

RAVENSCAR WALK

Cleveland Way and Cinder Track Circular Route

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Introduction to the Walk

This circular walk from Ravenscar to Robin Hood's Bay brings together clifftop views, coastal history and a gentle return along the old railway line. Starting high above the North Sea in Ravenscar, the route follows the Cleveland Way to Peak Alum Works, continues along the coast to Boggle Hole and Robin Hood's Bay, then heads back inland on the Cinder Track.

Highlights of the Walk

Soon after leaving Ravenscar, the route opens onto wide coastal views, with green fields falling towards the sea and Robin Hood's Bay visible across the water. The outward leg is especially enjoyable, combining woodland paths, bright yellow gorse, sweeping clifftop scenery and the atmospheric ruins of Peak Alum Works, one of the most memorable features on this stretch of coast.

Beyond the alum works, the path continues past Miller's Nab, High Scar and the crumbling wartime pillbox at Peter White Cliff before descending to Boggle Hole and then Robin Hood's Bay. The return along the Cinder Track offers a quieter contrast, with old railway bridges, Fyling Hall Stationmaster's House, coastal glimpses and Ravenscar Brickworks adding interest before the route returns to Raven Hall Road.

Additional Information

Distance: 8¾ miles (14 kilometres)

Duration: Approximately 4¼ hours (excluding stops and breaks)

Difficulty: Moderate, with a long coastal section, several flights of steps, some steep climbs and a steady return along the Cinder Track.

Trail Conditions: A varied route using clifftop footpaths, woodland tracks, stone steps, quiet lanes, village streets and the former railway line between Robin Hood's Bay and Ravenscar.

Recommended Map: OS Explorer OL27 North York Moors Eastern Area

Parking: Roadside parking is available on Raven Hall Road in Ravenscar, opposite the public toilets and close to the Ravenscar Visitor Centre.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pDUJtQhH1po6ASPbA>
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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

Start your Ravenscar walk in the village of Ravenscar itself. There is roadside parking on **Raven Hall Road (1)**, opposite the public toilets. Head north along the road towards the Ravenscar Visitor Centre and the hotel. At the bottom of the road, turn left, signposted as the Cleveland Way public footpath to Robin Hood's Bay. Follow the concrete lane downhill in front of the Ravenscar Visitor Centre.

Ignore the first right turn to High Peak and Chapel Cottages and continue straight ahead downhill. When you reach a split in the track, follow the right-hand fork, signposted to the Cleveland Way. Continue along the woodland footpath downhill, remaining on the Cleveland Way throughout. At the next split in the path, bear right, signposted to the Cleveland Way and Alum Works. Ignore the left fork to the brickworks; you will be able to visit there on your return journey. Continue following the footpath downhill in the direction of the coastline.

At the bottom, continue straight ahead along the Cleveland Way, following the broad twin-rutted concrete track. Shortly afterwards, turn right, still following the Cleveland Way towards the **Alum Works (2)**. You can either walk around the edge of the Alum Works or straight through the site itself. Once through, head towards the rear of the large stone barn with the archway. Find the path signposted Cleveland Way to Robin Hood's Bay and follow it.

Go down the steps and back up the other side, then cross the field to a gate, staying on the Cleveland Way. Turn right, following the signpost for the Cleveland Way. Continue along the clifftop path towards Robin Hood's Bay in the far distance. This section of your Ravenscar walk is very straightforward to follow; just keep to the clifftop path for about three quarters of a mile.

Walk past the old Second World War pillbox and then follow the path to the minor road near **Stoupebrow Cottage Farm (3)**. Turn right. When you reach Stoupe Bank Farm, follow the path bearing right, signposted to the Cleveland Way public bridleway, and head downhill on a set of flagged stone steps. Cross the bridge at the bottom and continue up the steps on the other side of the valley. At the top, continue on the path signposted to Boggle Hole.

Follow the straightforward clifftop coastal path for just under half a mile. Head down the next set of steps to **Boggle Hole (4)**. At the bottom, turn right, then immediately left, following the sign for the Cleveland Way to Robin Hood's Bay and Boggle Hole. Head down to the youth hostel, then cross the bridge and climb the steps on the other side of the valley.

Continue along the path, with Robin Hood's Bay now clearly visible ahead. At the next junction, turn right, still following the Cleveland Way. Descend the steps into the village. Halfway down, you can turn right if you wish and head down to the café and beach, but otherwise turn left. At the bottom of the steps you will emerge onto a narrow street. Follow the street to the main road in **Robin Hood's Bay (5)**.

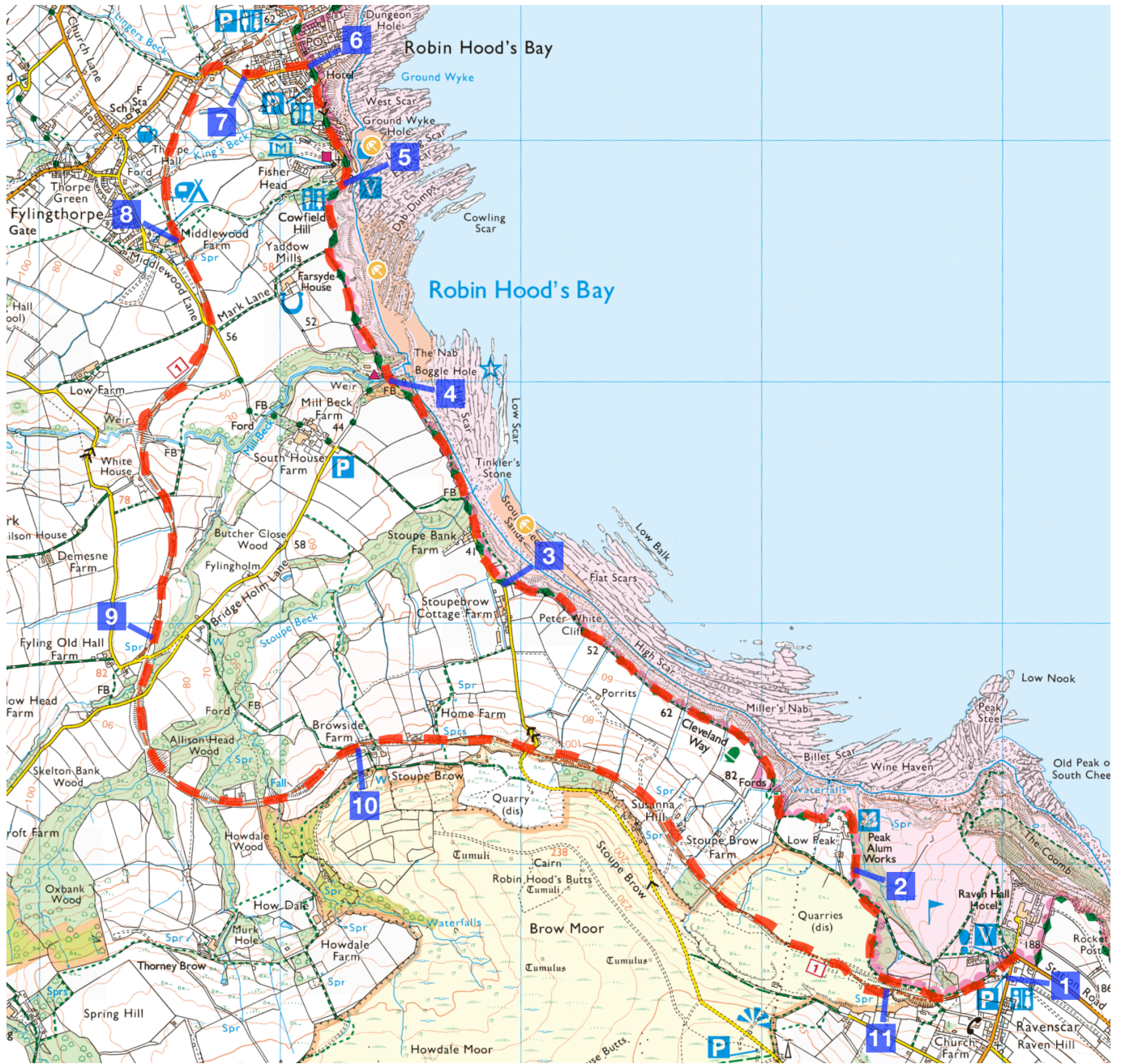
Turn left and follow the road heading uphill away from the beach. Stay on the main road all the way up to the top to reach the mini roundabout near the car park. Follow Station Road in front of the **Victoria Hotel (6)** and continue to the next junction. Turn left onto Thorpe Lane, signposted to Fylingthorpe and Scarborough, and walk along the road towards **St Stephen's Church (7)**.

Continue along Thorpe Lane as it bears around to the left, then turn left onto a narrower tarmac lane signposted as the Cinder Track to Ravenscar. This is the return leg of the Ravenscar walk, following the route of the old Scarborough to Whitby railway line. Continue straight ahead along the Cinder Track, passing **Middlewood Farm Holiday Park (8)** on your right. Ignore any side paths or lanes to the right or left; just keep heading straight ahead.

After just over a mile, pass the **Stationmaster's House (9)** at Fyling Hall on your right-hand side. Soon after, follow the path bearing left down some steps, across a minor road, and up the steps on the other side. Continue straight ahead for just under a mile. Pass **Browside Farm (10)** on your right-hand side, then keep following the Cinder Track for about another mile and a quarter.

Nearing Ravenscar, you will reach an area on your left where there is a viewing platform with a couple of benches. Opposite, on your right, is the site of the **Ravenscar Brickworks (11)**. After the brickworks, continue following the Cinder Track towards Ravenscar. The Cinder Track will rejoin the Cleveland Way; turn right here and follow the route up to Ravenscar and complete your Ravenscar walk.

MAP OF THE WALK



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