

Try a Trail easy access walks

# Hudson Way Rail Trail

This is a pleasant, easy walk along the track bed of the old railway from the centre of Market Weighton. Return the same way or via Goodmanham. Alternatively a friend may pick you up when you reach the minor road at Rifle Butts Quarry!

This walk is mainly level (there are bigger slopes up to 1: 6 if you choose to return via Goodmanham) The walk is likely to be suitable for people with impaired mobility or with a pushchair, wheelchair or mobility scooter.



Yorkshire Wolds Way   
NATIONAL TRAIL



## Distance

Follow the rail track for 1½ miles (2.4km) and return either by the same route or via Goodmanham, a distance of a further 2 miles.(3.2km)

## Path details

The track bed is level but a little rough in places There is a 50m, 1:6 slope down to the road at Rifle Butts. The minor road to Goodmanham has no footpath and climbs for 400m at a maximum slope of 1:10. From Goodmanham a tarmac footpath follows the road to Market Weighton. Apart from a short (100m) rise of 1:12 the route is level or with a max down slope of 1:14. There are several seats along the route.

## Start

Start at the free car park in Londesborough Road, Market Weighton (Map: OS Explorer 294. Grid ref SE 876418)

## Route

Turn left out of the car park up Londesborough Road then first right along Hall Road and straight ahead along the track bed of the old railway. After 1½ miles (2.4k) a minor road crossing is reached near Rifle Butts Quarry. This is a convenient pick up point for those with support transport. An alternative return route follows the minor road uphill to the left into Goodmanham and on to Market Weighton.

## Nearest facilities

There is an accessible toilet opposite the car park in Market Weighton where there are several pubs, cafes and shops. There is a pub in Goodmanham.

## How to get there

Market Weighton is well served by public transport from Hull, Pocklington and York. For details visit traveline on [www.traveline.net](http://www.traveline.net)

## Points of interest

As well as being along the Yorkshire Wolds Way, this walk follows part of the Hudson Way, a long distance walk named for George Hudson 'The Railway King' who fell from grace in 1849 following a financial scandal. The route follows part of the trackbed of the Market Weighton to Beverley railway. Opened in 1865 the line operated for just 100 years before closure in 1965 as part of the Beeching Plan. Rifle Butts Quarry, a reserve of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, is of international geological importance and is well worth a visit.



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From the car park turn left up Londesborough Road.

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Turn right along Hall Road.

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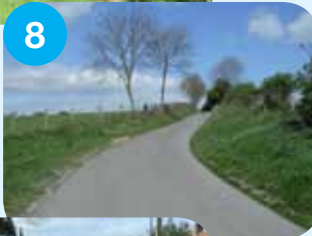
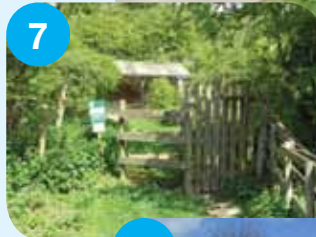
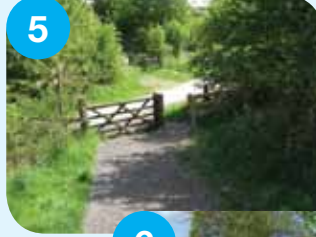
Follow the track bed of the old railway signed Hudson Way and Yorkshire Wolds Way Sections of this route are covered in loose gravel.

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After 750 metres you pass under the bridge and continue for a further 1½k to the road.

5 1:6 50m S G

The path now drops quite steeply to the minor road. This is a possible pick up point. Return by the same route or turn left to Goodmanham.



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Pause to look at All Hollows Church parts of which date back to around 1300. Continue along the road through the village.

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From the Market Weighton sign, after a short slight rise, the route continues along the road to the junction then turns left to return to Market Weighton.

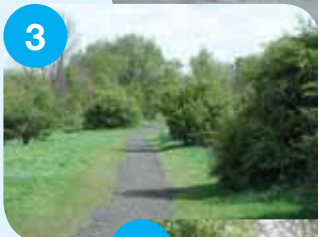
**An alternative route turns left through a hand gate and along a stony path.**

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Follow the path around the edge of the playing field.

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The path passes through a kissing gate and rejoins the old railway. Turn right to return to Market Weighton.



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Turn left along the tarmac road. **Take care – no footway.**

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After 130 metres you pass the gateway into Rifle Butts Quarry. This Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Reserve is of international importance for its geological exposures. An on-site information panel explains all!

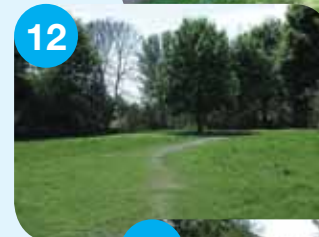
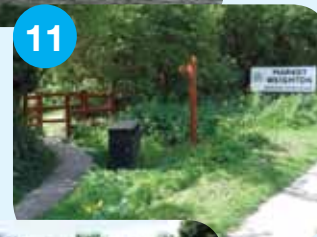
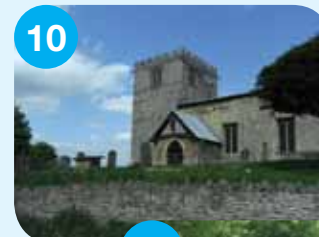
8 1:8 500m 1:20 250m

Follow the road as it rises gently, then more steeply around the bend and on to Goodmanham.

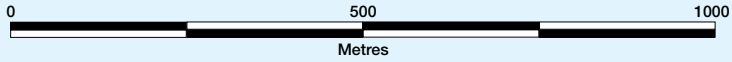
**Listen and watch for traffic on the bend. Walk on the left hand side of the road.**

9 1:20 100m

Turn left and follow the road through the village.



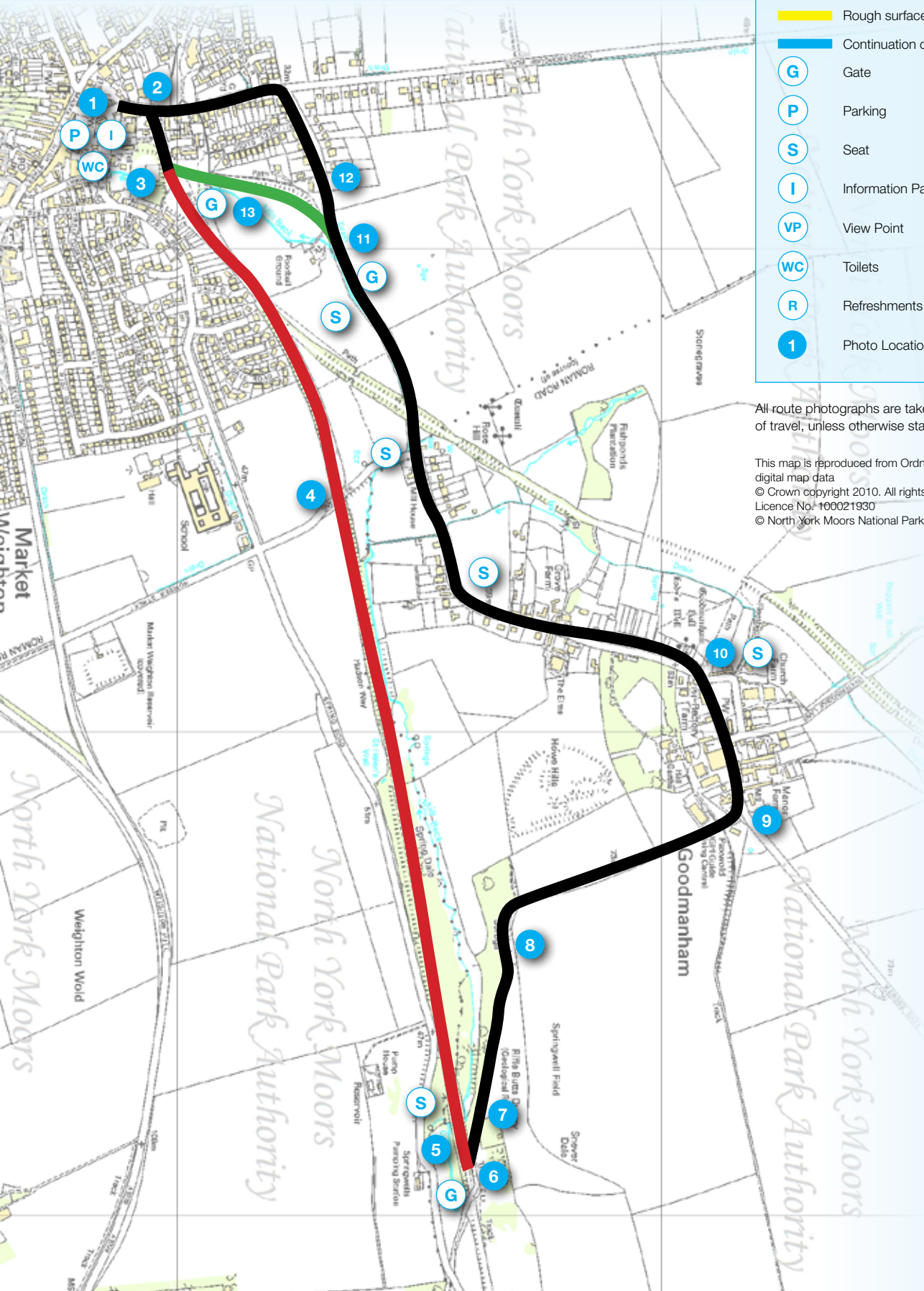
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## KEY

- 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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