

Whitwell Round Walk - Roche Abbey Route

Worksop to Carlton-in-Lindrick

7.2 miles

1. Leave Manton Pit Wood car park onto the road and turn left at the roundabout. After 300 metres, just before you get to the railway bridge, the tarmac path goes left away from the road indicated by a blue cycle path sign to Worksop. Follow this path for about 600 metres to a squeezer stile onto the main road (B 6040). Cross over and turn right. In 300 metres, just before the roundabout, turn left heading towards pylon HVA 20. Level with the pylon follow the path going to your left which takes you over the canal, where you turn left.
2. After a mile you reach Kilton Lock 52. Heed the advice not to go swimming. In another 300 metres, just past the now derelict Bracebridge Pumping Station on your left and before you reach some railings, go down the muddy path on your right hand side away from the canal. In 20 metres you emerge onto a grassy area. Keep to the left of this with railings on your left hand side. You come out onto a road.
3. At the end of this cul-de-sac (Gordon Close), turn right onto Bracebridge Avenue. Pass Conrad Close and Bean Avenue, both on your right. At the end of Bracebridge Avenue turn right and in 50 metres go under Arch Bridge, then in 20 metres turn right onto Rayton Lane. Stay on Rayton Lane as it passes houses on left. You will see the rail line on the right. After 300 metres the houses on the left end, and in a further 520 metres you pass a narrow wood on your left. In 100 metres (just after passing a road on your right that leads to a sewage treatment works) pass a metal barrier across the path you are on and carry on ahead to pass a 2nd narrow wood on your left in a further 300 metres. 350 metres beyond the 2nd wood turn left at a crossroads of paths onto another wide path. There is a wood on your right and fields on your right. Follow this path for approx. 1.3Km where the path bends to the right, then to the left to pass a building (Rayton Angle) on your left in 200 metres. After a further 330 metres turn right at the t-junction with another path and follow this wide path for 430metres.
4. At the tree line follow the path round to the left as indicated by the yellow topped marker post. In around 600 metres there is another yellow topped maker post where a path comes in from 90° on your right. Ignore this path to continue on with a metal gate and then wooden fence on your left hand side. After 100 metres turn right just beyond a ribbon of trees to walk with these trees on your right and a hedgerow on your left. [One of these trees has a sign on it declaring this path as a 'Permissive Footpath'.] After a while the hedgerow disappears to leave an open field on your left. Where the field ends go through a wide gap in hedgerow and turn 90° left on to a track with trees. Continue straight ahead along this very wide track and after approximately 820metres until you reach a metal gate just before a small parking area. Pass to the right of this gate and continue straight ahead through the parking area.

5. At the far end of the parking area, you reach the main Worksop to Blyth road. Here cross the road diagonally to your left, towards a footpath sign opposite. Cross over the stile in the middle of a wooden fence and continue ahead up the narrow track. You are now walking with tall hedgerow to your right and a small fence to your left, marking the barrier of a garden. At the far end of the garden, go through a wooden gate and continue straight ahead, still with high hedgerow to your right and an electric fence to your left, marking the boundary of a field.
6. Pass over the next stile and continue straight ahead as waymarked by the yellow arrow on a white background waymarking sign. You are now walking with open fields to the left and hedgerow to the right. At the end of this first field, pass straight into a second field, bearing slightly right – again as indicated by the waymarking sign and continue across the second field.
7. Where the field meets a hedgerow, continue straight ahead, again as indicated by the waymarking sign, now walking with hedgerow to your right. Pass into the next field and continue straight ahead, again walking with open fields to your left and hedgerow to your right.
8. At the end of this field, you go up and over into the next field and continue straight ahead, again as indicated by the waymarking sign. At the end of this field, turn right and almost immediately turn left, following the path again as indicated by the waymarking sign. You are now walking through the middle of a field, aiming towards a gap in the hedgerow in front of you. Pass through the gap in the hedge and continue straight ahead through the middle of the next field, aiming for a gap in the hedge opposite with a further waymarking sign.
9. Pass through the gap in the hedge, and continue straight ahead along the edge of the next field with the field to your left and hedgerow to your right. After approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile you come to a gap in the hedgerow on your right, pass slightly right through this gap but continue straight ahead, walking now with open field to your right and hedgerow to your left. Follow the edge of the field as it bends right towards a short section of wooden fence. Pass through the gap to have the wooden fence on your right and a gravel path under your feet.
10. At the end of the gravel path pass through the gap to the left of a stile to the right of the wooden fence and drop down onto the road which is called Wigthorpe Lane. Turn left to walk down this lane (passing a road on your left signposted to Wigthorpe) down to the junction at the end of Wigthorpe Lane, turn right onto High Road to meet a bus shelter. At the bus shelter, cross straight over the road to the stile and footpath marker in front of you. Cross over the stile in the wall and continue straight ahead, first of all through the field before joining a hedgerow on your right.
11. On reaching the hedgerow, continue along the edge of the field, walking with the hedgerow to your right. At the end of the field pass through the gap in the hedge and continue straight ahead along the edge of the next field, still walking with the hedgerow to your right and open fields to your left.

12. After approximately 100 metres you will see three footpath/bridleway signs to your right. Here turn 90° right through a metal gate and walk down the small track, walking with a wall to your right and hedgerow to your left, and Carlton Church immediately in front of you.
13. At the end of the narrow track you pass between a stone cottage and another cottage which painted a very pale pink colour, called Bridge View, and continue straight ahead across a small lawned area which is at the front of Carlton Mill, and over a small footbridge over a series of small weirs.
14. Once over the small footbridge you join a road and continue straight ahead, walking along the road, passing the lodge to your left, followed by the Old Rectory to your right and then, also on your right, Carlton Church. When the road bears right, follow it round, and approximately 50 metres in front of you there is a car park for the Carlton Parish Centre and here is your next checkpoint.

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