

NORTH YORK MOORS

Outstanding Circular Walks




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Approximate walk times

 Up to 2½ hours Short walks	 2½–4 hours Half-day walks	 4 hours and over Longer, full-day walks
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The walk times are provided as a guide only and are calculated using an average walking speed of 2½mph (4km/h), adding one minute for each 10m (33ft) of ascent, and then rounding the result to the nearest half hour.

Walks are considered to be dog friendly unless specified.



Falling Foss and Littlebeck

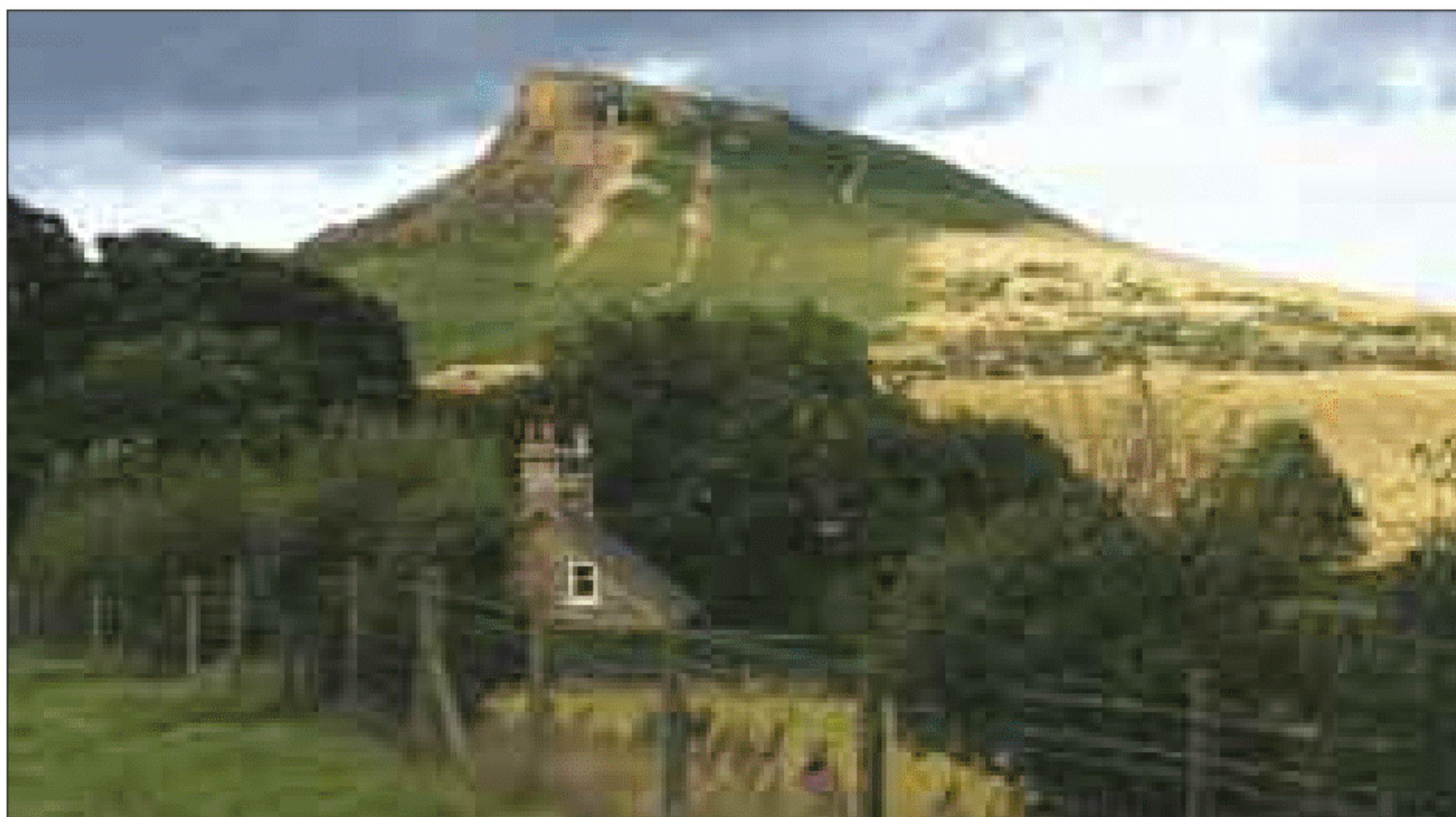
Start	Forestry Commission’s Sneaton Forest car park at Falling Foss, signed from the B1416 (Newton House and Falling Foss)	GPS waypoints
Distance	3½ miles (5.6km)	 NZ 888 036
Height gain	395 feet (120m)	 NZ 888 034
Approximate time	2 hours	 NZ 882 031
Parking	Falling Foss	 NZ 879 049
Ordnance Survey maps	Landranger 94 (Whitby & Esk Dale), Explorer OL27 (North York Moors – Eastern area)	

The Falling Foss waterfall, passed at the start, is one of several highlights encountered in this short but attractive ramble. Rolling fields to the west offer easy walking and fine views across the valley before the route drops to the lonely hamlet of Littlebeck. The return is along a narrow, wooded gorge whose banks were once quarried for shale, which was used in the production of alum. The woodland is now a nature reserve, where at any time of the year there is something of interest to look out for.

Falling Foss



 Turn left from the car park, following red-topped markers down a broad wooded track. The falls themselves, a particularly impressive sight after heavy rain, lie to the right at a fork, just a short way along. Beyond them, pass in front of Midge Hall to cross a footbridge over the beck and rejoin the main track beside a stone bridge . To the right, the way soon rises from the trees, bending right past a junction higher up to a group of barns. Keep going through gates along the main track for another 200 yards to a



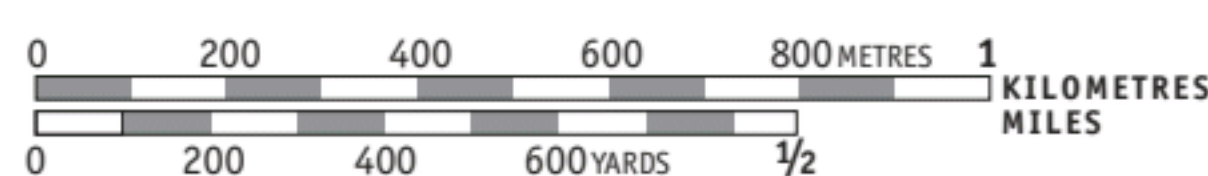
Distinctive profile of Roseberry Topping

slope to a track below and go right. Beyond a couple of gates, the way continues as a pleasant sunken path, later broadening to a track and then a metalled lane. Keep going to reach a crossroads with Dikes Lane **B**.

Turn left down the hill, passing the railway station and eventually reaching a roundabout junction. Go right to another junction at the edge of Great Ayton **C**. The heart of the village lies to the left, where you will find a museum in the old schoolhouse as well as a number of inviting opportunities for refreshment. The onward route, however, follows Newton Road to the right, leaving about 100 yards along through a kissing-gate breaking the high wall on the right. Pass through a belt of trees and on at the edge of a meadow to a thicket at the far side. A gated path continues across the fields below Cleveland Lodge, largely hidden by its woodland garden, before reaching the railway line.

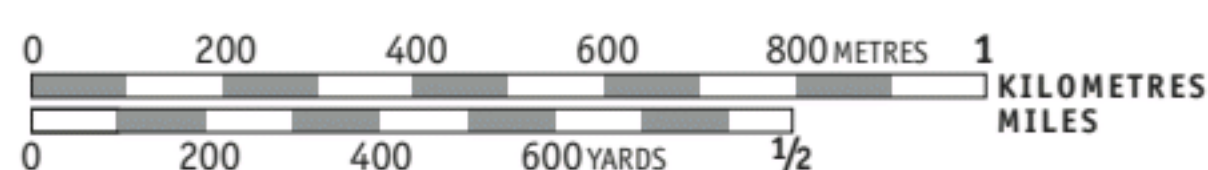
Exercise care as you cross to reach a track beyond. Ignore a drive and carry on over a stile opposite to follow the field edge away, ascending towards a tree-lined hillside. At the crest of the rise, go over a stile beside a gate into

Cliff Ridge Wood and climb to a broad path above. Diagonally opposite, a path rises to the right across a wooded slope, which is carpeted with bluebells in spring, and emerges into a field at the top. Go left to a stile in the corner and then turn right past a clump of larch. Over another stile, keep ahead towards a cottage, and then swing left, following the boundary a short distance to a stile beside the second of two gates. The ongoing path now makes straight





SCALE 1:25000 or 2½ INCHES to 1 MILE 4CM to 1KM



until you reach the edge of the moor **B**. Turn left immediately before it along an uneven path, keeping a fence on your right. After passing a pond, negotiate a patch of rough, marshy grass and then climb a stile to turn left along a farm track across Grime Moor, where shortly, the Bride Stones come back into view.

Eventually, pass through a gate to a junction approaching High Pastures Farm **C**. Turn through another gate on the right and walk out to follow a fence on the left. Where the ground then begins to fall, swing through a gap on the left and walk along the top edge of a narrowing enclosure. Towards the far end veer away, dropping to a stile in the bottom far corner. Climb diagonally across the middle of the next field, turning left along its top edge to emerge through a gate onto a lane **D**.

Follow it left into a dip, but then leave along a waymarked track on the left just

beyond. Keep ahead through a yard at Low Pastures Farm, leaving along a track, signed to the Bridestones, which descends through fields and into woodland. Over a stile, carry on down and then around a bend by a cottage. Go left past its front, rising to walk away along a grassy path, which later drops to cross a stream. Continue by a fence along the bottom edge of Low Wood to a kissing-gate and on back to the car park. ●

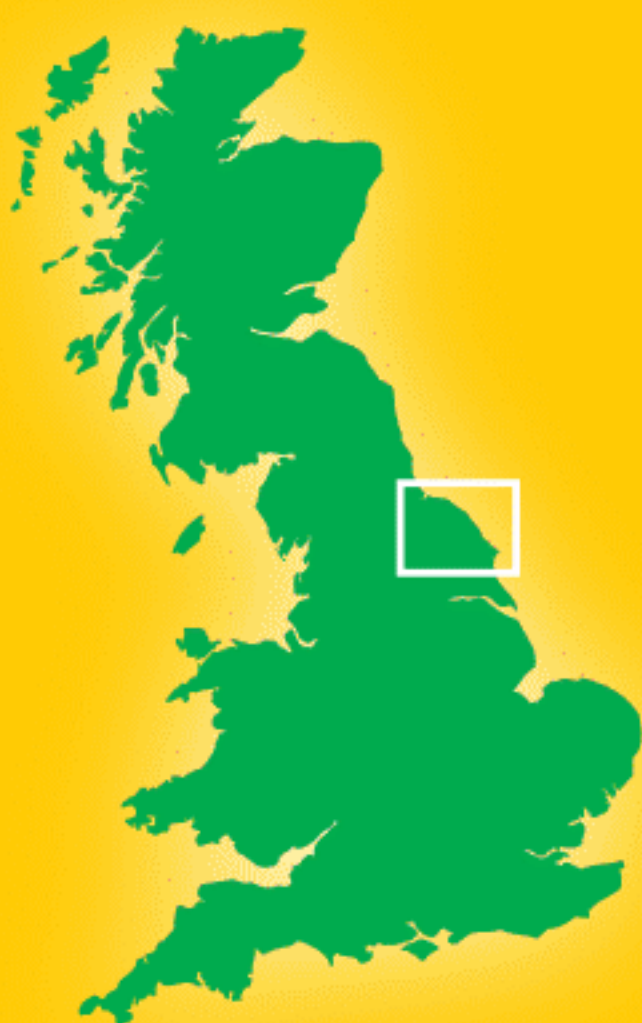
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