointing left across a plantation of trees. Follow the direction of this arrow to arrive at a wire fence with a gateway through to a stoned track.
11. Join the track heading towards the lone tree on the left and at the tree is one of the best local views over Slingsby, the Vale of Pickering and the North York Moors beyond. The track then descends to some farm buildings.
12. Immediately before the large building go right through the yard to the track, with the hedge on your left and through the next gate.
13. Continue along 50 yards and bear left into a field with a clear grassy track at 1 o'clock. The path leads down to a gate at the bottom of the field which opens on to the verge of the B1257 road. Cross the road (take care crossing!) and go down High Street, Slingsby which is directly opposite. Follow the road round to return to The Green.