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Market Weighton meander

7.5 miles (12.1km) – easy circular walk

Walking from Market Weighton



1 From Market Weighton head along the A1079 road and after the last house on the right turn right along the Yorkshire Wolds Way.

2 Follow the path across the field and then along the field headlands.

3 Cross the road and follow the track passing Towthorpe Grange and through the site of the deserted village.

4 Turn left at the road and then right onto the track into Londesborough Park.

5 As the Yorkshire Wolds Way forks, turn left to visit Londesborough village.

6 Having seen the village turn back along the same path into Londesborough Park and this time at the fork in the Yorkshire Wolds Way turn left and follow the path crossing the lakes and climbing through the Park.

7 Turn right at the kissing gate onto the farm road.

8 Cross the busy A163 with care and go past the picnic site and along the farm track.

9 Turn left on the track and continue to follow it through to Goodmanham.

10 At Goodmanham turn left on the main road and then first right following the minor road for about 0.75 mile.

11 Turn right on the disused railway line (Hudson Way) and follow the old line back to Market Weighton.

12 Follow the surfaced path into Station Road, then Churchside to bring you back to the High Street.

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Start in Market Weighton
OS Grid SE 878 417

Distance 7.5 miles (12.1km)

Height gain 390 ft (120m)

Terrain Field edge paths, old railway lines and pleasant estate pasture. Some sections can be muddy after wet weather

Refreshments and public toilets
Pubs, shops, cafes and toilets in Market Weighton. Goodmanham Arms at Goodmanham open for drinks, lunchtime and evening

How to get there Market Weighton lies on the A1079 between York and Beverley. There is a regular bus service between York, Beverley and Hull calling at Market Weighton – phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 for details



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This circuit has perhaps the greatest concentration of fascinating historical activity anywhere on the Yorkshire Wolds Way. Walk it and absorb the heritage.

The Market Weighton Giant – William Bradley, born in 1787, grew his way into the Guinness Book of Records as England's Tallest Man, measuring 7ft 9 inches tall and weighing 27 stone. His name remains in the book to this day, and must be one record that nobody is too keen to beat. The poor man was a celebrated fairground attraction throughout England until his death at the age of 33 and Market Weighton still celebrates these dizzy heights. Bradley's extra large chair is still in the Londesborough Arms, his local pub, and a plaque of his footprint is displayed in the town at the top of Linegate.

Londesborough and George Hudson – the Railway King – Although only a shadow of its former glory, Londesborough Park is one of the most pleasant spots along the Yorkshire Wolds Way. In the 19th Century it belonged to George Hudson, the infamous Railway King. Originally a draper, in 1827 Hudson invested a £30,000 inheritance in railway shares and helped to gain parliamentary approval for the York and North Midlands Railway. As Lord Mayor of York, he made the city the railway capital of England and having made his own fortune by this time, bought the Londesborough Estate, where he constructed his own private railway station, on the York – Market Weighton line.

Birthplace of Northern Christianity – When you visit the little Norman church in the centre of Goodmanham, try to imagine the drama that took place on this very spot in the 7th century, heralding the advent of Christianity in the north of England. A heathen temple once stood here when in AD 626 Edwin, the Saxon King of Northumbria held a great council to consider the new Christian religion. His High Priest Coifi advised that the temple at Goodmanham should

be burned, and offered to do this himself, realising that others feared the consequences of such action. He borrowed a horse and a war axe and upon reaching the temple flung the weapon into it. Seeing that no ill befell him, his followers set about demolishing the shrine and setting fire to the temple. And so it was that the Venerable Bede came to describe 'Goodmundingham' as it was then called as 'this one time place of idols'.



Market Weighton meander route profile



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