

4 You are now at Moor End, Acaster Malbis. Follow the road round to the left through 3 bends and at the second footpath sign, on your left, follow this through the caravan park to emerge on Hauling Lane behind the Ship Inn. Cross the road, passing the Ship Inn on your left to a waymarked path alongside the river. Follow this so far as it goes by the river and then turning right to join Mill Lane in Acaster Malbis. Turn left and walk along Mill Lane around the right hand bend, passing Manor Country House on your left and Manor Farm on your right to almost reach Ivy Cottage.

5 Just before Ivy Cottage follow the yellow waymark to the left down the access road to houses, over the stile on the left and on the pathway with the picturesque lake on your right. Arriving at a waymarked stile with a tiny pond beyond continue in a straight line with the hedge on your left to reach the facing waymarked stile; cross this field, still in the straight line, to another waymarked stile; over this and still in a straight line aim for the gap in the hedge with Stub Wood beyond on the very clear pathway. Enter the wood through the waymarked stile and proceed on the clear pathway swinging right through the wood to leave via a stile/gateway on the concreted track of Acaster Airfield. Turning left, follow the concreted track for about 1/2 mile steadily swinging round to the right. You are now at the SW end of the Airfield and there are few if any signs to indicate the way forward. Look to your left to see Hales Hill Farm through the trees, take the farm access road almost going back on yourself, Go down this for about 50 yards to arrive at a hedge, the other side of which is the footpath you must follow.

6 Follow this path with the hedge on your right to the corner at the top right of the field. Follow the track for 30 yards back to the perimeter track of the Airfield, and go left proceeding for about 400 yards 'till you cross the minor road to pick up the access road to Batrading Farm. Skirt to the left of the large barn and follow the track as it swings right until you reach a side track going left towards the farmhouse. Go down this and then left at the farmhouse to the double gates beyond, through these and into a large field with no signs visible. Take a line parallel with the hedge to the right but about 60-70 yards from it and head for the far hedge. Keep a good look out for a yellow waymark on a footbridge that will appear soon. Cross the bridge and follow the pathway with the hedge on your left. Turn right at the end for about 20 yards to the gap in the hedge, through this and turn right for a short distance to cross the ditch and then turn left alongside the ditch and head in a straight line to the minor road which leads into Appleton Roebuck.

7 At the village green you will see the Shoulder of Mutton public house - have a break and a drink here if you want - go down the left hand side of the pub into the car park, cross diagonally to the tennis pavilion and you will see a waymarked stile beyond. Turn right, with the edge of a small plantation on your left for 30/40 yds, turn left at the corner and leave the field over the stile to telegraph poles

some 100 yards ahead. Follow the farm track and the line of telegraph poles, one of which is waymarked, 'till you get to the far end of the plantation on your right. Turn right alongside the plantation for 100 yards to the corner where you turn left alongside the ditch for 1/2 mile 'till you get almost to Woolas Hall Farm.

8 Look across left and in the corner of the field you should spot a yellow waymark with a plank over the ditch and then a stile leading to a very muddy area. Here turn right on to the cart track and follow it away from the farm roughly parallel with the ditch on your right for about 1/2 mile 'till you come to a hedge. In the right hand corner you should spot a yellow waymark with a new metal bridge crossing the ditch. You should now be able to see Copmanthorpe Grange ahead of you. Follow the path keeping parallel with the ditch on your right for about 500 yards. When you are about 100 yards from the hedge at the end of the field you will see a yellow waymark indicating a left turn - follow this and pick up the line of the new barbed wire fence for about 400 yards heading towards the corner of Copmanthorpe Wood with Copmanthorpe Grange now to your direct right. Follow the path with Copmanthorpe Wood on your right.

9 At the north west corner of the wood turn right, still keeping the wood to your right. This will lead into an enclosed cart track which continues beyond the wood and soon turns left to join, after some distance, the metalled Moor Lane at a bend in it. Continue ahead along Moor Lane, heading for Copmanthorpe. You now have the choice of two ways back to the village - the scenic route or the road way, they are equi-distant. To take the scenic route, turn left down the track 200 yards after joining Moor Lane and head for the level crossing.

10 Be careful crossing the railway here, this is the same fast stretch of track you crossed at the start of the walk. Once across, turn right onto the clear path heading towards a hedge with a bridge over the ditch and then follow the path initially with the hedge on your right and then across an open field to arrive in Moor Lane near the Burial Ground. Follow Moor Lane back to Main Street and the Royal Oak where you have earned another drink.

The alternative route before the railway crossing is to continue on Moor Lane and follow it swinging round right with the railway on your left 'till you reach the junction with Temple Lane. Turn left here, over the railway bridge, along Station Road and right into Main Street where you then arrive at the Royal Oak having duly earned your drink.

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