

# ROBIN HOOD'S BAY WALK

## Cleveland Way and Cinder Track Circular

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### Introduction to the Walk

This Robin Hood's Bay walk is a circular route combining clifftop drama, village history and the peaceful Cinder Track. It links the Cleveland Way National Trail with the former Scarborough and Whitby Railway trackbed, creating a varied day out with sweeping bay views, striking coastal geology and plenty of interest above and below the cliffs.

### Highlights of the Walk

The first descent into Robin Hood's Bay on the Cleveland Way gives a dramatic view of the red-roofed village against the cliffs and sea. In the village, interest includes the restored Victorian water fountain, the 1886 former police station and the memorial to the 1881 Visiter lifeboat rescue.

Out on the clifftop, an OS-marked exceptional viewpoint looks back across the full sweep of the bay towards Ravenscar. Further along, the eroded cliffs above Bulmer Steel, Craze Naze and Normanby Styre Batts reveal striking bands of rock above boulder-strewn shores, while a small Cinder Track bridge gives a superb final view south towards distant Ravenscar.

### Additional Information

**Distance:** 9¼ miles (14¾ kilometres)

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

**Difficulty:** Moderate. This is a fairly long circular walk with several climbs and descents, including steps, clifftop paths and inland tracks. Reasonable fitness is recommended.

**Trail Conditions:** The route uses tarmac lanes, cobbled streets, stone steps, grassy clifftop paths, field edges, farm tracks and the well-surfaced Cinder Track. Some sections may be muddy after rain.

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

**Parking:** Station Car Park, Robin Hood's Bay. This is a long-stay pay and display car park with toilet facilities and plenty of spaces. There is also an overflow car park nearby if the main car park is full.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/85ka1aNLXG5iqfUq7>
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# STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

Start your Robin Hood's Bay walk at **Station Car Park (1)** in Robin Hood's Bay. This is a long-stay pay and display car park with toilet facilities, and it has plenty of spaces. There is also an overflow car park if the main one is full.

From the car park, make your way towards Fylingdales Village Hall and the doctor's surgery. Walk past the village hall, keeping the old station buildings on your right, and continue straight ahead downhill to Thorpe Lane. Turn right onto Thorpe Lane and, shortly afterwards, turn left onto the **Cinder Track (2)**.

Head south along the Cinder Track for about three-quarters of a mile, passing Middlewood Farm Holiday Park on your right. After the caravan park, turn left onto the tarmac lane signposted to Boggle Hole, then almost immediately turn left again onto **Mark Lane (3)**. Bear left in front of the farmhouse, following the footpath signed to Robin Hood's Bay and Boggle Hole. Continue along the path towards the coast, following the public path as it bears left, signposted Cleveland Way and Robin Hood's Bay.

Follow the flagged stone path and then go down a set of steps towards Robin Hood's Bay. Halfway down the steps the path splits. Turn right if you want to go down to the café and beach, otherwise turn left. At the bottom of the steps, turn right onto the narrow lane which leads to **New Road (4)**, then turn left.

Follow New Road uphill through Robin Hood's Bay, between the shops and houses. At the top of the hill you'll reach the cobbled roundabout in front of the **Victoria Hotel (5)**. Follow Station Road past the front of the Victoria Hotel and other bed and breakfast establishments on your right. Continue along the road and you'll reach The Grosvenor Hotel, also on your right. Soon after, turn right onto Mount Pleasant North, where you'll see signs for the Cinder Track, the Cleveland Way and the Coast to Coast Path.

Walk along Mount Pleasant North, following it as it bears around to the left uphill, keeping to the signs for the Cinder Track and the Cleveland Way. Turn right onto the Cinder Track, signposted Cinder Track and Cleveland Way to Whitby. After a short distance, when the path splits into two, take the right-hand fork and join the Cleveland Way and Coast to Coast Path towards Hawsker and Whitby.

Keep heading north along the Cleveland Way clifftop coastal path, which also forms part of the King Charles III England Coast Path. The route is very straightforward along this stretch. After about one and a half miles you'll reach a small valley called **Rain Dale (6)**. Ignore the left-hand permissive footpath to the Cinder Track and keep straight ahead on the Cleveland Way, signposted to Whitby.

After about another mile you'll reach an area called **Limekiln Slack (7)**. Again, ignore the permissive footpath on your left, which leads up to the Cinder Track, unless you feel you've gone far enough and want a shortcut back. Instead, carry on straight ahead on the Cleveland Way clifftop path. You are now about halfway around your Robin Hood's Bay walk.

A little further along there is another left-hand turn, a public footpath leading to Northcliffe Holiday Park. You'll be able to see the caravans from here. This is another opportunity to rejoin the Cinder Track if you'd prefer a shorter route. Otherwise, keep following the Cleveland Way coastal path.

# DIRECTIONS CONTINUED

The route dips down into a wooded valley, then climbs some steps back up the other side and onto the top of the cliffs. Shortly after, another small wooded ravine follows, with another descent, a footbridge crossing, and then a climb back up again.

Soon after that, turn left and follow a **public footpath (8)** leading uphill along the edge of a grassy field beside a dry stone wall. Follow the path around to the farmhouse, then turn left, cross a cattle grid and begin walking inland on the broad stone track.

Keep walking inland for about two-thirds of a mile and use the bridge to cross over the **Cinder Track (9)**. Walk past the farm buildings on your right to reach the B1447 at High Hawsker, then turn left and walk towards The Hare and Hounds.

Follow the road through the village. It soon bends around to the left, signposted to Robin Hood's Bay and Fylingthorpe. Follow the roadside footpath and grass verge out of the village. At the point where the road bends sharply to the right, follow **Bottoms Lane (10)** straight ahead into Northcliffe and Seaview Holiday Parks. Ignore the right turn into Seaview Holiday Park and keep going straight ahead along Bottoms Lane. Soon afterwards, turn right onto the Cinder Track.

Follow the **Cinder Track (11)** for about two and a half miles heading back towards Robin Hood's Bay. Almost in **Robin Hood's Bay (12)**, the Cinder Track merges with the Cleveland Way. Continue forward, following the signpost for Robin Hood's Bay.

The houses of Robin Hood's Bay will soon come into view. At this point, turn left and follow the Cinder Track down into Robin Hood's Bay to rejoin Mount Pleasant North. Walk along Mount Pleasant North to the end, then cross the main road and continue straight ahead to return to the car park, completing your Robin Hood's Bay walk.

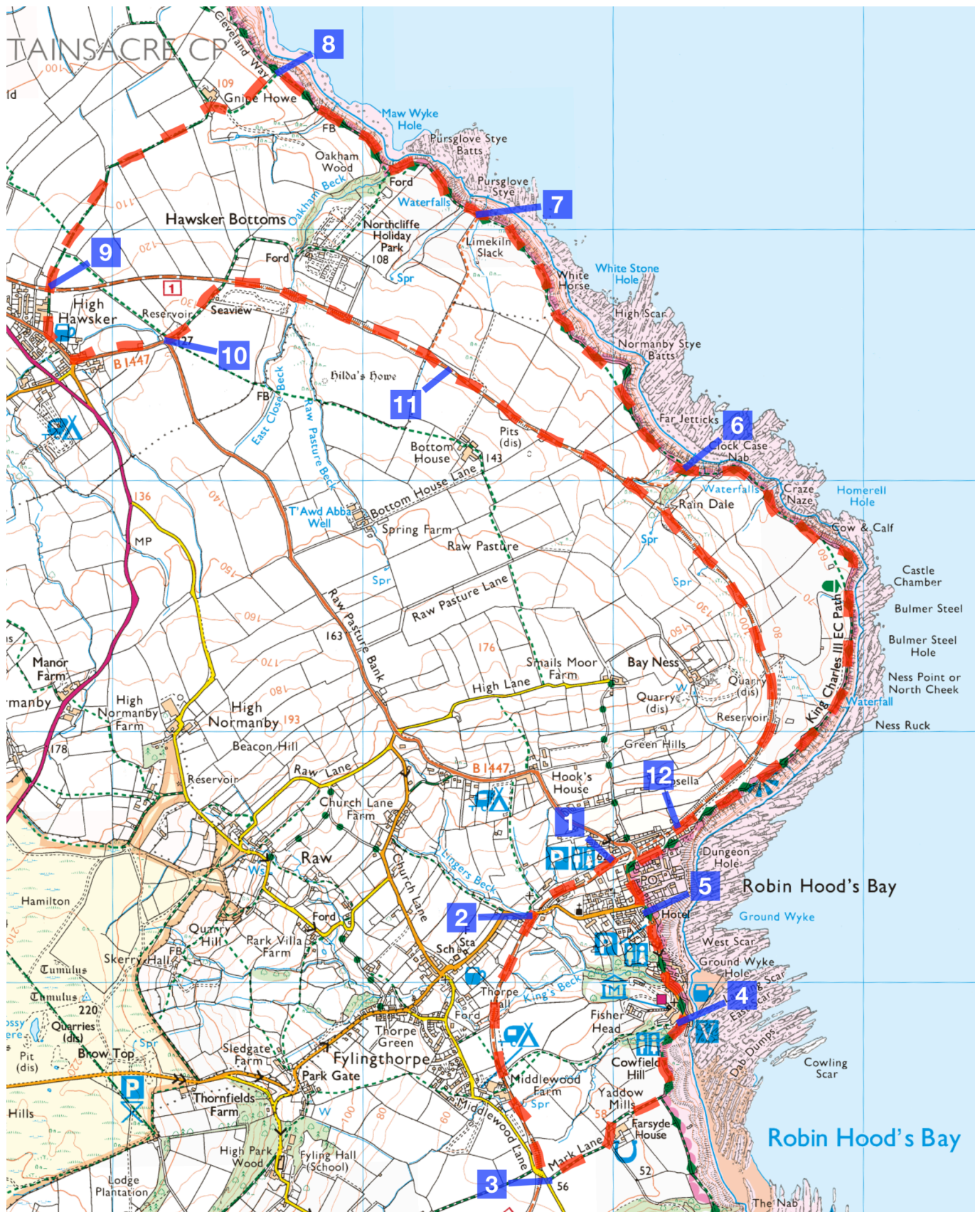
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# MAP OF THE WALK



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