

SCARBOROUGH WALK

Cliff Tops, the Cinder Track and Peasholm Park

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Introduction to the Walk

This varied circular walk explores Scarborough's quieter North Bay before following the coast north towards Crook Ness. The route combines open clifftop scenery with the historic Cinder Track and the wooded paths of Peasholm Park. Along the way, there are sweeping sea views, traces of railway heritage and peaceful lakes and streams within the heart of the seaside town.

Highlights of the Walk

From North Bay, the route passes Sea Life Scarborough and The Old Scalby Mills before climbing onto the cliffs. The Cleveland Way and King Charles III England Coast Path lead north above Scalby Ness Sands, with the sea on one side and harvested fields stretching towards the cliff edge on the other.

After turning inland at Crook Ness, the walk joins the old Scarborough to Whitby railway, now known as the Cinder Track. This easy, mostly level section leads back towards Scarborough before the route descends into Peasholm Glen. Lily ponds, wooded paths, stone bridges and gentle cascades accompany the final approach to the ornamental ponds and boating lake.

Additional Information

Distance: 8¼ miles (13¼ kilometres)

Duration: Approximately 3¾ hours (excluding stops and breaks)

Difficulty: A moderate, generally straightforward walk with some steps, gentle climbs and a mixture of coastal, countryside and parkland paths.

Trail Conditions: A mixture of promenade, grassy clifftop paths, tarmac lanes, the firm Cinder Track, residential roads and surfaced park paths.

Recommended Map: OS Explorer OL27 North York Moors Eastern Area

Parking: Burniston Road pay-and-display car park on the A165, beside Alpacare Water Park and the Premier Inn in Scarborough's North Bay.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MShwJTE5qD4NmACr7>

- **What3Words:** [///tiny.sunk.loaded](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/@@@tiny.sunk.loaded)

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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

Start your Scarborough walk from Scarborough's North Bay, parking in North Yorkshire Council's **Burniston Road car park (1)**. This large pay-and-display car park sits on the A165 Burniston Road in the Newlands area of Scarborough, alongside the Alpamare Water Park and the Premier Inn.

From the car park, follow the large signs towards North Bay Beach. The path runs along the left-hand side of the Alpamare Water Park, so keep the building on your right and continue straight ahead towards the sea.

When you reach the **miniature railway line (2)**, follow the path as it bears round to the left and walk alongside the track. Ahead of you stand the pyramid roofs of Sea Life Scarborough, which is where you are heading next.

Cross the miniature railway line and drop down to the promenade. Turn left and walk north towards Sea Life Scarborough, away from Scarborough town centre. Follow the promenade past the centre and carry on to **The Old Scalby Mills (3)**, the pub and restaurant at the far end of the bay.

In front of The Old Scalby Mills, turn right across the footbridge and climb the steps up to the cliff top. The signs here point to the Cleveland Way, the England Coast Path and Ravenscar. At the top of the steps the path splits in two. Take the right-hand fork to stay on the route nearest the cliffs, which briefly leaves the Cleveland Way and England Coast Path. Follow it round and **rejoin the main path (4)** a short distance later.

From here the walking is simple. Follow the cliff-top path north for almost two miles, with the Cleveland Way and the King Charles III England Coast Path as your guide. The route is easy to follow and the sea stays on your right the whole way.

Eventually you reach **Crook Ness (5)**, and this is where you turn inland and leave the Cleveland Way and the King Charles III England Coast Path behind. Descend the stone steps to a concrete path and turn left, signposted Burniston Village.

Follow the path to a car parking area, then continue straight ahead along the tarmac lane towards Cliff Top House, a farm with boarding kennels and a cattery. The lane bends sharply left and becomes Field Lane.

Continue along Field Lane for about two-thirds of a mile until you reach a **single-arched stone bridge (6)**. This carries the old Scarborough to Whitby railway line, now the Cinder Track. Go under the bridge, turn left, and use the wooden steps or the ramp to climb up onto the track. Turn right and start following the Cinder Track south towards Scalby and Scarborough, where a signpost confirms you are heading the right way.

Soon afterwards you meet the **A165 (7)**. Cross with care and turn left. This is roughly the halfway point of your Scarborough walk. Walk past Hawthorne Close, then turn right to rejoin the Cinder Track. Burniston Nurseries is on your left here, and makes a good stop for refreshments if it is open.

Carry on south along the Cinder Track for just over a mile towards Scalby, where the track brings you to a **housing estate (8)**. Turn left and follow Lancaster Way through the estate, then turn left again at the T-junction onto Field Close Road.

At the main road, Station Road, turn right and then immediately left onto Chichester Close. At the end of the close you rejoin the **Cinder Track (9)** and head south once more.

Follow the track for about a mile towards Scarborough until you pass the wide grassy expanse of the playing fields called **Gallows Field (10)**. Walk through, and as you leave turn left, following the path all the way round the perimeter of the cemetery with the graves on your right.

You pass a brick wall with a large wrought-iron gate set into it, and shortly after that the path drops down a flight of steps. Just before the steps begin to climb again, turn left into **Peasholm Glen (11)**.

Turn left once more and follow the path down to the lily pond, then keep to the main path, known as the Tree Trail, all the way down through Peasholm Park. The route traces the little stream that runs the length of the valley. After about a third of a mile you reach the ornamental ponds, and soon after that the **main boating lake (12)**.

Keeping left, walk right round the lake, following the signs for Lakeside Walk and North Bay Beach. Leave Peasholm Park and follow the A165 on your left, signposted Alpamare Water Park and Sea Life Centre, to return to the car park and finish your Scarborough walk.

This is a detailed topographic map of a coastal region, likely in North Yorkshire, England. The map shows the coastline of North Bay, with various landmarks and infrastructure marked. Key features include:

- Geographical Features:** The coastline is marked with points like Cliff Top House, Crook Ness, Flat Scar, Cromer Point, Sailors' Grave, Longhorn Wyke, and Scalby Ness. The map also shows the North Bay Miniature Railway and the Oceanarium.
- Infrastructure:** Roads are shown in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue). A red dashed line runs along the coast, possibly indicating a path or boundary. A blue line runs through the center, possibly a railway or main road. A green line runs along the coast, possibly a path or boundary.
- Landmarks and Buildings:** Various buildings and landmarks are marked, including Westfield Farm, Prickybeck Island, White Cabin, Wayside Farm, Flats Farm, Sewage Works, Ford, Scalby Lodge, Scalby Manor Hotel, White House, Weir, North Cliff Golf Club, Cross Lane Hospital, Northstead Manor Gardens, and Throxenby Hall.
- Numbered Points of Interest:** The map is divided into sections by numbered points of interest, ranging from 1 to 12. These points are marked with blue squares and numbers.
- Topography:** The map shows contour lines and elevation, with various peaks and valleys marked. The coastline is rugged, with many small inlets and bays.

The map is a detailed and informative representation of the coastal area around Burniston and Scalby, showing a wide range of geographical and infrastructure features.