Walk for June

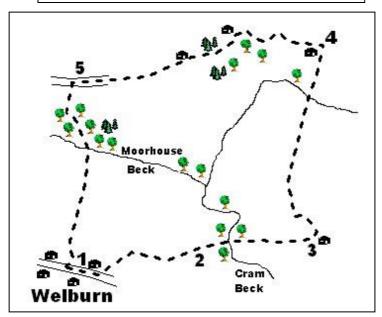
Welburn, High and Low Gaterley, Castle Howard's monuments.

A walk that briefly gets quite near the busy A64 trunk road but otherwise offers real tranquillity and some excellent views. The route is quite hilly with one steep ascent out of Crambeck, and can be very boggy in parts. There is something of interest most of the way including some familiar Castle Howard landmarks in the latter part of the walk.

Welburn lies about a mile south of Castle Howard and ¾ mile from the A64 from which it is signposted around 6 miles from Malton and 12 from York. Park in the vicinity of the pub on Main Street that runs the length of the village. Welburn itself is very picturesque with a fascinating variety of cottage designs and is worth a stroll around.

Start — Main Street, Welburn

Distance – 4 miles Duration – 1½ to 2 hours



- 1. Walk east out of the village towards the A64. Beyond the bungalows on the left, at the end of the speed limit, go left through a waymarked gate and cross the field at 2 o'clock. Follow the waymarks over the next two fields with the hedge on the right and then on the left towards a lone oak tree on the hill top.
- 2. At the waymark beyond the tree go straight ahead marked Huttons Ambo. The path descends sharply into the valley through a gate and down welcome walking boards. The ground is very soggy but head through the centre of the ruin, cross the bridge over the beck, through a field gate and climb the hill with the wood and fence on your left. From the top there are excellent views of the Derwent Valley and Wolds beyond. Carry on the plateau and reach the farm.
- 3. Walk straight ahead into the farmyard but before passing between two stone buildings go sharp left as shown on the waymark on the wall to enter a field which you cross at 11 o'clock. Go through into the next field and turn sharp left, 100 yards and follow a track heading right over the field, next to the electricity pylon. With your mid point destination now directly ahead, the farm at High Gaterley, continue downhill to the bridge over the beck and then climb to the right of the farm buildings, and after passing through a series of gates you emerge on to a stoned road.

- 4. Go left and follow the road as it descends round a series of bends towards its near neighbour, Low Gaterley farm with a fine view of the Castle Howard mausoleum ahead. As the road turns uphill it joins a tarmaced road which you follow for some ¾ mile as it passes woodland then opens out into broad open fields. The landmarks of Castle Howard come into view with the Pyramid ahead, the Temple of the Four Winds to the sharp right and the Castle itself in the region of 2 o'clock.
- 5. Before reaching the Pyramid, at the waymark signposted Welburn, turn left to the edge of the wood, through the gate and straight across at another waymark signed Welburn. The path descends steeply and can be quite muddy. The path levels, crosses the bridge, and enters farmland through a gate. A short climb and as the path levels Welburn village appears in front with the Church directly ahead. Carry straight on at the waymark, join the short tarmac road that soon meets the Main Street and back to your vehicle.

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