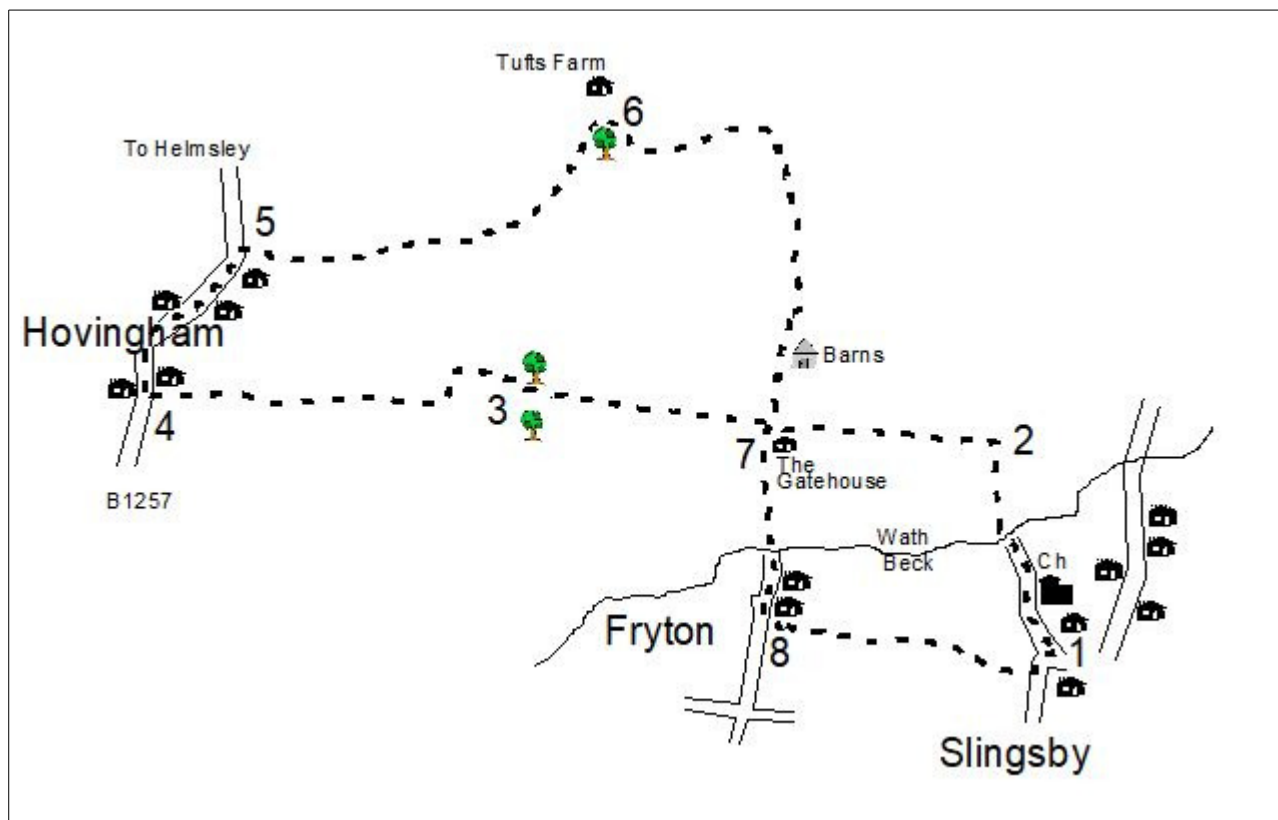


The Lawns, Hovingham, Tufts Farm, and Fryton Grange

A very pleasant route, entirely on level ground, that follows the disused railway line to reach Hovingham and returns by way of Public Bridleways and Footpaths. Hovingham Hall is the seat of the Worsley family, and was the home of the present Duchess of Kent.

Start – The Village Green

Distance – 5¼ miles **Duration** – 2-3 hours



1. From the Maypole in the centre of The Green take the minor road heading north west, turn right and cross to walk along the road that runs to the left of the church signed The Lawns. Go over the bridge and along the stoned track until it bends sharply to the left. Immediately ahead is a waymarked Public Footpath. Walk along the grass and stoned path and emerge through a gate on to a cindered track which is the line of the disused railway.
2. Turn left and continue until just past the sign of the Fryton Millennium Heritage Walk you reach The Gatehouse 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 and passes through a gap in a thick hedge with a number of waymark signs.
3. Go through the gap and continue in the same direction as you have been walking with the buildings of Hovingham visible ahead. The path is easy to follow before it enters Hovingham through the Car Park of the Hovingham Inn.
4. From the Malt Shovel car park turn right alongside the main road heading north towards Helmsley.

- 5.** Leave the village and 100 yards beyond where the footpath ends at the last large house in the village on your right, turn right at the sign for Tuft House Farm into a tarmaced lane. Continue half a mile along as the road passes between hedgerows before reaching an open sided field on the left with a thick hedge on the right.
- 6.** With the white painted farm some 200 yards ahead, at the end of the hedge turn right at the oak tree on to a stoned track. Follow this track as it bends towards the village of Fryton, passing the barns at Fryton Grange
- 7.** The track surface shortly becomes tarmaced. Continue past The Gatehouse on the left, over the bridge and into Fryton Village. On the right shortly after the bridge, if you have not already passed this way, take a rest and study the Fryton Millennium Mosaic. Continue round the double bend in the road.
- 8.** Immediately after the last building on the left, turn left through the gate on to the waymarked path towards Slingsby, with the castle ruins already in sight. After passing through fields and a series of gates the path emerges through a farmyard on to High Street, Slingsby. Cross the road at 10 o'clock and follow it back to The Green.