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Yorkshire Wolds Way
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Settrington circuit

5.2 miles (8.4km) – moderate circular walk

Walking from Settrington Beacon

1 Start out from Settrington Beacon south west along the Yorkshire Wolds Way. Head for and pass the large agricultural buildings at High Bellmanear.

2 Turn right off the track at the fingerpost and follow the path across the arable fields.

3 Cross the small copse and then down the path across the field

4 At the bottom of the curiously named Fizzig Hill cross left into the field heading towards Low Bellmanear.

5 Turn right and follow the track.

6 Turn right up the road and then right again at the footpath sign. This can be a bit hidden.

7 As the track turns for Wardale House cross the stile ahead and walk along the field edge.

8 Continue into the next field and bear left. Head north east dropping down diagonally across the field towards a gate at the bottom. It's a bit muddy here and there are usually cattle around.

9 Go through the gate, over the spring and head up the field towards the gate

10 Bear left up the hill towards the left of Wold House.

11 Cross the stile, turn right around the concrete shed and left up the track

12 Cross the road and bear to the right across the field

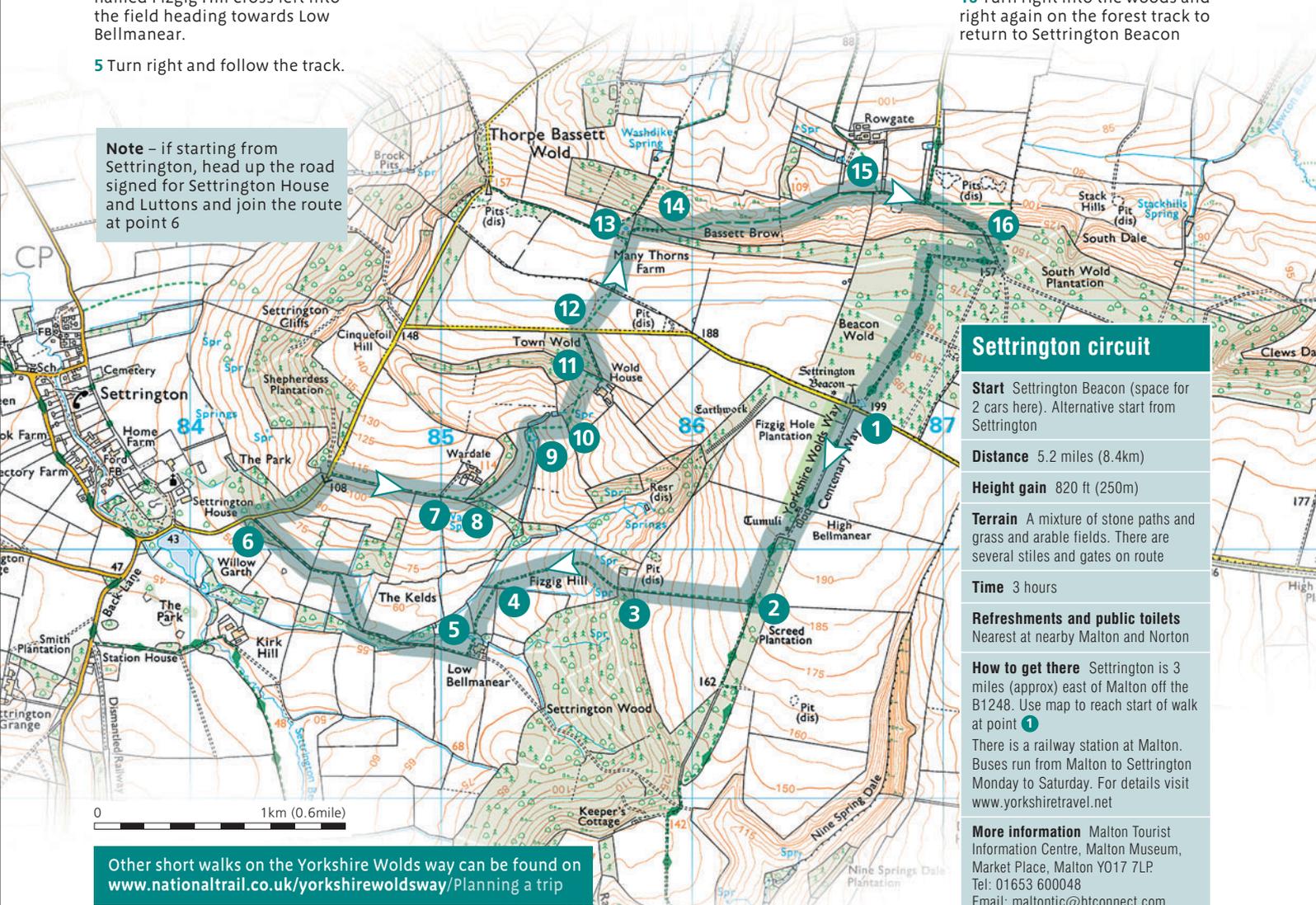
13 Skirt around to the left of the derelict remains of Many Thorns Farm then turn right onto the bridleway and into the trees.

14 Follow the bridleway gradually dropping down the slope of Bassett Brow.

15 Go through the gate and shortly turn right onto the Yorkshire Wolds Way and up the slope.

16 Turn right into the woods and right again on the forest track to return to Settrington Beacon

Note – if starting from Settrington, head up the road signed for Settrington House and Luttons and join the route at point 6



Settrington circuit

Start Settrington Beacon (space for 2 cars here). Alternative start from Settrington

Distance 5.2 miles (8.4km)

Height gain 820 ft (250m)

Terrain A mixture of stone paths and grass and arable fields. There are several stiles and gates on route

Time 3 hours

Refreshments and public toilets Nearest at nearby Malton and Norton

How to get there Settrington is 3 miles (approx) east of Malton off the B1248. Use map to reach start of walk at point 1
There is a railway station at Malton. Buses run from Malton to Settrington Monday to Saturday. For details visit www.yorkshiretravel.net

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Settrington

The former church at Settrington had the infamous priest Bogo de Clare as its vicar in the 13th Century. However, it's a claim that many churches can make because it is believed at one time he was in charge of over 31 churches, collecting his salary, or benefices, for each one. He was however very rarely seen outside of London where he was renowned for entertaining lavishly!

Settrington Reservoir

At Settrington Beacon water is drawn from a borehole and stored in a service reservoir. The underlying chalk here is very porous and rain water sinks rapidly through it. It is however a good aquifer and stores the water in its lower layers beneath which is non porous clay.

Wildlife

The well drained banks and calcium rich soils provide ideal conditions for plants requiring lime to survive, such as harebells, cowslips and buttercups. These in turn attract many colourful butterflies in Summer, Red Admiral, Peacock and Common Blue amongst many others. Hares are a common sight and look out for buzzard, which can sometimes be seen off the edge of the Wolds at Rowgate Bank.

Bronze Age

Near the start of this walk tumuli are marked on the map. These date back to the bronze age (2500 to 700BC) when these small round barrows were built for burial all over the Wolds.

Settrington circuit route profile



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