

Swinton, Broughton, Hildenley Wood.

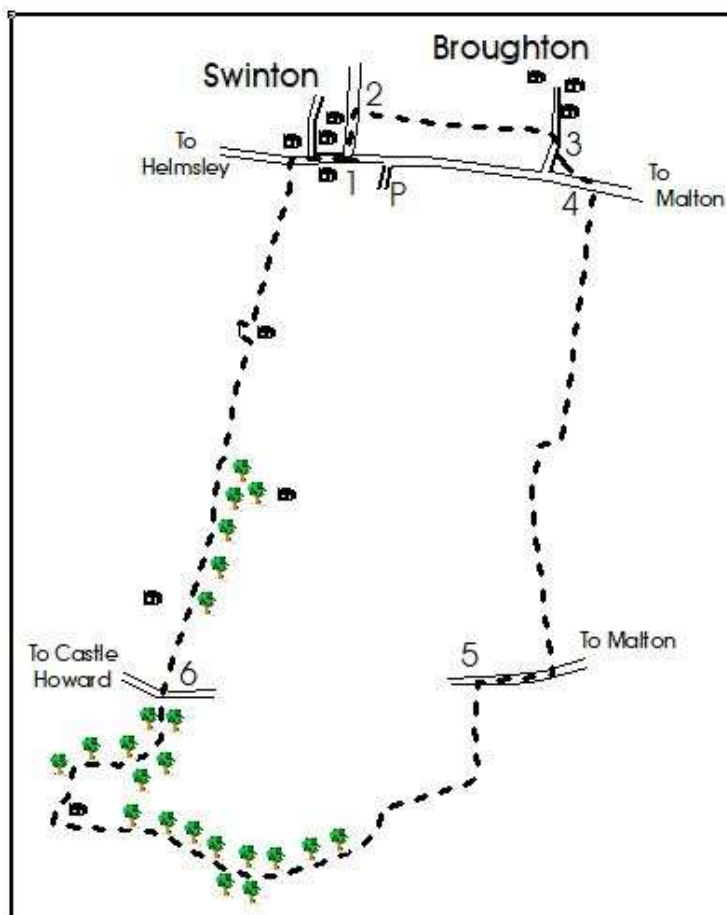
*Undulating countryside, lovely views, peaceful bridleways, ancient paths
through deciduous woodland.*

Swinton lies on the B1257 road around 2 miles west of Malton. Entering the village from Malton turn left up the road signposted 'Castle Howard' and park around 30 yards up, on the wide gravelled verge on the left. Walk downhill back to the main road and the Blacksmiths Arms is 100 yards left on the other side.

Start — Smithy Arms, Swinton

Distance – 5¼ miles

Duration – 2¼ - 2¾ hours



1. You immediately have a choice of route. If you don't mind the noise of traffic on the road, walk east towards Malton on the footpath adjoining the B1257 road and about half a mile along pick up the walk at point 4. For a quieter start, go down East Street at the side of the pub.

2. 100 yards down turn right at the waymark and take the clear footpath across open fields to Broughton. Enter the village through a gate to the left of the old barn ahead.
3. Turn right up the road and 50 yards on at the waymark, go left over the stile, cross the field and exit over another stile at the B1257 road. Turn left.(If you have trouble negotiating stiles then stay on the footpath bear left round the corner). Walk on the footpath at the side of the road for about 100 yards. Cross the road near its junction with Breedycroft Lane.
4. Take the waymarked bridle path that rises up heading south from the road. The traffic noise is soon left behind. As the track levels out bear right at the first waymark. The track then turns sharp left and resumes its southerly line. Stay on it past the next waymark and it eventually reaches the Malton to Terrington road.
5. Turn right and walk uphill for about 250 yards on the path in the grass verge. At the waymark marked Musley Bank (and Hildenley Wood) turn left, carefully cross the road and walk straight ahead. The path then crosses some racehorse gallops so make sure there are no horses coming before ducking under the barriers then continue along the bridleway. Before descending, the track offers fine views over Malton and Norton to the left. The track bends to the right and 30 yards further down turn right at the footpath sign, pass (again with care) under the barriers and on to the narrow path with the fence on your left. The path meanders for a considerable distance with peaceful woodland on the right and fields over the fence to the left. Eventually the path dips left and meets a wider track where you turn right and continue along until arriving at a house where the track becomes a tarmaced lane. Stay on the lane, passing to the left of the house then turning sharp right and rising uphill to join a stoned road. The road bends right then left passing, on the right, a large modern group of buildings before climbing through more woodland. Bear right and stay on the track at the T-junction footpath sign and finally reach the Malton to Terrington road by a gatehouse.
6. Cross the road and join a waymarked footpath directly ahead; a tarmaced driveway. As the drive bends away to the left after the first field, go through the gate straight ahead, and down the field with the wood on your right. There are extensive views ahead as you descend with the North York Moors in the far distance. Stay on that

path until it reaches a line of houses. At the houses, the path takes a short diversion to the left, right and right again before resuming in the original direction along the line of the electricity poles. The path descends to the footpath alongside the main road through Swinton. Turn right and walk the short distance past the Smithy Arms and back up to your vehicle.