

<p>Distance: Approx 7.5 miles in total if you walk back the same way.</p> <p>Time Taken: Approx 3 hours</p> <p>Terrain: Clear footpaths, road and farmland.</p> <p>Total ascent / descent: 731ft</p> <p>Dog Friendliness: Dogs need to be on the lead through the villages and if livestock are present, however the majority is good for dogs to roam.</p> <p>Toilets / Refreshments: Toilets and refreshments available in both villages.</p> <p>Parking: We parked at the railway car park in Grosmont.</p> <p>OS Maps:</p>	<p>Grosmont to Goathland</p> <p>Background: Grosmont (pronounced 'Growmont') was once a hive of industry but is now a peaceful village huddled in the Esk Valley. The village owes its size to the discovery of ironstone in 1836, when George Stephenson's original railway from Whitby to Pickering was being built. Although the ironstone industry is long gone, the railway still dominates the village. As well as heritage services on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, there's an adjoining platform for the Esk Valley Railway which runs from Middlesbrough to Whitby, making Grosmont easily accessible by train.</p> <p>Goathland moorland village in the heart of the North York Moors National Park has a station stop along the route of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway running year-round through the center of the Park between Pickering and Whitby. Aidensfield village of hit TV series 'Heartbeat', Goathland has a string of famous tv and film appearances to its name including the station's starring role as Hogsmeade station in the first Harry Potter film!</p> <p>Whether you're on the 'Heartbeat' or Harry Potter Trail, or looking for a beautiful walking holiday location, Goathland B&Bs and holiday cottages are the perfect choice. The pretty village boasts a traditional inn, a regular bus service making it easy to explore the wider National Park, a café.</p> <p>Route Description: We started from the train station car park in Grosmont and headed into the village crossing the railway tracks. Just after the tracks there is a footpath signposted on your right hand side from the North Yorkshire Moor Railway. Follow that path up into a wooded area. The path will fork, take the path to the right following the railway line. Around Holm House the path moves away from the side of the railway, following the river. The views open out here and you will cross a foot bridge before once again following the railway line on your left and the river on your right.</p> <p>Entering another wooded area the path forks again, keep to the path on the left of the river. Once you reach the road, follow ahead for around half a mile before taking a path on your right. This path will then meet a cross path, turn left and then after around 100 meters bear right along the river. This path takes you through woods and down to Mallyan Spout.</p> <p>Once you've enjoyed Mallyan Spout double back slightly (a few meters) and head up and out into Goathland. You will come out to Goathland opposite a hotel. Turn left and follow the road through the village. This is a nice place to have a stop in a café or to enjoy your own packed lunch. You can follow the road down to the railway station if you want a small de-tour. This station was used as hogsmead station in Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone.</p> <p>If you are tired at this point you can hop on a train from Goathland back to Grosmont, however we did this walk as a linear route and followed the same path back, missing out Mallyan Spout on the way back.</p> <p>Points of Interest: North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Mallyan Spout waterfall and Whitby is nearby.</p>
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