

# CLOUGHTON WYKE WALK

## Coastal Path to Hayburn Wyke and Return

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### Introduction to the Walk

This Cloughton Wyke walk begins in Burniston and combines dramatic clifftops, the secluded cove at Hayburn Wyke, woodland paths and a gentle return along the Cinder Track. The route follows the Cleveland Way north before turning inland through Hayburn Wyke's wooded valley and returning south along the Scarborough to Whitby railway line.

### Highlights of the Walk

The outward section follows the Cleveland Way along the coast, with superb views towards Scarborough, Long Nab Coastguard Station, Cloughton Wyke and the cliffs around Hundale Point. The route offers constant variety, with sandy clay cliffs, rocky inlets, gorse-covered slopes and wide sea views, before reaching the wooded descent towards Hayburn Wyke.

Hayburn Wyke is one of the finest highlights, with its secluded pebble beach, wooded cliffs and beautiful waterfall where Hayburn Beck drops onto the shore. The return journey brings a complete change of character, following the Cinder Track past the Hayburn Wyke Inn, Newlands Dale, Cloughton Station and the Old Goods Shed.

### Additional Information

**Distance:** 8¾ miles (14 kilometres)

**Duration:** Approximately 4¼ hours (excluding stops and breaks)

**Difficulty:** The route is fairly long, with clifftop ups and downs, steps around Cloughton Wyke, a steep climb near Sycarham House and woodland paths at Hayburn Wyke.

**Trail Conditions:** Includes tarmac lanes, coastal paths, woodland tracks, steps, rocky beach sections and the Cinder Track. Some parts may be muddy, uneven or slippery after wet weather.

**Recommended Map:** OS Explorer OL27 North York Moors Eastern Area

**Parking:** Small parking area on Field Lane in Burniston, beside the Cinder Track bridge. If full, use the additional car park at the end of Field Lane.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tgpSijz59APThvsS8>
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# STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

## Burniston

Begin your Cloughton Wyke walk in Burniston. There is a small parking area on Field Lane, near the **Cinder Track bridge (1)**. Field Lane can be reached by turning off the A171 in Burniston and heading along Rocks Lane by the side of the Three Jolly Sailors. Rocks Lane then becomes Field Lane. The parking area is next to the single-arched stone bridge which carries the Cinder Track over Field Lane. The car park is quite small, but if you cannot get parked here, there is an additional car park at the very end of Field Lane.

## Cinder Track Bridge

From the parking area, walk beneath the single-arched stone Cinder Track bridge and make your way north-east along Field Lane on the tarmac lane. Walk for two thirds of a mile, heading towards the coast, to reach **Cliff Top House (2)**. When you reach Cliff Top House, stick to the road as it bends around to the right. You will reach the end of the road and the small car park mentioned earlier.

## Cleveland Way

At the end of the road, the path splits into two. Take the left-hand fork, which is a public footpath. When the path splits again almost immediately after that, take the left-hand path around the edge of the farmer's field. You will be avoiding the descent into Crook Ness. The path will lead you to the Cleveland Way clifftop path, and you will begin making your way north. As well as the Cleveland Way, the path also forms part of the King Charles III England Coast Path. Just a few minutes later, you will pass **Long Nab Coastguard Station (3)** and Mine Shelter.

## Cloughton Wyke

Continue following the Cleveland Way clifftop path for one mile to reach **Cloughton Wyke (4)**. There will be several ups and downs along the way, but just keep following the clifftop coastal path. It is fairly easy to navigate. While walking along the path around the top of Cloughton Wyke, avoid any left-hand paths leading inland and keep on the Cleveland Way heading in the direction of Ravenscar.

## Rodger Trod

After Cloughton Wyke, you will ascend a steep set of steps through a wooded area near Sycarham House. Continue ahead and you will soon reach a bench and viewing area above **Rodger Trod (5)**. From Rodger Trod, continue along the path for about three quarters of a mile, then start descending through the National Trust woodland at Hayburn Wyke.

## Through the Woodland

Descend through the woodland to reach a wooden signpost at a crossroads and turn right, following the Cleveland Way signed for Ravenscar. Continue following the winding path downhill through the woodland. At the next signpost, turn right again, signed Cleveland Way Ravenscar, and make your way down to the stony and rocky beach at **Hayburn Wyke (6)**.

## Hayburn Beck

Cross the footbridge over Hayburn Beck and head up the steps on the other side of the valley. At the top, do not descend the next set of steps to the next footbridge. Instead, turn left following the North York Moors National Park public footpath. The next section follows the beck upstream through the woodland. The key is to keep the beck on your left and resist any paths that take you across it or away uphill.

## The Water's Edge

Continue following the path down through the woodland to reach the water's edge, but do not take the left-hand turn across the footbridge. Instead, carry straight on along the public footpath with the beck on your left-hand side. When the path splits at a fork, take the left-hand fork down some steps, not the right-hand fork uphill. Keep close to the side of the beck on your left.

## North York Moors Bridleway

Eventually, the path ascends and moves away from the beck. When you reach a fork in the path, keep left following the North York Moors bridleway blue marker arrow. At the highest point on the bridleway, you will be on the edge of the woodland, with the woodland on your left and a farmer's field on your right.

## Whitehouse Farm

You will soon reach a tarmac lane. Keep going straight along it. When you reach the farm buildings at **Whitehouse Farm (7)** in front of you, turn left and head downhill. Cross a single-arched stone bridge over Bloody Beck and then keep following the lane back uphill for about a quarter of a mile. After passing some large wooden lodges on your left, continue to the bridge, and just before the bridge descend the set of steps on your right-hand side down to the **Cinder Track (8)**. Turn left and go through the tunnel archway of the bridge. You will now be heading south along the Cinder Track for the second half of your Cloughton Wyke walk.

## Hayburn Wyke Inn

After about a mile, you will reach the **Hayburn Wyke Inn (9)** on your left-hand side. Call in for refreshments or just keep going straight ahead on the Cinder Track. After another mile, you will reach a bridge which crosses over a tarmac lane signposted to **Newlands Lane (10)**. Ignore this and carry straight on along the Cinder Track. After a further half a mile, continue straight through the tunnel beneath **Salt Pans Lane (11)** and carry on along the Cinder Track, signposted to Burniston and Scarborough.

## Station Lane

After a further half a mile, you will reach **Station Lane (12)**. Continue following the Cinder Track towards Burniston and Scarborough. The route passes by the front of the old station buildings and the Old Goods Shed. After about three quarters of a mile, you will reach the bridge over Field Lane. Descend the steps on your right to reach the car parking area and complete your Cloughton Wyke walk.

# MAP OF THE WALK



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