

Walk for April

Upper Farndale – the bit without the daffodils

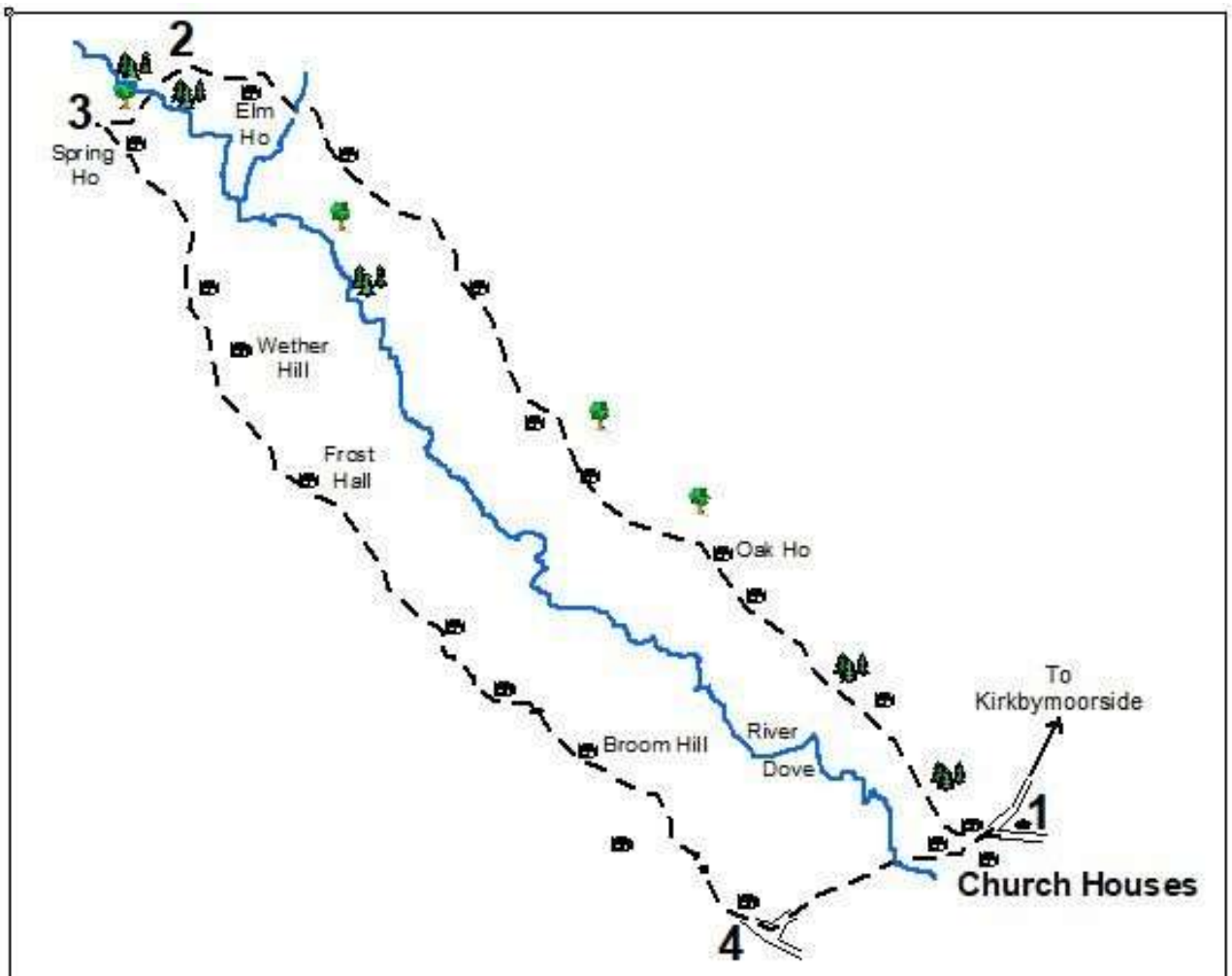
This month's walk is some 18 miles from Slingsby but well worth the trip. While the crowds will be viewing the daffodils lower down, you will be in a far more open area which offers great views of both sides of the valley, and tranquillity, passing only isolated farms and houses. It is suitable any time of the year, so long as snow doesn't present access problems, as most is along a single track tarmaced lane. Even the 'off-road' section between Elm House and Wether Hill is not particularly boggy underfoot and provides a lovely site for a picnic break. The Feversham Arms pub is the perfect place to finish the walk

The walk starts in Church Houses. To get there pass through Kirkbymoorside on the A170 and a mile beyond turn left towards Hutton le Hole and pass through the village. Stay on that same road for approximately 5½ miles and with the remote Blakey pub coming into view ahead take the junction to the left signposted Farndale(via Blakey Bank). Go carefully down that road until you reach the T junction in the small village. Park on the roadside next to the Village Hall.

Start – Church Houses, Farndale

Distance – 7 miles

Duration – 3-4 hours



1. From the Village Hall walk right past the Feversham Arms pub and bear right as the road splits. Stay on this lane (which is basically a very long cul-de-sac so you won't see much traffic) until at Elm House it becomes a rough track heading further up the valley.
2. A few hundred yards on as you reach a wooded area turn left into the wood and start to descend. Cross the river at the bridge then climb up the fields beyond, finally passing over a large stile on to the lane beyond.
3. Turn left and resume the walk, this time on the opposite side of the valley . The track eventually becomes a tarmaced lane.
4. At the road junction turn left down the road to arrive back at Church Houses.