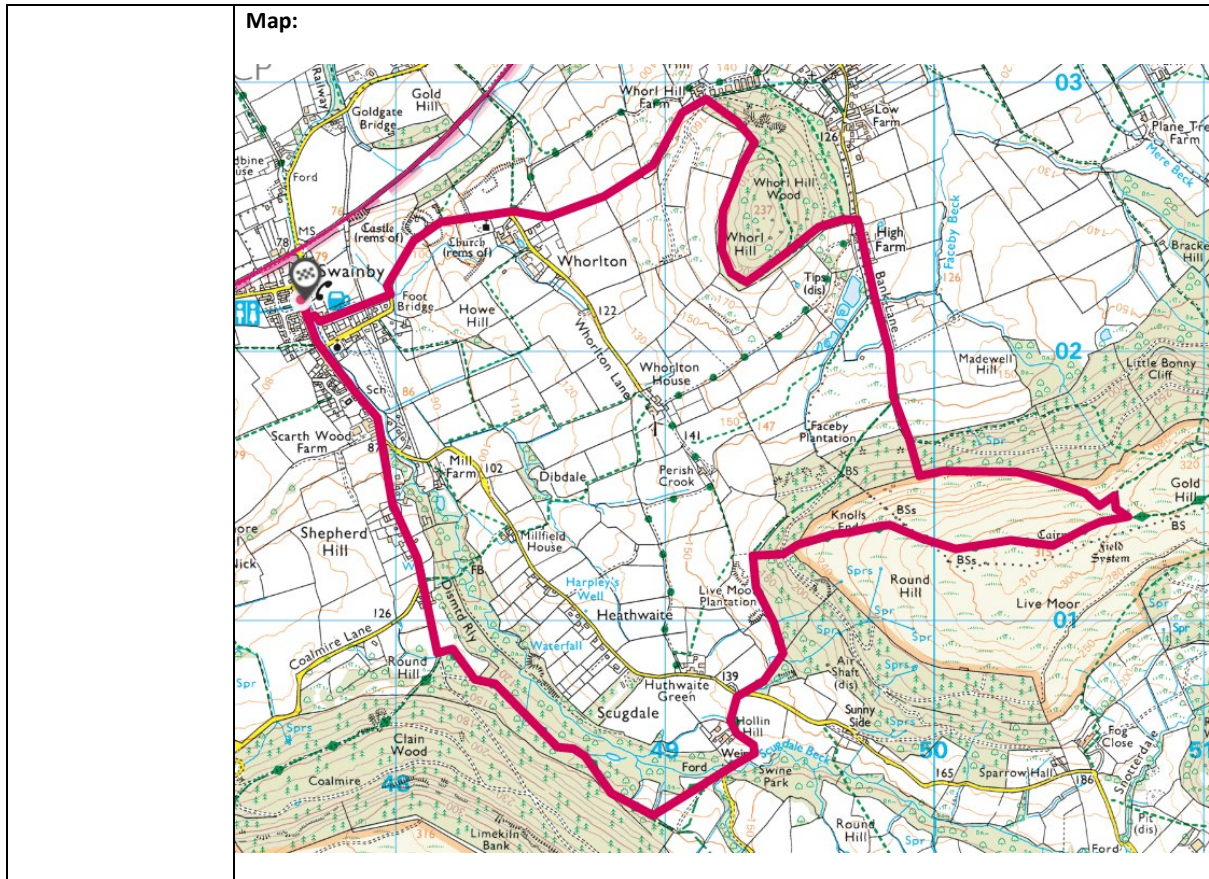




<p>Distance: Approx. 6.5miles</p> <p>Time Taken: Approx. 3hrs</p> <p>Terrain: Good footpaths and roads.</p> <p>Total ascent / descent: 1216ft</p> <p>Dog Friendliness: Mostly dog friendly. There are a couple of fields to cross with livestock.</p> <p>Toilets / Refreshments: Pubs and Cafes' in the village. There are also public toilets just off the High Street.</p> <p>Parking: Street Parking</p> <p>OS Maps: OL26</p>	<p>030 – Swainby – Whorlton Hill Circular</p> <p>Background: Swainby is a village in the Hambleton District of North Yorkshire, located on the north-western edge of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Swainby is also home to Whorlton Castle and Whorlton Old church. Both of these sit just outside of the abandoned village of Whorlton.</p> <p>Whorlton Castle was raised as a motte-and-bailey fortification in the late 11th century to dominate an area that was still recovering from the punitive attacks of the Normans. It was substantially rebuilt in the 14th century in the form of a Tower House but today only the Gatehouse still stands.</p> <p>Like the castle, the church is a partial ruin, with only the tower and chancel intact. There was a Saxon church on this site before the Norman Conquest but the oldest part of the buildings we see today dates to the late 11th century, after the Norman lord Robert de Meynell built the nearby castle.</p> <p>Route Description:</p> <p>We parked on high street in Swainby alongside Crook Beck ahead along high street, past the church on our left. The road then forks continue ahead on the right fork, joining a footpath ahead as the road bends. This footpath will then lead you onto the Cleveland Way.</p> <p>Join the Cleveland Way on the left following the path through Clain Woods then across a field (this may have livestock) and down to Scugdale Beck. Cross Scugdale Beck via the footbridge on your right. You will now join a road, follow it ahead up past Hollin Hill. Continue following the Cleveland Way signs up to Round Hill.</p> <p>Once you reach the summit cairn on Round Hill, the path drops down around 20 meters, you will then need to take the permissive path on your left down off Round Hill following the footpath along the bottom of Round Hill and down onto Bank Lane.</p> <p>Follow Bank Lane past High Farm and you will see a footpath sign post between a house on your left. This path will lead you through Whorl Hill Wood going around Whorl Hill and out to Whorl Hill Farm.</p> <p>At Whorl Hill Farm turn left onto the public footpath which will take you through farm land which contains livestock until you reach the road once again. Follow the road right past the remains of Whorlton Old Church and Whorlton Castle. As you continue along the road there is a footpath on the right which take you along the back of houses and a play area in the village and brings you out to The Black Horse Inn in Swainby and then back to where you parked.</p> <p>Points of Interest:</p> <p>Whorlton Castle (remains), Whorlton Old Church (remains), Cleveland Way.</p>
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