

# Guisborough 3 Peaks Challenge

## A 6½-Mile Circular Walk Featuring Roseberry Topping, Hanging Stone, and Highcliff Nab

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### Introduction to the Walk

The Guisborough 3 Peaks walk is a rewarding circular route that takes you across three dramatic high points in the North York Moors National Park: Roseberry Topping, Hanging Stone, and Highcliff Nab. Each summit offers breathtaking panoramic views, officially recognised on Ordnance Survey maps with the blue viewpoint symbol.

This scenic hike combines woodland trails, moorland paths, and hilltop climbs, making it an excellent challenge for walkers who love varied terrain and outstanding landscapes. You'll traverse forested bridleways, rugged hills, and expansive moorland, culminating in a spectacular finale at Highcliff Nab before returning to your starting point.

### Highlights of the Walk

- Roseberry Topping – The iconic, half-cone-shaped peak rising to 320 metres, offering spectacular 360-degree views.
- Hanging Stone – A dramatic sandstone outcrop within Hutton Lowcross Woods, providing stunning vistas over Guisborough and beyond.
- Highcliff Nab – A rugged cliff-top viewpoint overlooking the Tees Valley, the North Sea, and the Cleveland Hills.
- Cleveland Way – Walk along this famous National Trail, following sections marked with the acorn symbol.
- Newton Moor & Hutton Moor – Open moorland offering peaceful walking and stunning landscapes.
- Guisborough Forest & Woodlands – Tranquil forest paths and wide bridleways weave through the landscape.

### Additional Information

- Distance: 6½ miles (10½ kilometres)
- Duration: Approximately 3½ hours (excluding stops and breaks)
- Difficulty: Moderate to challenging
- Trail Conditions: Well-defined paths, woodland tracks, and stone-flagged trails, with some steep sections
- Recommended Map: OS Explorer OL26 – North York Moors, Western Area
- Parking: Available on Hutton Village Road
  - Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/beb5E71nuXJv9W4b6>
  - What3Words: ///resorting.discouraged.they

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# Step-by-Step Directions

- [1] Start your Guisborough 3 Peaks walk on Hutton Village Road, where you will find a section of roadside parking on a bend. Park here, then locate the lane leading to Timber House, Lowcross House, Park House, and School House. Opposite this lane, on the other side of the road, go through the gate leading to a grassy bank. Follow the semicircular path uphill, ignoring the first left-hand path.
- [2] Reach the top and pass through another gate to enter Hutton Lowcross Woods. Follow the bridleway for about half a mile.
- [3] When you come to a fork, take the left-hand path uphill, avoiding the right-hand path, which descends into High Bousdale Wood. Walk south-west, following the dry stone wall, and go through a gate where you will see Roseberry Topping appear ahead.
- [4] Go through another gate to enter National Trust countryside and continue as the path gently ascends over Roseberry Common.
- [5] Before you reach a wall with a gate, turn right and begin climbing, keeping the wall to your left.
- [6] Follow the zigzagging stone-stepped path uphill. Reach the summit of Roseberry Topping (A), then retrace your steps back down the hill.
- [7] At the bottom, follow the path running east alongside the wall, passing the gate you encountered earlier. Walk uphill towards the cone-shaped Little Roseberry. Take the stepped stone path that curves around the right-hand side of the hill.
- [8] At the top, go through a gate onto Newton Moor, where three paths diverge. Take the first left-hand path, keeping the wall on your left, and follow it across the moorland.
- [9] Cross a stile to leave the National Trust area, then continue along the grassy track towards Hanging Stone.
- [10] Descend the track, and when it bends sharply right, look for a narrow footpath on your left leading into the woodland. Follow this path to reach Hanging Stone (B), then retrace your steps back along the narrow path.
- [11] Turn left onto the stony track and walk south through the woodland until you reach the Cleveland Way again.
- [12] Turn left onto a wide stone track heading east towards Highcliff Nab. Go through a gate and immediately reach a crossroads.
- [13] Turn right, walking uphill onto Hutton Moor.
- [14] Take the next left to stay on the Cleveland Way, which is marked with an acorn symbol. Walk along the flagged stone path across open moorland, keeping the wall on your left as you skirt the base of Black Nab.
- [15] Pass through another gate and continue up the gentle ascent, walking alongside Highcliff Farm, which will be on your left.
- [16] When you reach the woodland, ignore the first left-hand path (a bridleway) and instead take the second left, which is marked as the Cleveland Way. Walk through a gate near a bench and follow the path alongside a wall until you reach a signpost where the path splits to the left and right.
- [17] Turn right, following the Cleveland Way uphill towards Highcliff Nab. Cross a wide stone track and continue until you reach the base of the Highcliff Nab rocky outcrop. Turn right, then climb a short flight of steps to reach the summit of Highcliff Nab (C).
- [18] Retrace your steps back to the stone track and turn right. Walk downhill until you reach a T-junction.
- [19] Turn left onto the wide forestry track. Follow it downhill through the woodland, ignoring all side paths.
- [20] When the track bends right, take the sharper right-hand turn and descend steeply along a tarmac lane leading to Hutton Village.
- [21] At the bottom, go through a gate and join the main road running through Hutton Village.
- [22] Walk through the village and follow the road until you reach the parking area where you started.

This is a detailed topographic map of the Hutton area in Cleveland, showing a 22-point circular route. The map includes contour lines, place names like Roseberry, Hutton Village, and Hutton Moor, and various geographical features such as woods and farms. A red line with arrows indicates the route connecting the 22 numbered points. Key locations include Roseberry Topping, Cleveland Way, and the Hutton Low Cross Woods. The map also shows the A166 road and the Cleveland Coast Path.