

Hutton-le-Hole Walk

Route to Lasingham and Appleton-le-Moors

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Introduction to the Walk

This is a cracking walk through some of the most beautiful countryside in the North York Moors. Starting from the National Park car park in Hutton-le-Hole, the circular route heads through fields, woodland, and moorland to visit the historic villages of Lasingham, Spaunton, and Appleton-le-Moors. You'll pass Jennie's Bridge over Hole Beck, stop at three charming churches, and enjoy stunning scenery throughout.

Highlights of the Walk

The walk is packed with highlights. You'll pass shops and cafés, explore quiet country lanes and hidden woodland paths, and stop by three very different churches. Look out for the crypt of Lasingham's ancient Church of St Mary. Along the way, discover a 17th-century hotel and tea room, a pub with a pewter-lined bar, a beautifully restored reading room, and two old pinfolds once used for stray livestock. The scenery is varied and memorable, from rolling farmland to sweeping moorland and peaceful bridleways.

Hutton-le-Hole is one of the most picturesque villages in the North York Moors National Park. It's steeped in history, with a name that dates back to the Domesday Book and a strong Quaker heritage. Sheep graze freely on the village green, Hutton Beck winds through the centre, and the village is home to many listed buildings.

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Additional Information

- **Distance:** 9¼ miles (14¾ kilometres).
- **Duration:** Approximately 4¼ hours (excluding stops and breaks).
- **Difficulty:** Moderate. Mostly gentle gradients with clear paths and lanes, plus one steep climb on a gravel path into Hagg Wood.
- **Trail Conditions:** A mix of meadow and woodland paths, moorland footpaths, stone tracks (e.g. Spauntons Lane, Ings Balk, South Ings Lane), bridleways (including Lingmoor Lane and Bottomfields Lane), and short stretches on quiet tarmac roads with wide grassy verges. Crossings include wooden footbridges (Jennie's Bridge over Hole Beck) and road bridges. Occasional gates; routes generally easy to follow.
- **Recommended Map:** OS Explorer OL26 – North York Moors Western Area.
- **Parking:** North York Moors National Park car park just north of Hutton-le-Hole village centre, pay-and-display, around 80 spaces, with excellent toilet facilities.
 - **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DCqfeT11wrMgc6Jh9>
 - **What3Words:** ///showcase.keyboards.mole

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Step-by-Step Directions

Begin your Hutton-le-Hole walk by parking in the **North York Moors National Park car park (1)** just north of the village centre. It's a well-maintained pay-and-display car park with around 80 spaces and excellent toilet facilities. From here, turn left and walk downhill towards The Old School House Deli and Bakery.

At the end of the road, turn left again and continue into the heart of Hutton-le-Hole. Pass the Ryedale Folk Museum on your left, then walk past the cafés and shops until you reach **St Chad's Church (2)**, also on the left. Just after the church, and directly opposite the village hall, turn left onto a public footpath.

This path passes Hutton-le-Hole Bowling Club and leads into open fields. Follow the clear public footpath through meadowland and woodland for just over half a mile. When you **reach the main road (3)**, turn right and walk uphill in the direction of Lastingham for half a mile. Although it's a road walk, the wide grassy verges make this a safe and pleasant section. As you go, pass High Cross House and High Cross Cottage on your right.

Just before the road crosses a small bridge, turn left onto a **stone track heading north (4)**. This is a public footpath leading out onto open moorland. The path curves to the right, running alongside a dry stone wall. Keep the wall on your right and follow the well-defined track, with wide views of the moor opening up to your left.

Look out for a wooden public footpath signpost and a smaller post with a yellow waymarker. These guide you leftwards, towards the bend of a dry stone wall. Take care not to follow the track that leads into the field corner at Camomile Farm. Instead, continue with the wall on your right, gradually descending into a shallow valley.

Cross Hole Beck using the wooden footbridge known as **Jennie's Bridge (5)**, then climb the opposite bank. At the top, you'll find a bench, a wooden signpost, and a large **weathered stone pillar (6)** engraved with a cross and the word 'Lastingham'. Turn right here and follow the stone track downhill, which soon becomes a tarmac road called High Street.

Continue along High Street into Lastingham, passing **Lastingham Grange Country House Hotel (7)** on your left. At the bottom, you'll reach a T-junction. You'll return to this point shortly, but for now, turn right onto Front Street to visit the historic **Church of St Mary (8)** and The Blacksmiths Arms pub. Along the way, you'll pass a stone well on your right, then cross the bridge over Hole Beck.

After visiting the church and pub, retrace your steps along Front Street, following signs for Cropton, Pickering, and Rosedale. Cross back over the bridge, pass the well once more, and return to the T-junction at the base of High Street. Now turn right again onto Low Street, still following signs for Cropton, Pickering, and Rosedale.

Stay on Low Street as it heads south through the village. When the main road bends left, take the narrower road to the right, which crosses a single-arched stone bridge. Bear left immediately after and continue along a quiet lane past a row of cottages on the right: Littlebeck, Stone Cottage, Holbeck House, and Brook Cottage. Brook Farm Cottage appears on your left shortly afterwards.

As the road bends left, continue straight ahead on a gravel public footpath that climbs steeply into **Hagg Wood (9)**. Ascend through the woodland until you reach a quiet road at the top. Turn right, then follow the road as it bends left towards Spaunton. Walk through the village, which is essentially a single street.

At the **far end of Spaunton (10)**, reach a T-junction and turn left onto a wide stone track known as Spauntons Lane. Continue south for about three-quarters of a mile. At a **slightly hidden crossroads (11)**, take the bridleway straight ahead. This path is part of the Tabular Hills Walk and is called Ings Balk.

After another half a mile, reach a **more obvious crossroads (12)**. Go through the gate and turn left onto South Ings Lane, continuing on the Tabular Hills Walk. Follow this broad track for over half a mile until it meets the road in Appleton-le-Moors, with **Christ Church (13)** directly in front of you. Turn right and walk through the village.

As you leave Appleton-le-Moors, the road bends to the right and **becomes Headlands Road (14)**. This is a quiet road with wide grassy verges, making it safe to walk. After about two-thirds of a mile, look out for a **wooden post (15)** on the right with a yellow public footpath waymarker. Leave the road here and veer right towards a small clump of trees with a bench beneath them.

Turn right onto a stone track and head north until you return to the earlier crossroads. Turn left here, following the sign marked 'public footpath'. Continue along the track past an **open quarry (16)** on your left. The path swings sharply to the right, narrows between hedgerows, then turns sharply left and then right again.

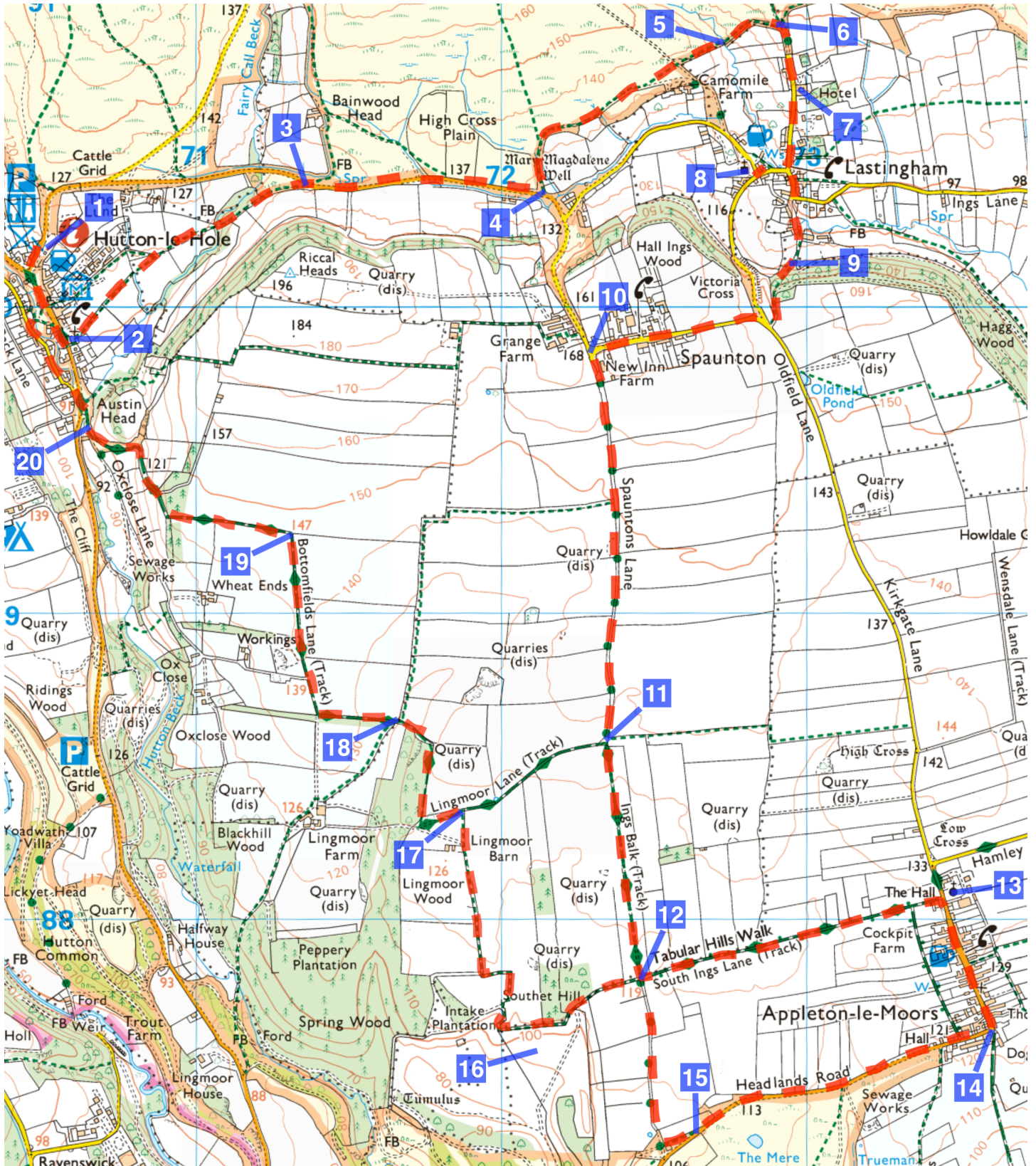
The path becomes tree-lined. Follow it north for about a third of a mile until you reach open farmland. Go through a gate and continue straight ahead, following the public footpath markers. The path soon meets a **bridleway called Lingmoor Lane (17)**, which also forms part of the Tabular Hills Walk.

Turn left onto Lingmoor Lane and follow it past a line of mature oak, horse chestnut, and sycamore trees. Enter the woodland and take the right-hand path. Continue through the woods until you **emerge at a crossroads (18)**. Go straight ahead along the bridleway. At the next junction, turn right onto a wide stone track called Bottomfields Lane.

Follow Bottomfields Lane north for about a third of a mile, ignoring any side paths. When you **reach a bend (19)**, turn left towards a line of distant trees. The track narrows and leads into woodland. Follow the bridleway downhill through the trees until you emerge onto a **narrow road at the bottom (20)**.

Turn right here, signposted for Gillamoor. When you reach the main road, cross over and turn right again onto a small tarmac lane. This final stretch leads you back into Hutton-le-Hole and returns you to the car park, completing your Hutton-le-Hole walk.

Map of the Walk



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