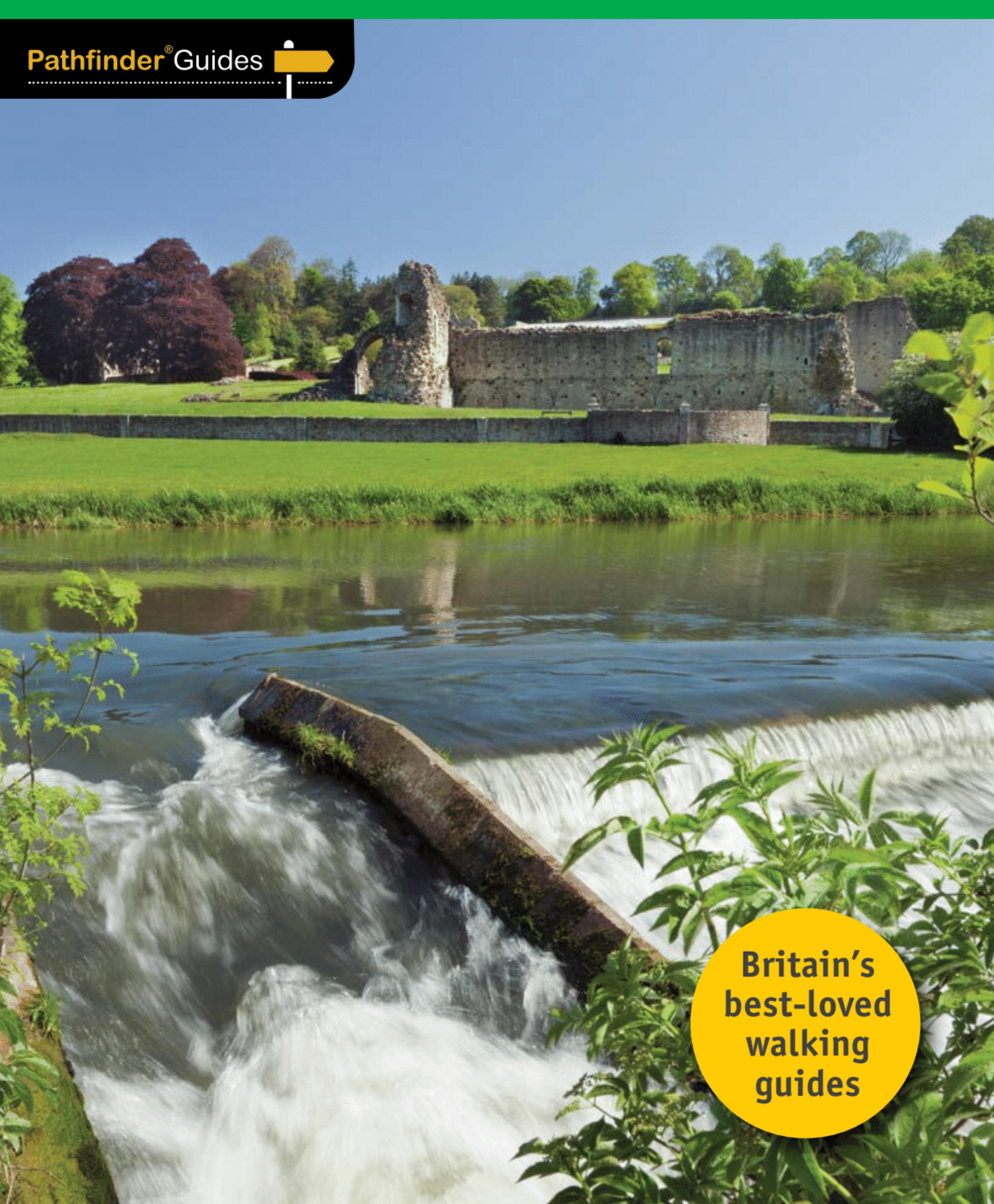


VALE OF YORK AND YORKSHIRE WOLDS

Outstanding Circular Walks

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Danes' Dyke and Sewerby

Start Danes' Dyke car park, off B1255 between Bridlington and Flamborough

Distance 2¾ miles (4.5km)

Height gain 180 feet (55m)

Approximate time 1½ hours

Parking Danes Dyke

Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 101 (Scarborough), Explorers 295 (Bridlington, Driffield & Hornsea) or 301 (Scarborough, Bridlington & Flamborough Head)

GPS waypoints

 TA 215 694

 TA 213 693

 TA 199 687

 TA 215 691

This short but interesting route begins with a descent into a dramatic wooded ravine. After passing an 18th-century country house with fine gardens, the walk returns along the cliff path from where there are extensive views to the nearby resort of Bridlington, with its superb sandy beaches, and the chalk cliffs of Flamborough Head.

Danes' Dyke, above the eastern side of the ravine, is a linear earthwork, about 2½ miles (4km) long, which stretches across the neck of the Flamborough

peninsula. Despite its name, it is thought to have been constructed during the Iron Age rather than by the Vikings.

Flamborough Head from Sewerby





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kissing-gate into rough pasture. Walk on, paralleling a fence to intercept a grass track **C**.

Turn left, going through a gate at the top of the field to continue within the fringe of a belt of trees. The track ends at the corner of a lane by an estate lodge. Walk ahead for some $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (800m) and then look for a gate and

footpath signpost concealed in the left hedge, just before overhead pylon cables cross with the lane **D**.

Follow the field edge away to a gate in the corner and carry on along a fenced track towards Stud Farm. Just before a sharp left bend, slip through a waymarked bridle-gate on the right and go left to a field gate. Walk forward on

Humber Estuary

Start Humber Bridge Country Park

Distance 5½ miles (8.9km)

Height gain Negligible

Approximate time 2½ hours

Parking Humber Bridge Country Park

GPS waypoints

TA 021 259

TA 022 253

SE 989 252

SE 986 251

Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 106 (Market Weighton), Explorer 293 (Kingston upon Hull & Beverley)

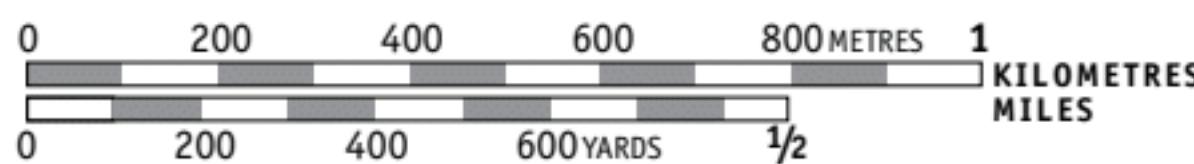
This is a 'there and back' walk along the north shore of the Humber Estuary from the Humber Bridge to North Ferriby.

The going is easy but be prepared for invigorating breezes sweeping across the river. The views across the estuary towards Lincolnshire are dominated by the soaring elegance of the bridge during the return.

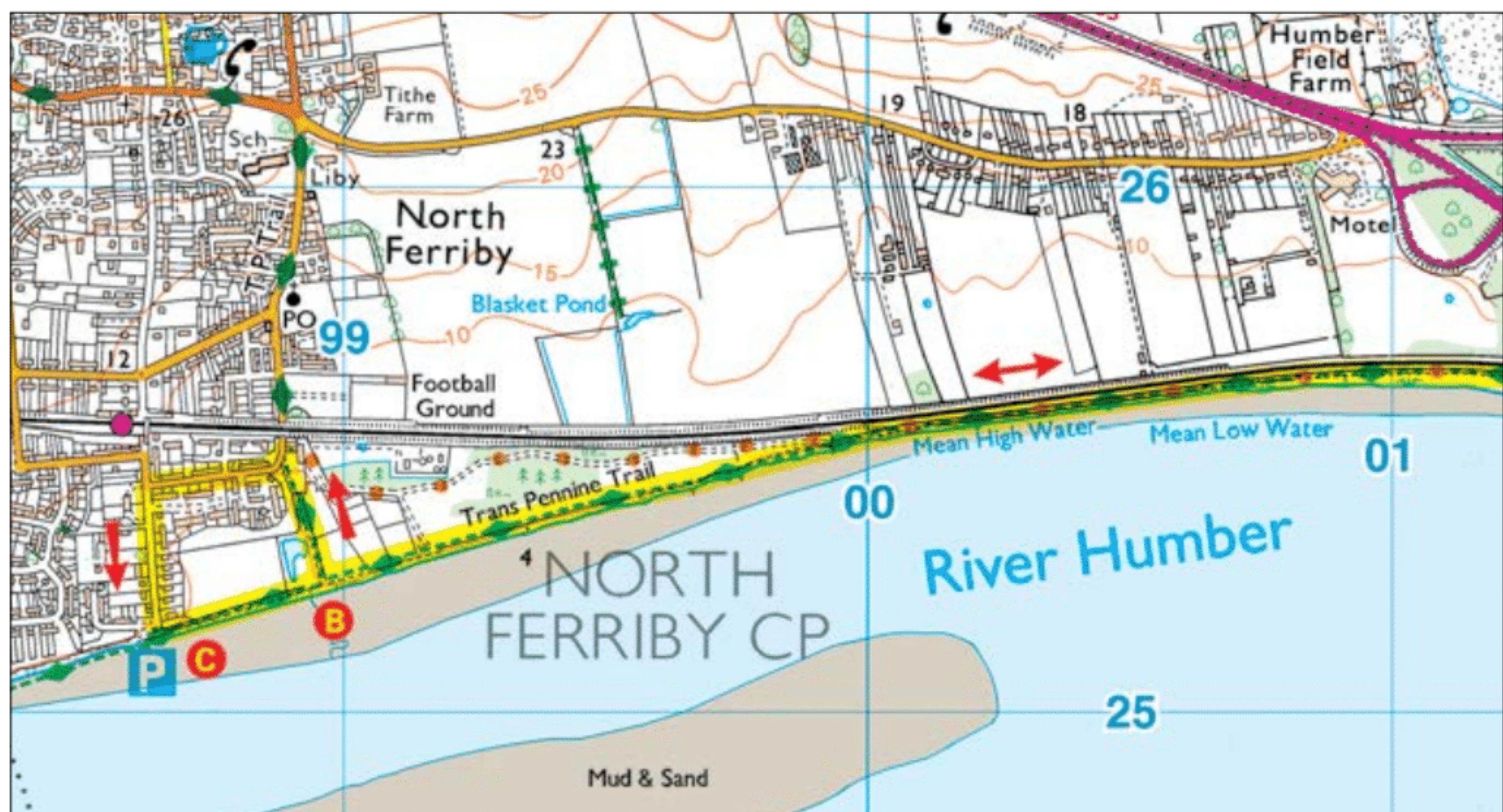
The Humber Bridge, a marvel of 20th-century engineering is one of the longest single-span suspension bridges in the world and a most impressive structure. The length of the main span is 4,626 feet (1,410m). It took nine years to build and was opened in 1981. The Country Park, comprising around

50 acres (20 ha) of attractive woodland and meadows, was created from a disused chalk quarry.

From the Tourist Information Centre, walk down the car park to leave at the bottom right corner. Signed to the Humber Bridge Country Park, the path crosses a cycleway to intercept a tarmac track. Briefly follow it left and then bear off right towards the Country Park and Hessle Foreshore. Entering trees,



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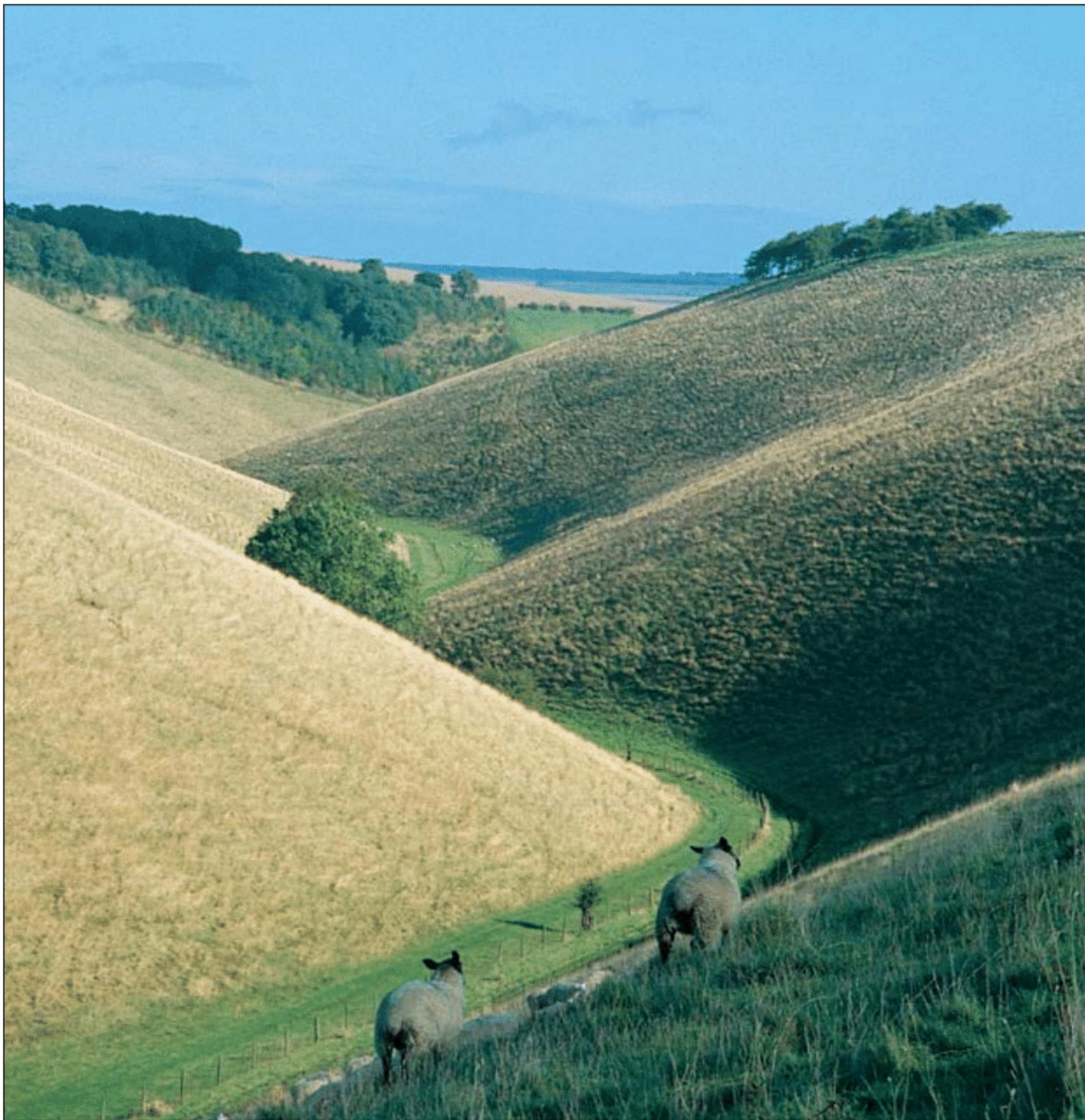
and barrier to a short contained path and continue beyond at the edge of an open grass field. Meeting a lane at the far side **E**, follow it right. Where it subsequently bends past a junction, keep ahead along a street into the

Flamborough Head

centre of Flamborough village.

Carry on forward into Dog and Duck Square where, opposite the **Royal Dog and Duck**, you should turn left along Allison Lane. At the end **F**, go right and keep ahead at a crossroads, following the ongoing lane back to the car park above South Landing.





Horse Dale

shallow fold into Horse Dale. Bear left to a waymarked gate and, maintaining the same slanting course, climb the opposite hillside. The path levels along a grass terrace and gives a splendid prospect along the dale. Captivating it might be, but do not miss a gate up on the right, some 150 yards along through which you should pass. Head away at the field edge to meet a track at the far side. Back with the Yorkshire Wolds Way, follow it left to Glebe Farm. As it swings into the farm, leave ahead along an enclosed path to bypass the buildings. Rejoining the track beyond, follow it down to meet a lane **C**.

Huggate lies to the right, the lane climbing past the church into the village. You will find **The Wolds Inn** at

the far end, just to the left along the main road **D**.

Return to **C**, but now carry on down to cross the head of Cow Dale, rising with the ongoing farm lane onto the wold. After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (800m), where it curves right to begin its descent to Northfield House, abandon the lane beside a Yorkshire Wolds Way signpost for a field-edge path on the left. Through a gate at the far end, the way angles right, dropping into Horse Dale. Follow the bottom fence right to a stile beside a gate on your left **E**.

Walk away along the foot of Holm Dale, gradually climbing to a fork near the head of the valley. Take the right branch, from which there is a final pull to a gate at the top by point **A**. Follow your outward route back into Fridaythorpe.

Cowlam and Cottam

Start Cowlam Manor

Distance 8 miles (12.9km)

Height gain 740 feet (225m)

Approximate time 4 hours

Parking Rough verge on western side of lane near entrance to Cowlam Manor (do not block field or farm access), 2 miles (3.2km) east of Sledmere

Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 101 (Scarborough, Bridlington & Filey), Explorer 300 (Howardian Hills & Malton)

GPS waypoints

- A SE 965 654
- B SE 975 648
- C SE 972 634
- D SE 996 639
- E SE 994 648
- F SE 988 656
- G SE 978 659

The deep, secretive folds of the Yorkshire Wolds are contrasted by far-reaching vistas from the rolling hilltops that enclose them. A couple of abandoned medieval villages, each with a church, a Roman road and remnants of a wartime airfield all add interest to this exhilarating walk.

The medieval village site at Cottam is one of the best preserved in the county, its many humps and bumps clearly marking building platforms and a hollow lane. Also obvious are

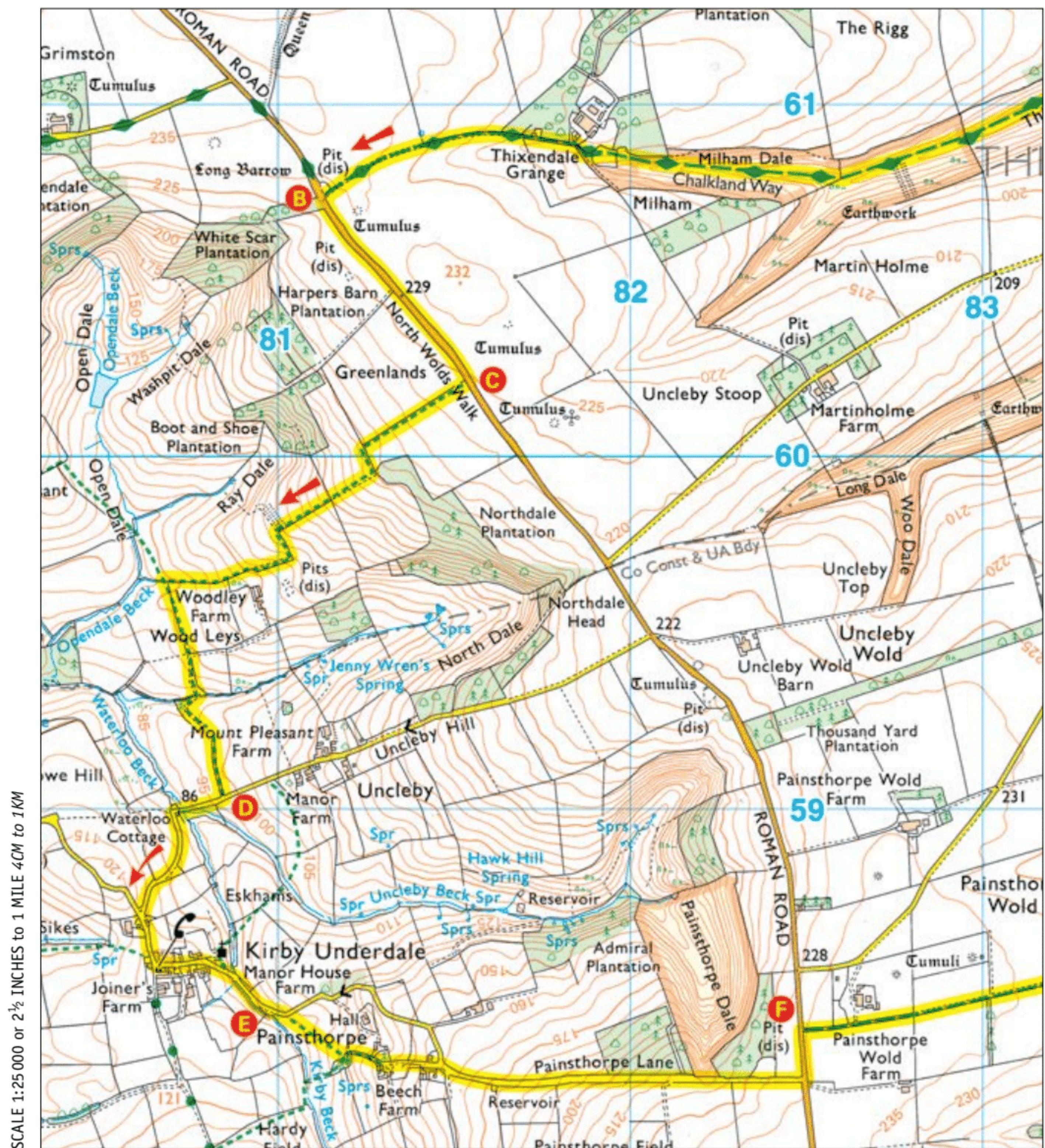
A frosty spring morning in Cowlam Well Dale

cultivation terraces above the dale head. The church is Victorian, but now disused, has become derelict. Nearby, the concrete structures were an air-raid shelter. The hilltop was intended as a wartime bomber base, but the unpredictability of winds funnelled by





Looking over the Vale of York from the wolds near Thixendale





The Humber Bridge

look for a kissing-gate on the right from which a stepped path drops into the now wooded former quarry. Keep ahead past another junction, walking first beneath a railway and then a road bridge. Emerge past the black, brick tower of Cliff Mill onto the foreshore drive beneath the Humber Bridge **A**.

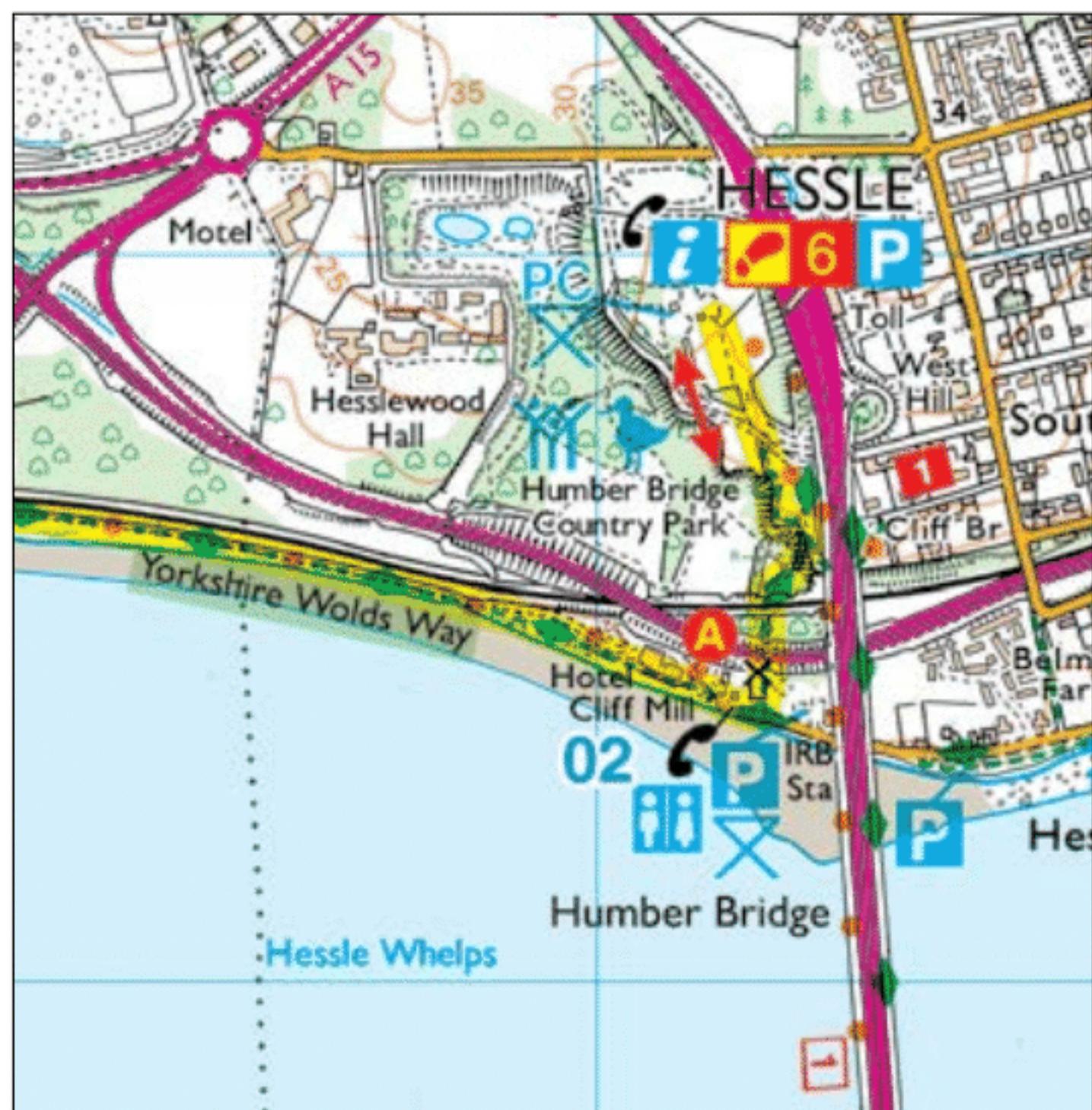
Follow it right to a bend and, if the tide is out, drop beside a Yorkshire Wolds Way sign to continue along the stony beach below the **Country Park Inn** and car park. Not far beyond, look for a waymark directing you back onto

the embankment, along which a track runs to the left through a gate. *If the water is high, remain with the drive past the pub into the car park. Leave at the far end along the embankment track.*

Continue along the embankment, remaining above the riverbank where a divergent path later breaks away. Approaching North Ferriby, keep ahead at a junction, near which three Bronze Age ferryboats were discovered in the mud. A little farther on, just beyond a kissing-gate the ongoing path drops back to the foreshore but is impassable at high tide. However, the path to the right **B**, marked as the High Tide Route, leads past a reedy pond dug in the 19th century to provide clay for a local brick and tile industry. Now flooded with brackish water it is a haven for wildlife.

The path finishes at the corner of a street. Go left and, at the end, go left again to return to the river at a small car park.

Steps over the flood embankment in the left corner **C** lead down to the beach. At low water you can follow the foreshore back to point **B** and retrace your steps to the start.



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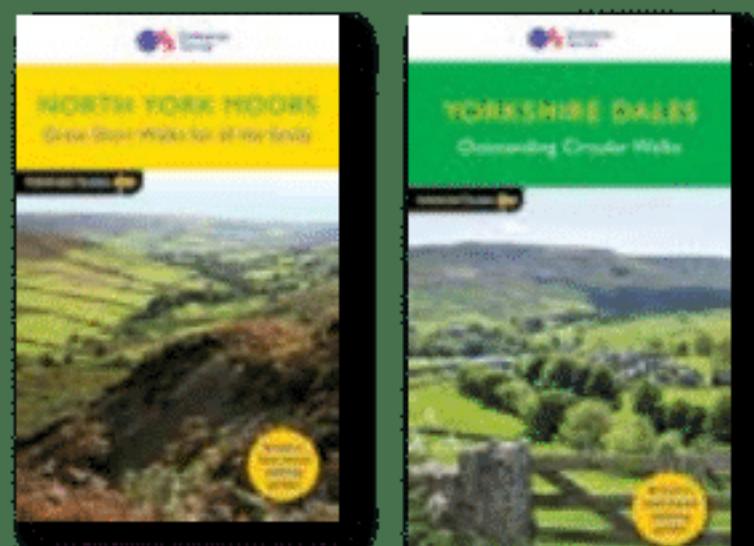
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