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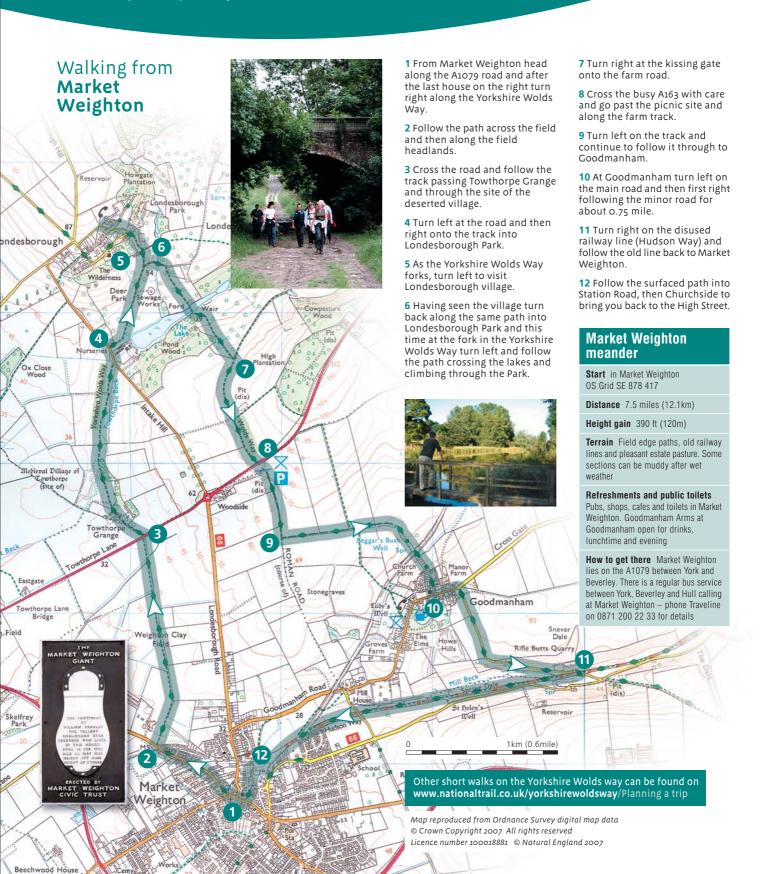






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This circuit has perhaps the greatest concentration of fascinating historical activity anywhere on the Yorkshire Wolds Way. Walk it and absorb the heritage.

The Market Weighton Giant -William Bradley, born in 1787, grew his way into the Guinness Book of Records as England's Tallest Man, measuring 7ft 9 inches tall and weighing 27 stone. His name remains in the book to this day, and must be one record that nobody is too keen to beat. The poor man was a celebrated fairground attraction throughout England until his death at the age of 33 and Market Weighton still in the Londesborough Arms, his local pub, and a plaque of his footprint is displayed in the

Londesborough and George Hudson - the Railway King Although only a shadow of its former glory, Londesborough Park is one of the most pleasant spots along the Yorkshire Wolds Way. In the 19th Century it belonged to George Hudson, the infamous Railway King. Originally a draper, in 1827 Hudson invested a £30,000 inheritance in railway shares and helped to gain parliamentary approval for the York and North Midlands Railway. As Lord Mayor of York, he made the city the railway capital of England and having made his own fortune by this time, bought the Londesborough Estate, where he constructed his own private railway station, on

Birthplace of Northern Christianity – When you visit the little Norman church in the centre of Goodmanham, try to imagine the drama that took place on this very spot in the 7th century, heralding the advent of Christianity in the north of England. A heathen temple once stood here when in AD 626 Edwin, the Saxon King of Northumbria held a great council to consider the new Christian religion. His High Priest Coifi advised that the temple at Goodmanham should

be burned, and offered to do this himself, realising that others feared the consequences of such action. He borrowed a horse and a war axe and upon reaching the temple flung the weapon into it. Seeing that no ill befell him, his followers set about demolishing the shrine and setting fire to the temple. And so it was that the Venerable Bede came to describe 'Goodmundingham' as it was then called as this one time place of idols'.



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