

Walk for December 2023

Terrington, High Stittenham, Low Mowthorpe.

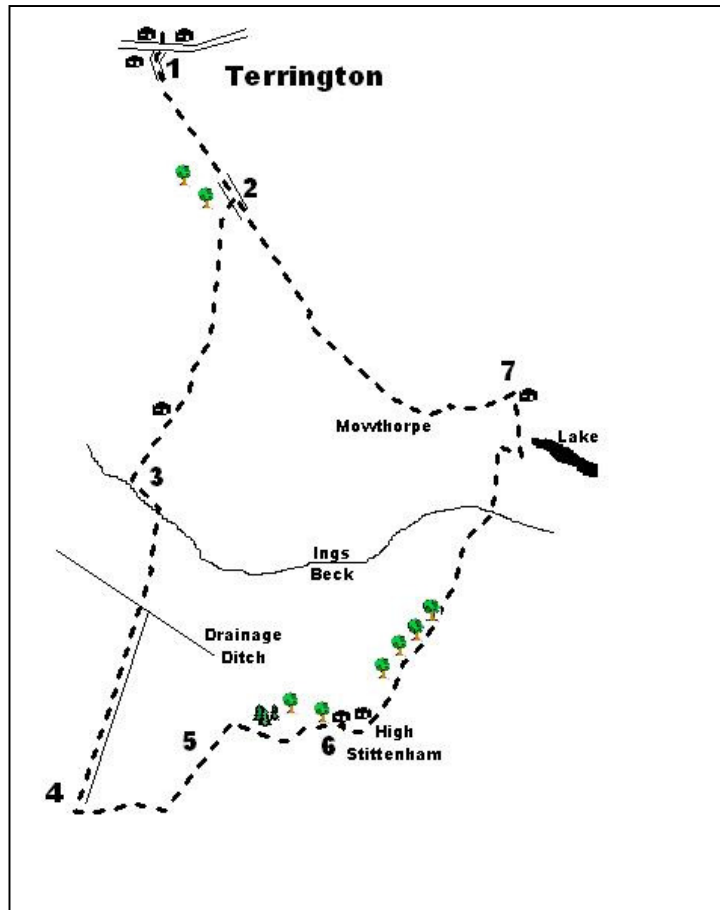
A walk that starts and ends in the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but ventures into the contrasting flat Vale of York to the meeting of the Ebor and Centenary Ways. Fine views and plenty of peace and quiet.

From the crossroads at the top of Slingsby village take the road uphill towards York and Castle Howard. Terrington lies some 3 miles west of Castle Howard and is signposted turning right from the crossroads near the Great Lake. Turn into Church Lane which runs right off the main street through the village opposite an old white painted water pump. There is ample parking on the right beside the church.

Start — The centre of Terrington Village

Distance – 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles

Duration – 2½ to 3 hours



1. From the centre of the village take the lane leading south signposted Mowthorpe Lane and Village Hall. Continue past the Village Hall and sportsfield, then pass the cemetery on your right.

2. About 150 yards past the cemetery turn right on a path waymarked 'Sheriff Hutton'. Stay on this path until it meets a track, then turn right on the track as it goes steeply downhill and passes to the right of a farmhouse. Continue through the complex and a little further on the path meets a stream.

3. Turn left with the stream on your right, and some 200 yards further along turn right and cross the bridge over the stream, joining a track that stretches far ahead through flat fields. For much of its length the track runs to the right of a substantial drainage ditch, frequented by heron. Sheriff Hutton Castle, with its Richard III connections, looms on the right but we do not reach that particular landmark today.

4. About a mile along, cross the drainage ditch at the first opportunity and leave the Ebor Way, joining the waymarked Centenary Way that passes through the field at 11 o'clock, skirting first a wood on your right, then passing to the top side of a small plantation on your left.

5. A little further up, with your next goal of Hall Farm clearly in view on top of the hill, although the track continues inside the field, the right of way passes at an angle into the plantation on the left, skirting the steep hillside before re-entering the field. Continue up to the right of the wood, pass through the hand gate and climb to the right of the house through the newly planted trees. Look back as you go to see with some envy the view enjoyed permanently from the house.

6. Join the lane that first bears right then passes through a delightful series of houses and gardens. As the main lane leads off to the right at High Stittenham, keep left along a waymarked lane signposted Mowthorpe and Centenary Way. The track rises as it leaves the buildings, and as it descends and splits, take the left fork and follow this downhill to the bridge crossing the beck. Stay on the well marked path as it bends first right, then left and heads for the farm buildings.

7. On reaching the farm, go through the last gate, turn left and take the rough road that winds its way uphill. After quite a stiff climb the road straightens and levels, providing a less strenuous final $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walk back to Terrington village.