

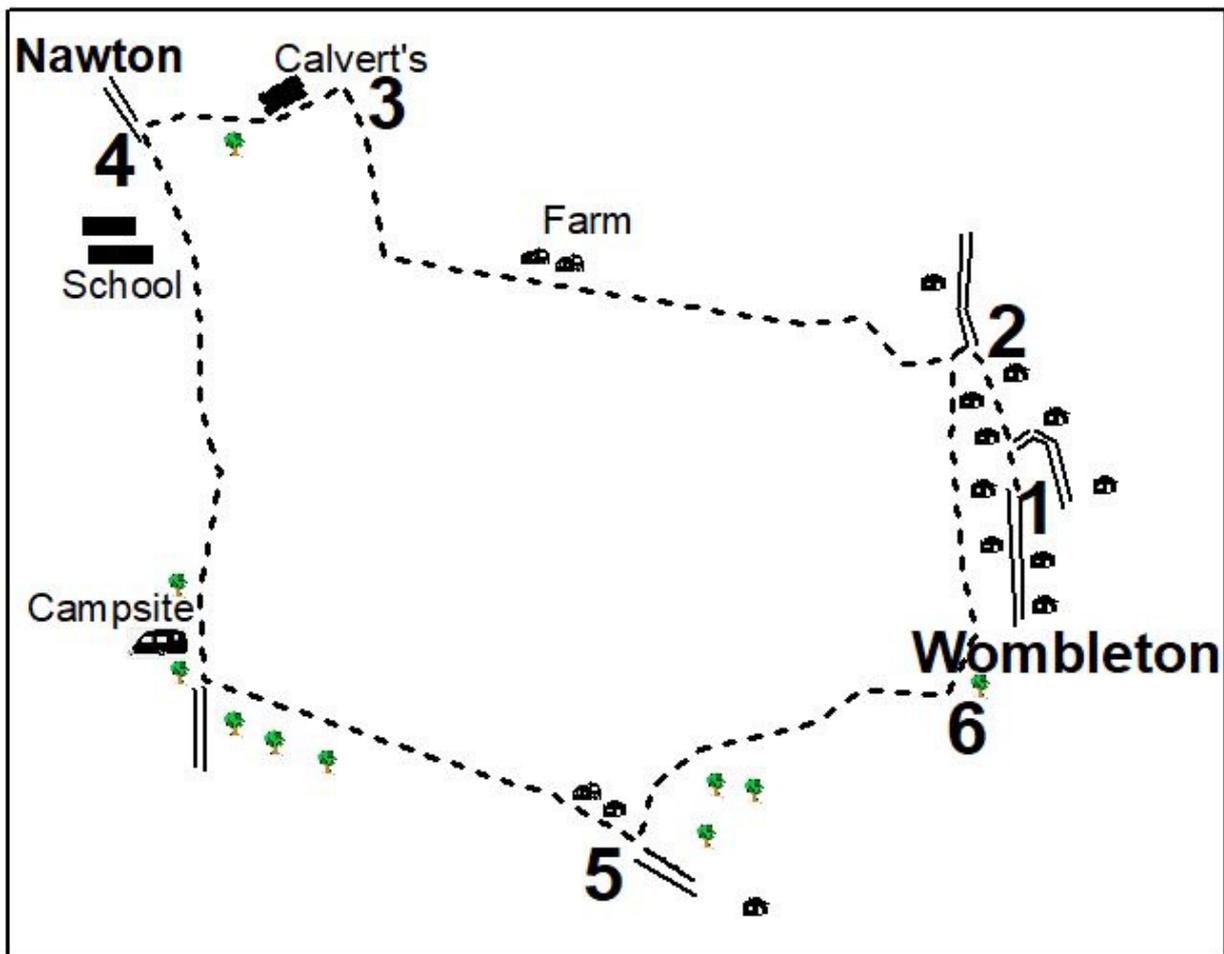
Walk for March 2022

Wombleton, Nawton

On paper this walk looked no more challenging than the circular walk from Slingsby around by Fryton. In fact, after three named storms in a week that made the ground saturated, and after climbing over countless stiles, by the end it felt like finishing an assault course. However, this is a pleasant walk through rarely seen countryside and in normal weather conditions it offers a good, relatively short route

Wombleton is best reached from Slingsby by taking the road towards Kirkbymoorside and turning left at Welburn before reaching the A170. Park on Wombleton's Main Street below the Plough Inn.

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| Start — Main Street Wombleton |
| Distance – 3 miles Duration – 1 – 1½ hours |



1. From your car walk up the village past the Inn, crossing to join the footpath past the bus stop.
2. Turn left into Back Lane and enter the signposted permissive path on the right which soon brings you out into a field. Head across the field at 2 o'clock to a stile in the fence and once into the next field head down to the far bottom

corner. Pass through on to a grass track and carry on straight ahead.. The lane surface hardens as you pass large farm buildings on your right then becomes tarmaced as it rounds a sharp bend and heads towards the houses on the edge of Nawton.

3. After passing some stone cottages on the right, turn left at the footpath sign into the tarmaced area and pass to the left of Calvert's Carpets warehouse and showroom. Pass through a kissing gate into the field beyond and cross it diagonally then follow the path to the road beyond.

4. Turn left and stay on the road past Ryedale School buildings and further on it passes the entrance to a caravan and camping site. Some 80 yards past that entrance turn left on to Sykehead Lane. After passing the first large house and farm buildings on the left, some 80 yards further on there is a gate and footpath sign on the left.

5. Turn left and go through the gate then cross the field diagonally, exiting into a scrub area. Follow the path with the wood on your right until it reaches a cultivated field. Your target is the gate almost opposite but if the field is ploughed there is a narrow route round the bottom end of the field and up the hedge side. On entering the next field keep the hedge on your left as you approach the buildings of Wombleton.

6. At a gap in the hedge before you reach any buildings go left into the next field and cross diagonally to a stile at the opposite side. Continue up the grassy track which widens to a stoned surface and finally emerges at the tarmaced Back Lane (Point 2 on the Walk). Turn right and walk down the village back to your vehicle.

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Acknowledgment - I found this walk in an old book 'Walks around Kirkbymoorside' by Nick Channer. It is described as easy, and in dry conditions the walking would be, but please be aware that there are a lot of stiles without a gated alternative and the ground can still be very boggy in parts.