

Try a Trail...

Yorkshire Wolds Way
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Wolds Edge 9.9 mile (15.9km)

A day walk on the northern chalk escarpment of the Yorkshire Wolds



West Heslerton to Staxton

(shorter option finishing at Ganton – 6.5 miles (10.5km))

Travel by bus Excellent regular connections on the Yorkshire Coastliner from Leeds, York and Scarborough

Terrain Moderate walking on mainly grass paths, with two ascents from the Vale of Pickering onto the Yorkshire Wolds escarpment



Highlights

The real highlight of this walk is the peaceful walking along the Wolds escarpment with great views across the Vale of Pickering to the North York Moors National Park.

A bed for the night

If you are looking to stay over in the area there is accommodation at East Heslerton and Ganton. For details go to www.nationaltrail.co.uk/yorkshirewoldsway

Food & drink

West Heslerton has the Dawnay Arms pub. There are also 2 shops and the East Riding pub at Sherburn. Just off the walk at Potter Brompton, there is a coffee shop at the Sally Middlewood Farm Bakery, where you can stock up on some local produce. The Ganton Greyhound pub can be found at Ganton and finally Staxton has the Hare and Hounds.

Catching buses

The route is served by the excellent Yorkshire Coastliner service, regular hourly buses running every day from Leeds, York and Scarborough. Visit www.coastliner.co.uk for details, or call 01653 692556. Bus stops are at the crossroads at West Heslerton, and opposite the Ganton Greyhound at Ganton and the Hare and Hounds at Staxton.

Following the trail

From the bus stop at West Heslerton head into the village and left along the High Street. Pass the school and shortly before Rectory Farm cross the stile and head up the field. After the next stile go diagonally across the fields to the top of the escarpment where you reach the Yorkshire Wolds Way. From here the signs clearly mark out the Yorkshire Wolds Way National Trail through to RAF Staxton Wold. When you reach here turn left to drop down off the Wolds into Staxton.

For more information

North Yorkshire Wolds
www.yorkshiremoorsandcoast.com

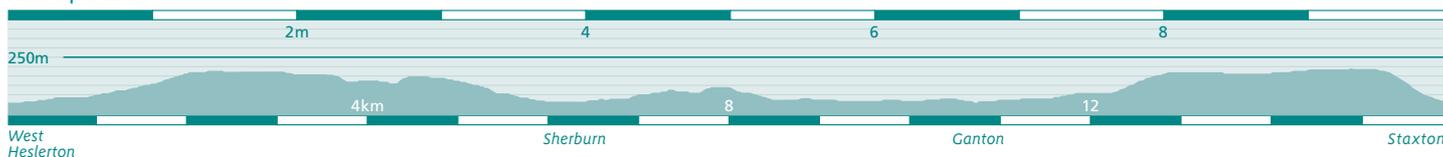
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Follow the Countryside Code

If you follow the countryside code wherever you go, you'll get the best enjoyment possible and you'll help to protect the countryside now and for future generations

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Route profile



West Heslerton

Sherburn

Ganton

Staxton

Bee orchids thrive in chalk grasslands. The beautifully sculptured lip of the flower resembles a bumble bee, attracting mating male bees which then carry pollen to other flowers helping pollination.



West Heslerton

At the foot of the northern escarpment of the Wolds, six miles south east of Pickering, the village is the site of one of Britain's largest archaeological digs. Recent excavations at Heslerton have shown that an extensive network of farms, tracks and important buildings were built along the foot of the Wolds from prehistoric to Roman times. The settlement flourished for several centuries during late Roman and early Saxon times until about 800AD. The site contains traces of over 200 buildings including some substantial structures and bread ovens.

East Heslerton Brow

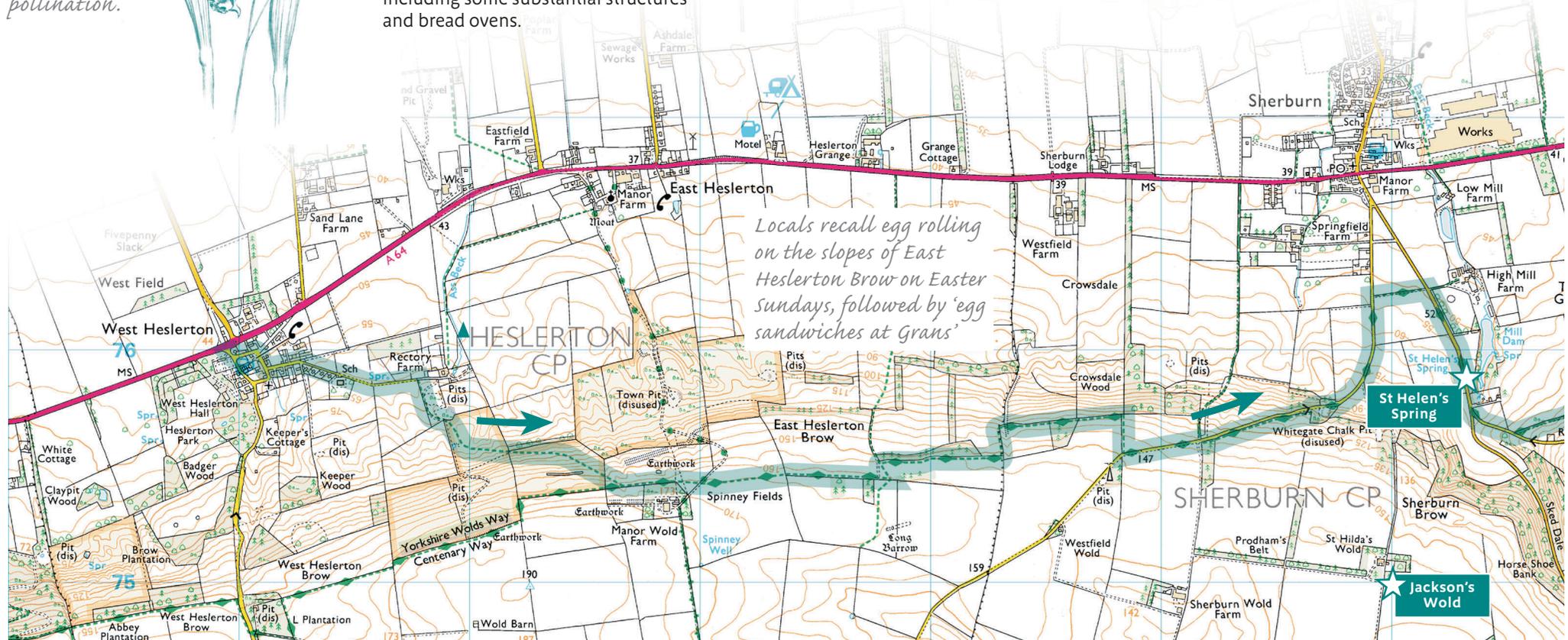
An important wildlife site, recorded as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). East Heslerton Brow is situated on the north facing escarpment of the Wold with good views across the Vale of Pickering to the North York Moors. A complex of spurs and small valley slopes support a rich variety of chalkland grasses, herbs and wild flowers especially orchids, including twayblade, fragrant, pyramidal, frog and bee orchids.

Jackson Wold

Lovely gardens open Tuesdays and Wednesdays May to June – Alan Titchmarsh is a big fan!

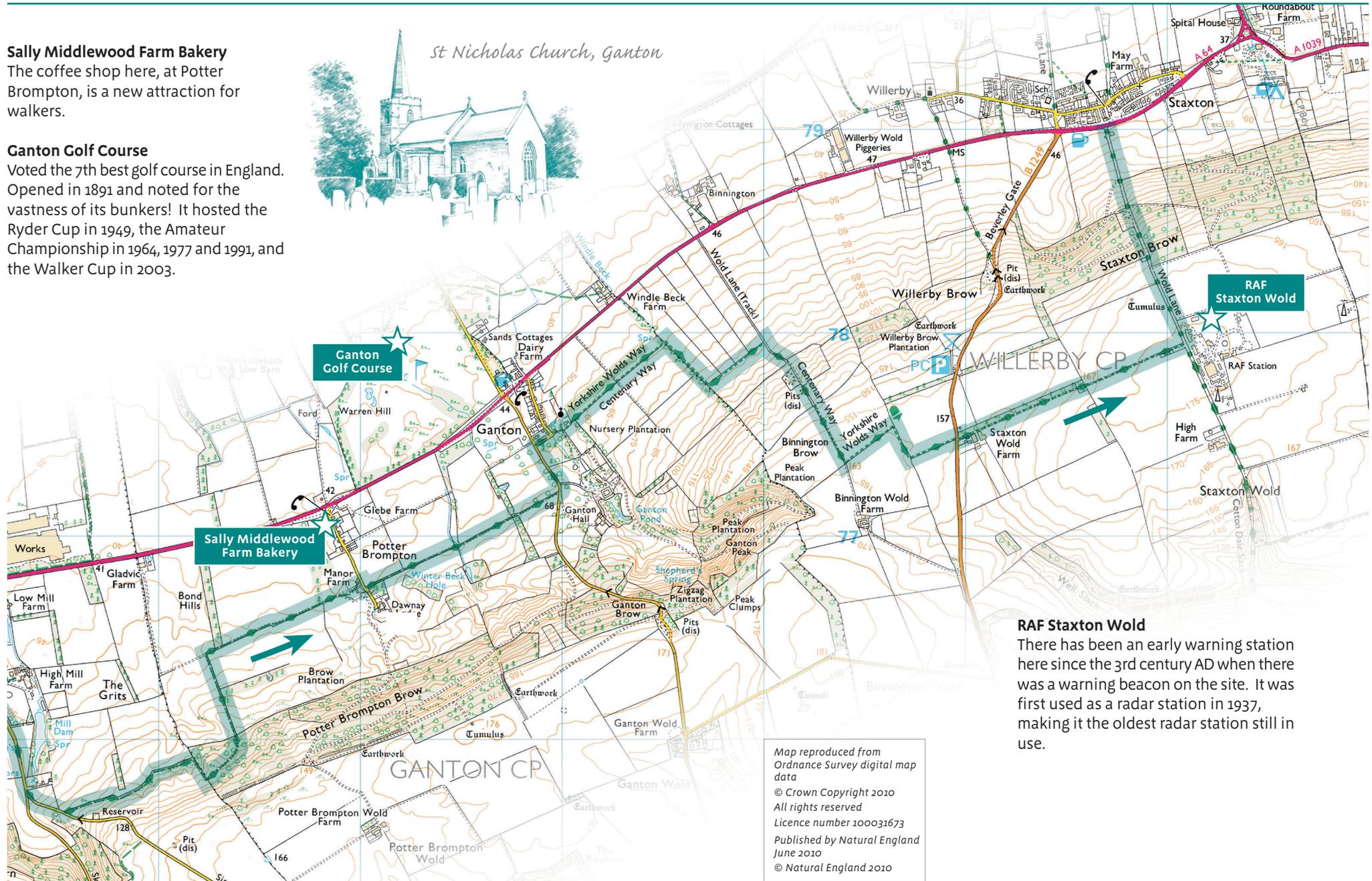
St Helen's Spring

Recorded as one of Yorkshire's Holy Wells, the spring rises out of chalk rubble in a field alongside the road south from Sherburn, forming a stream which flows into the nearby lake.



Sally Middlewood Farm Bakery
The coffee shop here, at Potter Brompton, is a new attraction for walkers.

Ganton Golf Course
Voted the 7th best golf course in England. Opened in 1891 and noted for the vastness of its bunkers! It hosted the Ryder Cup in 1949, the Amateur Championship in 1964, 1977 and 1991, and the Walker Cup in 2003.



RAF Staxton Wold
There has been an early warning station here since the 3rd century AD when there was a warning beacon on the site. It was first used as a radar station in 1937, making it the oldest radar station still in use.

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