

Walk for November 2023

Oulston, Husthwaite

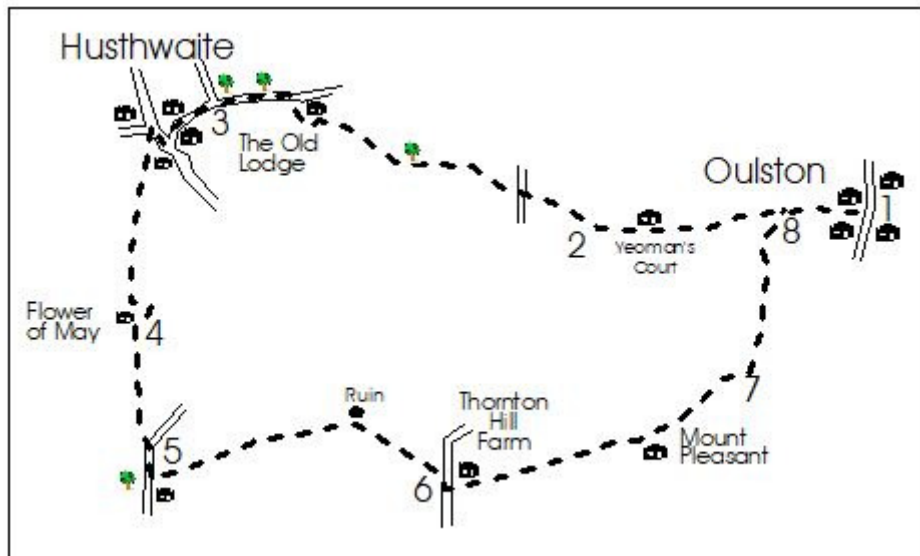
The first part of the walk is along quiet lanes and tracks. After skirting the eastern side of Husthwaite village these are then exchanged for paths across agricultural land between scattered farms. Throughout there is peace and quiet and there are good short, medium and long distance views.

Oulston lies around 2 miles south of Coxwold and four miles north of Easingwold. There is room to park in the village centre either at the roadside or near the post box in the vicinity of Oulston Hall.

Start — Oulston Village

Distance – 5¼ miles

Duration – 2½ to 3 hours



1. From the post box cross the road and walk along the narrow tarmaced lane that leads west away from the main road past Manor Farm. About half a mile along pass through the Yeoman's Court complex of accommodation and caravan site. Go straight ahead as the track crosses a lane and further on take the left fork as the track splits and one arm bears right to Garbutt's Ghyll.
2. Soon after as the track descends, beside a gate bear right at 1 o'clock into the wood down a well trodden footpath. A little lower down pass through a gate, cross the small beck then climb steadily up the next field keeping the hedge on your left to arrive at another waymarked gate. From the gate head at 11 o'clock to pass along in front of The Lodge, which is on your right, along a lovely grass track. Pass through the next gate into a field and turn sharp right to skirt the edge of the field. As the boundary bends left, pass out of the field on to a road. Turn left and carefully walk by the road as it bends to reach the top of the village of Husthwaite.

3. Carry on past the sign of Malton Street down Gibbert Hill and keep going down that road until, by white railings, it meets another road at a junction. Turn sharp right here then, 70 yards on, turn left on to a waymarked bridleway. The track rises then descends to arrive, half a mile on, in a farmyard at 'Flower of May'. Pass through this complex bearing left then right between barns and exit via a gate at the far side.
4. Turn left and head at 11 o'clock towards the centre of the field in front. A path some 50 yards from the hedge on your right makes the going easier, passing under the electricity lines to arrive at a gate at the far end of the field which gives access to a road. Turn right alongside the road into the trees.
5. Just before the farm buildings turn left on to a waymarked track. Some 80 yards along turn left at the waymark through a gate and follow the waymark arrow across the small field to a field gate ahead. Pass into the next larger field and walk up it with the hedge on your right. At the end of the field you arrive at a crossroads of paths. Go through the hedge on the path to Oulston and carry on a similar line to the one you have been walking. The path rises to cross a long field passing to the right of a ruined farm building. After this the path bends at 1 o'clock towards the next farm ahead, Thornton Hill Farm.
6. At the tarmaced lane just before the farm turn right, then 100 yards along turn left on the waymarked path which passes to the right hand side of the properties. The path heads towards the mature trees visible at the left hand side of the next farm, Mount Pleasant. From the farm the path bears left at 10 o'clock across first a large field then a smaller one, both with white waymark posts at the far side.
7. On reaching the second post, go over the stile then turn sharp left and climb the hill to arrive at a gate at the summit. A waymark guides you to another field gate. Bear left and follow this track as it bends to the right round the hilltop to reach a tarmaced lane.
8. Turn right and walk back into Oulston village.