

LORDSTONES WALK

Experience Wainstones and Cringle Moor Views

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Introduction to the Walk

This captivating circular walk through the North York Moors offers some of the most spectacular moorland scenery in northern England. The route begins at the Clay Bank car park adjacent to the B1257 road, just a couple of miles south-east of Great Broughton. From here, you'll follow the Cleveland Way westward, climbing three magnificent peaks—White Hill, Cold Moor, and Cringle Moor—before descending to the Lordstones country park for refreshments. The return leg takes you through the peaceful valleys of Raisdale and Bilsdale, passing through Chop Gate village and along the western slopes of Urra Moor before completing the circuit.

Highlights of the Walk

The walk's highlights begin with the stone steps climbing to White Hill, where breathtaking views unfold across farmland towards Great Broughton and Stokesley, with Roseberry Topping's distinctive profile visible on the horizon. At Wainstones, you'll navigate a striking rocky formation popular with climbers through a mild but manageable scramble. Cold Moor's summit at 402 metres offers spectacular views towards Teesside, whilst Cringle Moor's viewpoint features a commemorative seat with superb panoramas.

Lordstones is a privately-owned country park nestled within the North York Moors National Park, located on Carlton Bank between Cringle Moor and Carlton Moor. This unique destination offers luxury glamping and camping, a café that's now a local landmark, and a farm shop stocking locally sourced North Yorkshire produce. Many visitors park here for shorter walks to the Cringle Moor viewpoint or simply to enjoy the expansive views towards Teesside.

Additional Information

- **Distance:** 11 miles (17¾ kilometres).
- **Duration:** Approximately 5¾ hours (excluding stops and breaks).
- **Difficulty:** A reasonably demanding route with three sustained climbs and a short rocky scramble at Wainstones, best suited to walkers with a fair level of fitness.
- **Trail Conditions:** Initially well-defined Cleveland Way paths with stone steps and flagstones, followed by field paths and farm tracks, some short boggy sections and stretches of minor road walking. Between Lordstones and Raisdale Mill Cottages the field paths can be muddy when wet and slightly tricky to navigate.
- **Recommended Map:** OS Explorer OL26 – North York Moors Western Area.
- **Parking:** Public car park at Clay Bank beside the B1257, a couple of miles south-east of Great Broughton.
 - **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Bgkwe1yGrYwCm3dYA>
 - **What3Words:** //download.beanbag.shields

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Step-by-Step Directions

This captivating Lordstones walk in the North York Moors begins at the **car park (1)** adjacent to the B1257 road, just a couple of miles south-east of Great Broughton. Start by heading south from the car park, walking briefly alongside the main road, then take a **right onto the Cleveland Way (2)**. Climb the stone steps leading uphill to your first vantage point, **White Hill (3)**, which offers breathtaking views.

Continue westward on the Cleveland Way to reach **Wainstones (4)**. Navigating through this magnificent rocky formation involves a mild scramble, yet it's easily manageable. After descending from Wainstones, the trail leads westward, preparing you for an ascent up **Cold Moor (5)**. This marks the second of a trio of climbs on this section of the walk, presenting splendid panoramas, especially towards the distant Teesside to the north.

Proceed by descending from Cold Moor, followed by a third climb, this time to reach Cringle Moor. Savour the expansive views from the **Cringle Moor viewpoint (6)**, which features a large stone seat, perfect for a restful break. Descend westward to Lordstones, where the **Lordstones café (7)** provides an ideal spot for refreshments.

Leaving Lordstones, turn left at the road and walk briefly east, then take a right along a track leading down to **Thwaites House (8)**. Continue through fields and farmland, passing by a farm at **Staindale (9)**. Head south, following the footpath to **Raisdale Mill Plantation (10)**. Here, navigate the stone forestry track to nearly the woodland's edge, then turn right onto an easy-to-miss footpath, which will guide you through Raisdale Mill Cottages, emerging onto **Raisdale Road (11)**.

Turn right on Raisdale Road, walking south-east towards Chop Gate village. If walking along Raisdale Road feels uncomfortable, consider the quieter footpaths through fields on the northern side, though the road itself sees minimal traffic. At **Chop Gate (12)**, follow the footpath beside the main B1257 road north, then veer right across a **road bridge at Seave Green (13)**. Climb the minor road to **Bilsdale Hall (14)**, then take the public bridleway skirting the hall's right side, leading steeply uphill to **Medd Crag (15)** on the western edge of Urra Moor.

Stride northward along the path, enjoying the dramatic views to your left over the Bilsdale valley. The path curves eastward, descends into a **small valley (16)**, then climbs out, continuing north. Eventually, you'll arrive at a gate and bench at the **hilltop viewpoint (17)**. From there, descend to the main road, turn right, and conclude your 11-mile Lordstones walk back at the car park, ending a memorable journey through the North York Moors.

Map of the Walk

