

<p>Distance: Approx 3 miles</p> <p>Time Taken: 1-2 hours</p> <p>Terrain: Clear footpaths, road and farmland.</p> <p>Total ascent / descent: 572ft / 174m</p> <p>Dog Friendliness: Dogs can be off lead for much of this walk. Keep them on leads in farmland and on roads. There are a few stiles we had to lift our dog over so be cautious of that.</p> <p>Toilets / Refreshments: There is an Inn and a tearoom in Hawnby.</p> <p>Parking: Small space for parking as you enter the village and by the Inn.</p> <p>OS Maps: OL26</p>	<p>Hawnby Hill Circular</p> <p>Background: Hawnby is a small village in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park about 7 miles north west of Helmsley. The village is mentioned twice in the Domesday Book as Halmebi in the Allerton hundred. It was part of the Thornton-le-Moor manor and records local landowners to be Fredegaest and Ulf. After the Norman invasion, the lands passed to the King and were granted to Robert Malet.</p> <p>Route Description: We parked near the Inn which is in the North of the Village, right next to the start of the walk. There is a red telephone box at the start and with the telephone box behind you facing the Inn the path goes up a bank on the right. The path is signposted on the opposite side of the road.</p> <p>Head up the bank alongside the row of cottages until you come to a gate. Go through the gate and take the path that veers left. There are a couple of stiles on this section so if you have a dog with you, you'll have to lift them over. As you approach a wooded area the path splits. We headed up through the gate onto the side of Hawnby Hill.</p> <p>Follow the grass path up the side of the hill until you join the main path across the top of Hawnby Hill. There is lots of wildlife on the hill including Pheasants and Hares. Follow the path along the top of the hill. The path then goes down the North side, the path is great here is be careful.</p> <p>Join the very clear path at the bottom of the hill around the East side of Hawnby hill. This path then veers left towards the road. Once you reach the road, cross and continue straight ahead through fields. This path follows a spring until you reach the footbridge. Once you reach the footbridge, cross it and go around the front of the building ruins. This section was very muddy and we almost lost our boots so be careful.</p> <p>The wooded area on the OS map you now walk through has been chopped down so the path is a bit higgledy piggledy but you won't get lost. There are quite a few obstacles to walk over due to lying tree stumps and branches so just watch your feet.</p> <p>Once you reach the gate, go through it and follow the path until it forks left and right. Follow the path right (left is a dead end and isn't a footpath). Go past Low Banniscue and once you reach Little Banniscue take the path right again, across a field until you reach another footbridge. Cross the footbridge and then continue straight ascending up until you reach the road.</p> <p>Go through the gate onto the road and follow it back to the village.</p> <p>Points of Interest:</p> <p>During shooting season you will be able to see this from the top of the hill. There is lots of wildlife to see, no doubt a pheasant flying away will make you jump a few times!</p>
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