

HAYBURN WYKE WALK

The Cleveland Way, Ravenscar and the Coast

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Introduction to the Walk

This Hayburn Wyke walk is a circular coastal route on the North Yorkshire coast, combining Cleveland Way clifftop drama, Ravenscar Radar Station history, wide views across Robin Hood's Bay and the sheltered beauty of Hayburn Wyke. Here, ancient woodland drops to a rocky shore where a double waterfall reaches the beach, before the quiet Cinder Track gives the walk a satisfying return.

Highlights of the Walk

Hayburn Wyke is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, valued for its geology, wildlife and sheltered coastal setting. Its Middle Jurassic cliffs contain the Hayburn Wyke plant bed, with around sixty fossil species, while the woodland supports oak, ash, birch, elm and large-leaved lime, along with ferns, mosses and liverworts. In spring and summer, breeding birds add further life to the valley.

The walk also brings together an unspoilt cove, a waterfall onto the beach, Cleveland Way clifftop views and the wartime remains of Ravenscar Radar Station. After the descent past Raven Hall Hotel and the wide view across Robin Hood's Bay, the return follows the Cinder Track through stone tunnels, a tree-lined cutting and the former station at Staintondale.

Additional Information

Distance: 9¼ miles (14¾ kilometres)

Duration: Approximately 4½ hours (excluding stops and breaks)

Difficulty: Moderate. A fairly long coastal walk with steep steps, clifftop paths, woodland sections and some uneven ground. Best suited to walkers with reasonable fitness.

Trail Conditions: Includes woodland paths, steps, grassy clifftop paths, tracks, lanes and the firm gravel surface of the Cinder Track. Can be muddy after rain.

Recommended Map: OS Explorer OL27 North York Moors Eastern Area

Parking: Small pay-and-display car park near the Hayburn Wyke Hotel, signposted for the nature reserve, waterfall and cave. At the time of writing, parking was £5 cash only.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/p9T2QnEWhitDPqZW6>
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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

The Hayburn Wyke walk begins at the small pay-and-display car park close to the Hayburn Wyke Hotel. The car park is designated for visitors to the nature reserve, the waterfall, and the cave, and is clearly signposted as such. At the time of writing, the charge was £5 for the day, payable by cash only.

Leave the car park and head towards the **Hayburn Wyke Hotel (1)**. Walk past the front of the hotel, following the sign for motorhomes, then continue straight ahead through the large metal gate into the fields beyond. Follow the public footpath across the fields and, shortly after, bear right to head down into the woodland. Go through the gate to enter the woodland, where a sign marks the entrance to the Hayburn Wyke National Trust area.

Descend the steps, turn left, and follow the footpath downhill through the woods. After the steps, pass the first turnings to the left and right without taking them, and continue straight ahead as the path sweeps around to the right. Follow the path through the woods, gradually descending towards the coast. When the path splits near a wooden signpost, take a moment to visit the waterfall on the left before continuing downhill, following the signpost marked for the Cleveland Way to Ravenscar.

At the bottom, explore the rocky beach and waterfall if you wish. When you are ready to continue, cross the footbridge over **Hayburn Beck (2)** and follow the Cleveland Way up the stone steps on the opposite side of the valley. Shortly after, descend slightly and cross a second footbridge. Continue following the Cleveland Way up further steps and out of the valley to reach the clifftop.

Now follow the clifftop coastal path for just over a mile to reach **Petard Point (3)**, where a signpost indicates a left turn to Staintondale. Ignore this turning and continue straight ahead on the Cleveland Way. After a further one and a half miles you will reach the site of the **Ravenscar World War II Radar Station (4)**. Take time to explore this fascinating site before continuing north along the Cleveland Way clifftop path.

After about two thirds of a mile, you will reach a signpost pointing left to Ravenscar Tea Rooms. Continue straight ahead along the Cleveland Way for now, as you will return to the tea rooms later in the walk. Pass the large white late-Victorian house on your left, known as Cliff House and dated 1899. Continue along the grassy clifftop path until you can go no further, then turn left onto **Hammond Road (5)**, a wide rough track.

Continue straight ahead along Hammond Road to reach Station Road, then turn right into Ravenscar, still following the signs for the Cleveland Way. At the end of Station Road, walk past the driveway entrance to the Raven Hall Hotel and follow the track on your right, downhill, signposted to Peak Fault as a public footpath. Head downhill along the track to enjoy one of the finest views on the Hayburn Wyke walk, looking out across Robin Hood's Bay.

Continue down, keeping to the track as it bends around to the left in a U-turn and doubles back on itself above the **golf course (6)**. Follow the track down towards the trees, then turn left onto the public footpath just before the cattle grid and follow the path back uphill. You will now be walking on the left-hand side of a dry stone wall. Walk past the farmhouses and wooden sheds, then turn right onto the tarmac lane. At the top, turn left and follow the concrete lane past the Ravenscar Visitor Centre. Continue straight ahead onto Station Road and follow it along to the **Ravenscar Tea Rooms (7)**.

At the tea rooms, turn right and walk in front of the buildings to reach the platform of the former Ravenscar railway station. Turn left and walk along the platform to join the Cinder Track, heading south in the direction of Scarborough. Continue straight ahead through a set of wooden gates signposted for the Cinder Track. Follow the grey gravel path south for two thirds of a mile and pass through the tunnel beneath **Bent Rigg Lane (8)**.

Continue on the Cinder Track for a further one and three quarter miles to reach the former **railway station at Staintondale (9)**. Pass straight through the station, between the two platforms, and continue through the tunnel a little further along. Follow the Cinder Track for another mile, after which you will notice a track on your left leading back down to the Hayburn Wyke Hotel, completing the Hayburn Wyke walk.

MAP OF THE WALK



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