

Try a Trail easy access walks



SALTBURN VALLEY GARDENS

This is a moderate walk on good tracks, but with gradients up to 1:15. The Saltburn Valley Gardens are a maze of pleasant paths and tracks with seats at frequent intervals. Refreshments, a Woodland Centre, children's play areas and a miniature railway can all be enjoyed – all set in a mix of formal gardens and 'wild' woodland.

The walk is likely to be suitable for people with impaired mobility or with a pushchair, wheelchair or mobility scooter.

The walk can be done without steps or stiles, though alternative stepped sections are also described. The path condition will vary depending on the weather.



Distance

This circular walk is approximately 2 miles in length (3.2km).

Path details

Firm limestone tracks and tarmac pavements with moderate gradients.

Start

Park at the junction of Victoria Road, Marske Mill Lane and The Ridge. (OS Explorer Map 306 Grid Ref 662204)

Route

Join the Cleveland Way just below The Ridge and follow it to the coast. Return up the valley. There are various alternative routes, all leading in a similar direction.

Nearest facilities

There is a tea room in the Valley Gardens. All facilities are available in Saltburn.

How to get there

From the centre of Saltburn take the coast road towards Whitby. At the main junction turn right along Balmoral Terrace. Follow the road parallel to the edge of the valley and after 1 mile at the T junction turn left along Marske Mill Lane to the junction with Victoria Road. This walk could be done in reverse order.

Points of Interest

In days gone by these thick, wild woodlands would have provided an ideal haven for smuggled goods arriving off the Saltburn coast; indeed, it is said that a tunnel still links The Ship Inn with the inland valley.

Victorian Saltburn developed from one man's dream. Whilst walking along the coast, Henry Pease had a vision of tall splendid buildings rising from the clifftop. He established the Saltburn Improvement Company and advertised for designs for the town. Plots were allocated for villas for wealthy visitors, hotels for the middle classes and areas for cheap boarding houses for the workers. There were doctors, reading rooms, a convalescent home, water, drains, gas and roads but no premises selling alcohol. It was at this time that the Valley Gardens became the more formal delight they are today.



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Take the track downhill between 'Victoria Road' and 'The Ridge'.



Join the Cleveland Way and bear left down a short, steep slope.



Avoid the path to the right, continue ahead on the gently undulating track.



Avoid the path to the left, continue down the main track.



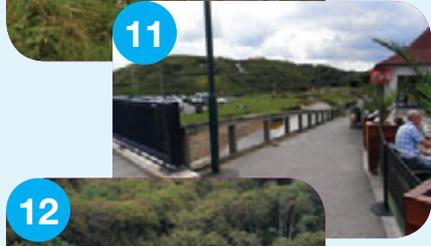
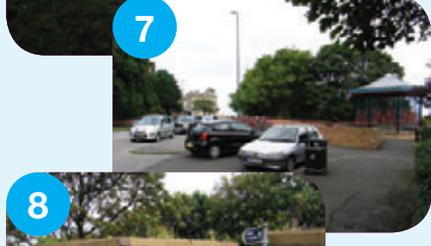
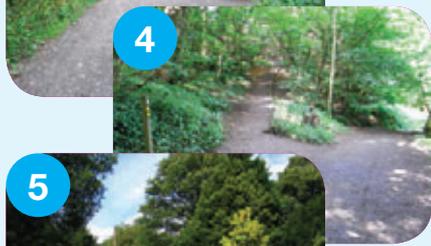
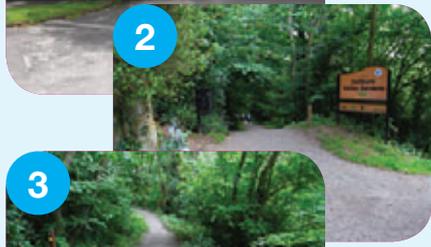
Follow the track uphill to the left.



Slope or steps Up. Continue ahead on the path or turn left up 16 Steps to the road.



Follow the path past the bandstand and continue down the road to the seafront rejoining at point 11 OR,



Opposite Dundas East Street, turn right down the steps by the bus stop.



Pass the Spa Hotel and turn right down the (60) steps to join the road.



Turn right immediately before the river bridge.



Continue past the playground and over the footbridge.



Walk alongside the miniature railway and turn right over the footbridge.



Slope and steps or bear right for slope only.



Head for the refreshments!



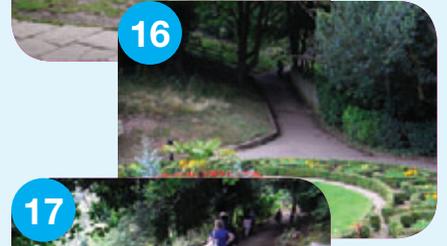
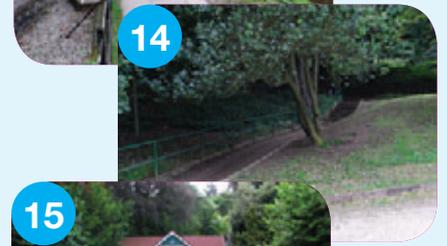
Double back through the formal garden.



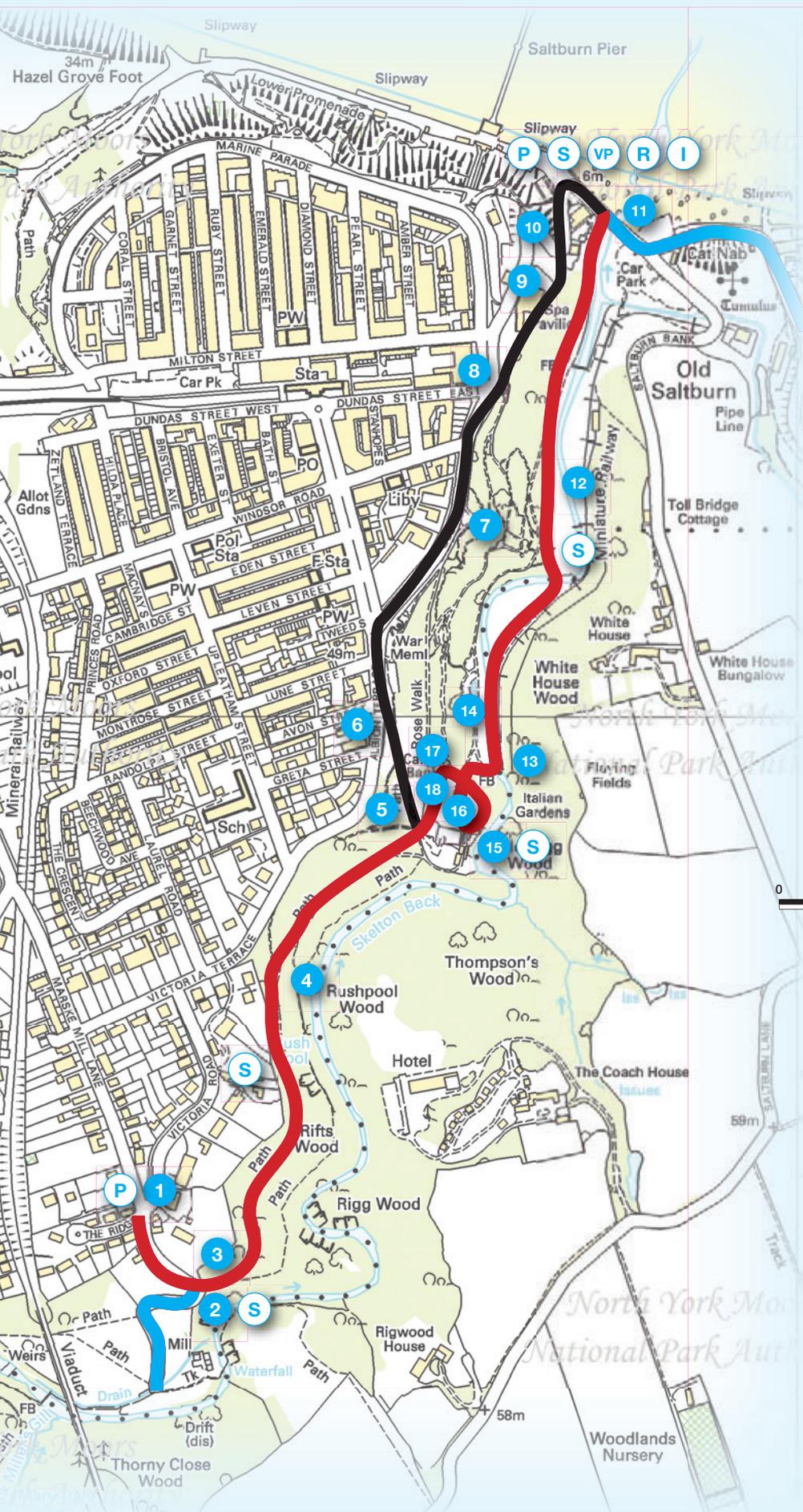
Bear left.



Rejoin the outward route to return to the start.



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KEY

-  Tarmac road or path
-  Compact hard surface, occasional stones or gravel
-  Compact earth/short grass
-  Worn grass
-  Ruts, stones or long grass
-  Rough surface
-  Continuation of National Trail
-  Gate
-  Parking
-  Seat
-  Information Panel
-  View Point
-  Toilets
-  Refreshments
-  Photo Location

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