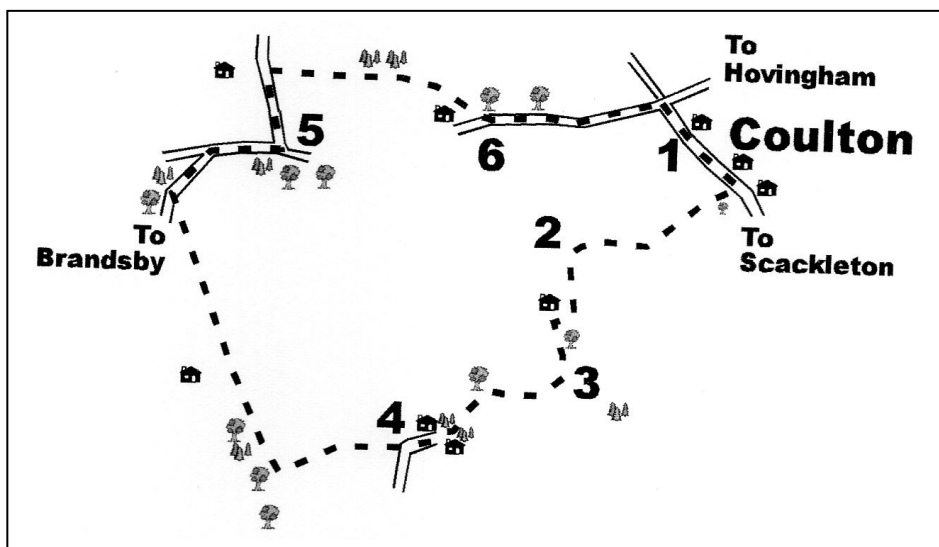


Coulton circular walk

A relatively short walk, ideal for a late summer afternoon. Some stretches on minor roads are unavoidable and are compensated by the varied scenery in the hills and valleys around Coulton.

Coulton lies about 2½ miles out of Hovingham on the road to Brandsby. At the crossroads turn left into the village and park near the telephone box. Make sure there is plenty of room for agricultural vehicles to pass by.

Start — Coulton Village	
Distance – 3¾ miles	Duration – 1¾ to 2¼ hours



1. From the telephone box walk up the street away from the crossroads. Turn right through the gate at the waymark signposted 'Scackleton 2 ¼ miles'. At the top of the bank beneath the huge tree, the kissing gate at the other side of the field becomes visible. On passing through that, head at a slight angle to pass by the electricity pole in the centre of the field and continue past it to arrive at a track made out of concrete railway sleepers. Bear right along the track which skirts the field boundary, and stay on that at the end of the sleepers until the corner of the field is reached. The path then cuts sharply down to the left, through the gap in the hedge then right to meet the tarmaced lane.
2. Turn left and walk down the lane, past the drive marked 'Main House', following the waymark arrow and going round the bend by the barns. Pass through the hand gate beside the double gates and just before entering the drive to the farm, follow the waymark that sends you left with a wood on your left. As the tarmaced road turns into a yard go straight ahead on to the grassy path that runs to the left of the buildings and shortly you arrive at a gate.

3. Go through the gate and turn right, heading up the hill at 2 o'clock towards another gate, already visible. Go through the gate and walk along the path between the fence and the large gorse bushes. At the end of the fence, by the waymark, head downhill, go through the gate, then pass over the small footbridge into the woods. Another gate, a short steep scramble, another gate then cross the field and a final gate brings you into the grounds of Potter Hill.
4. Turn right then first left, joining a tarmaced drive through an avenue of large trees leading away from the farm buildings. As the drive bears left near the end of the trees bear right on the waymarked grass track leading uphill. Stay on that until it reaches a field gate and stile at the edge of a wood. Once over the stile turn sharp right on a path that soon widens into a track. This track keeps a straight course for over half a mile, passing a remote farm, to arrive at a road. Turn right then at the T-junction turn right again towards Hovingham. The road is not particularly busy but traffic travels swiftly so take care.
5. About 300 yards along turn left up the minor road signposted 'Gilling'. Another 300 yards along, near the farmhouse, turn right along the waymarked path. There are good views over to the left on a clear day. The route is well marked as the path passes into a mature pine forest and along its boundary fence. At the end of the forest go almost straight ahead across the field, through a short stand of trees then after the stile walk at 1 o'clock across a final field to the field gate in the corner. After the gate a short length of drive gives access once again to the Hovingham road.
6. Turn left and beware of traffic as you head downhill to Coulton crossroads, passing the oddly named 'Cold Harbour' on the way. Turn right at the crossroads and along the street back to the telephone box.