

Try a Trail...

# Osmotherley ramble

4.8 miles (7.8km) – moderate circular walk

## Walking from Square Corner

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- 1 From the Square Corner parking area join the Cleveland Way heading west, signed for Osmotherley.
- 2 At the bottom of the moor, continue on the obvious track that passes Oak Dale Reservoir.
- 3 Turn left along the road and after about 30 metres go right onto a track still on the Cleveland Way.
- 4 Pass the field gate and turn left at the squeeze stile a few metres after and head towards White House Farm.
- 5 Turn right on the path that bypasses the farm and drop down and then across the bottom of the valley.
- 6 Cross the bridge and continue on the Cleveland Way up the side of the wood and then through the fields towards Osmotherley
- 7 At the road cross straight over and follow Back Lane into the Village centre.
- 8 Turn right and up the main road in Osmotherley, carry on beyond the Cleveland Way turn off. Join the route here if arriving by public transport.
- 9 Turn right and down the private road signed for the YHA and campsite.
- 10 Just past the hostel turn left up a path along the woodland edge.
- 11 Go through the gate marked for Cod Beck and follow the path through the forest block. This can be muddy in places.
- 12 The path meets a T junction, with a derelict building on the left. Go right here.
- 13 Go straight across at the two gates by Bad Lane.
- 14 Turn left off the lane after passing Rocky Plain Farm and head up the field.
- 15 Beyond the farm turn left and onto the farms access road.
- 16 At the top turn right onto the Hambleton Drive Road.
- 17 Continue along the road to return to Square Corner.

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**Start** Square Corner car park.  
(Alternative start from Osmotherley)

**Distance** 4.8 miles (7.8 km)

**Height Gain** 754 ft (230m)

**Terrain** A mixture of stone slab and pitched paths over moorland, grass fields and occasional muddy paths through woodland. Some road walking and some stone squeeze stiles and gates en route.

**Time** 3 hours

**Refreshments and public toilets**  
Café, pubs and toilets at Osmotherley

**How to get there** Square Corner is 2.5 miles south west of Osmotherley on the minor road for Hawby. There is a railway station at Northallerton and regular bus links to Osmotherley. Osmotherley is also served by the Moorsbus network. For details visit [www.yorkshiretravel.net](http://www.yorkshiretravel.net)

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Here's a great way to appreciate the moorland fringe of the North York Moors, combined with the delightful village of Osmotherley

## Osmotherley

Osmotherley's trademark appearance is a picture post-card scene of a market cross and stone table on the small village green at the T-junction of its two main roads. It has been a haven for holiday-makers and day trippers for over a hundred years and boasts three pubs, a café and a walking shop to satisfy active visitors. One of the highlights of the village year is the holding of the Osmotherley Summer Games.

## Hambleton Drove Road

When you walk the tranquil road near Chequers it is hard to imagine how busy the Hambleton Drove Road would

have been in its heyday in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Many cattle and even geese, sometimes with felt pads to protect their feet, were driven along this route from Scotland to Yorkshire towns and some eventually to London.

## Moorland Path Restoration

At the start of your walk you will follow stone slabs and steps that were part of an award winning scheme of path restoration in the 1990s. In all about 8 miles of the Cleveland Way was restored following extensive damage caused by walking on the vulnerable peat surface. This section won an award for the quality of work carried out to blend the surfacing into the natural surroundings.



Osmotherley ramble route profile



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