

Try a Trail...

Cleveland Way
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Ravenscar round

6 miles (9.5 km) – easy circular walk

Walking from Ravenscar

1 From the National Trust Coastal Centre follow the main road for 100 metres, then turn left towards the sea at the wooden Cleveland Way finger post.

2 At the cliff edge turn right continuing along the coastal Cleveland Way.

3 Continue beyond the old Coastguard lookout for another kilometre.

4 Turn right at the stile and footpath sign and walk along the field edge.

5 Turn left at the minor road (War Dyke Lane).

6 Leave the road, turning right onto the bridleway.

7 Just before the railway arch turn right and head up the slope to join the old railway line.

8 Turn right and follow the old railway track back towards Ravenscar.

9 Drop off the old railway line into Station Square then follow the pavement back to the Coastal Centre.

10 This walk can now be extended by walking down the track passing the Coastal Centre along the Cleveland Way. Drop down this track for 0.6 mile (1 km), turning left as you join the main track further down.

11 Take the right turn on the permissive path taking you to the Peak Alum Works which is owned and managed by the National Trust.

12 You can return by rejoining the track and following it through the golf course to return to the Coastal Centre.

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Start National Trust Coastal Centre
OS Grid NZ 980 016.

Distance 4.3 miles (7 km) or 5.9 miles (9.5 km) with optional extension.

Height Gain 131 ft (40 m) or 810 ft (247 m) with optional extension. Fairly level.

Terrain Mixture of grass path, stony track, rail path and tarmac road.

Time 2.75 hours with extension.

Refreshment & public toilets
Tearoom and hotel in Ravenscar.

How to get there Ravenscar is 3 miles east of the A171 between Whitby and Scarborough. Buses from Scarborough (Route 16) Monday to Friday.

For more short routes look at
www.nationaltrail.co.uk/clevelandway/Planning a Trip/Trips and Walks

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Open your eyes to the scenery, your ears to the sounds – and your mind to the freedom. It's all here in one glorious walk, short in length but great in contrast



Ravenscar – Ravenscar's claim to fame is as the town that never was. In 1895, property developers bought the land with the intention of setting up a big holiday resort. Only a few homes, along with the roads and the sewer system, were built before the developers went bust. These can all be seen today

Whitby-Scarborough disused railway – The old railway line was opened in 1885 and carried holidaymakers and daytrippers to popular places such as Robin Hood's Bay. At Ravenscar the line went into a tunnel as the owner of the Raven Hall Hotel, Mr Hammond, would not allow a visible line across his land! The line closed in 1965 and is now a popular route for walkers and cyclists.

Radar Stations – At point 3 you will see the best example of a World War II Radar Station on the North Yorkshire coast. Built in 1941, the station enabled operators to see enemy craft approaching that were otherwise invisible to the naked eye.

Peak Alum Works – The 1.6 mile extension to this route allows you to visit the site of the former Peak Alum Works. North Yorkshire is considered home to the world's first chemical industry and alum was used to fix dye in materials. The site at Ravenscar lasted from 1640 to 1862 when cheaper synthetic materials were found that could do the same job. There are numerous interpretation boards on site which fully explain its importance.



Route profile



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