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Thixendale round

8 miles (13 km) – moderate circular walk

Walking from Thixendale

1 With the church on your left, follow the road through the village (part of the Yorkshire Wolds Way) and just after Manor Farm cross over a stile and follow the public bridleway sign up Thixen Dale.

2 Go through the gate and continue up the dale.

3 Bear right through the field gate and go up Milham Dale.

4 At the end of the dale, bear right and then turn left to follow a farm track.

5 Turn left at the road.

6 Turn right and make your way across fields to the bottom of the slope.

7 At the bottom of the slope, go through a gate on your left and cross the field to reach the farm track.

8 Turn right and follow the road around to Kirby Underdale.

9 Go through the village to then cross over a stile in the hedge on your right and head across the field.

10 Go through the gate and turn left.

11 Turn right and follow Painsthorpe Lane.

12 Turn left at the T-junction and then right onto the farm track.

13 Turn off the track as it swings sharply to the right to then bear right along the field edge and drop down to the bridleway leading along Worm Dale.

14 Turn left along Thixen Dale to re-join the Yorkshire Wolds Way.

15 Turn right at the road to return to Thixendale.



Thixendale Round

Start In Thixendale village
OS Grid SE 842 611

Distance 8.1 miles (13.1 km)

Height Gain 1161 ft (354 m)
Hilly in places.

Terrain A mixture of grass paths, stone tracks and tarmac roads.

Time 4 hours

Refreshments & public toilets Shop and pub in Thixendale. Small tearoom and shop in Kirby Underdale. No public toilets

How to get there Thixendale is 3 miles north of the A166 between York and Driffield. Park in village. No public transport

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Journey through an intriguing landscape of dry chalkland valleys, across green meadowlands linked by quiet country lanes with many wildlife discoveries to be made



Thixendale – One of the Yorkshire Wolds' most charming villages, tucked away at a point where six major dales converge. On closer inspection it can be seen that as many as sixteen dales radiate out from the village, which may explain the origin of its name. So remote is Thixendale that we believe it was probably the last place in England to have TV reception, which happened only in the mid 1990s!

Kirkby Underdale – This is a totally unspoilt estate village owned by Lord Halifax of Garrowby Hall. Here, at the Old Rectory in 1834, Bishop Thirwall wrote his monumental history of Greece, and it's hard to imagine a more pleasant place to work. You can explore the picturesque Norman church with the aid of the pamphlet found inside.

The Dales – Quite how these valleys became dry is open to interpretation, but is likely to be linked to the gradual recession of the 'scarp face' of the Wolds and a consequent dropping of the water table leaving the valleys dry.

Painsthorpe Dale – Between points 11 and 12 on the map is Painssthorpe Dale which is mapped as Open Country and became accessible to the public for the first time in 2006.



Route profile



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