

Walks in York

BISHOPTHORPE

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Walk 13

Bishopthorpe Via Middlethorpe and the Knavesmire.

Distance: 5¾ miles

Time: 2 hrs.

Shorter Route: 3 miles

Stiles: 2

Gates: 0

Parking: Bishopthorpe Main Street

Public Transport: Bus No.s 11 , 11A

A walk from the Village of Bishopthorpe taking in York's historic Knavesmire and race course, the listed buildings of the former Terry's Chocolate Factory and the impressive Bishopthorpe Palace, the residence of the Archbishop of York.



Bishopthorpe is located on the River Ouse about 3 miles south of York. There has been a settlement here for over a millennium, but the name "Bishopthorpe" dates from 1226 when Walter de Grey, then Archbishop of York, bought the entire Manor estate and began building what is now the Archbishop's Palace. The Archbishop of York still resides at The Palace and the building has been extended and altered by various Archbishops in residence over the years. The village has grown much in recent years and has a population of about 3500 although the centre of the village retains its historical character.

The Knavesmire is a large open space with historical public access forming part of Micklegate Stray. The Knavesmire is dominated by the famous York

Racecourse. Originating as a common used for pasturage in the middle ages, Micklegate Stray along with other Strays around the city, was allotted as grazing land to the Freeman of the City around the end of the 18th Century. The Strays were originally managed by the Pasture Masters who controlled the grazing rights over them. In 1947 the Strays, including Micklegate Stray were taken over by the York Corporation. An undertaking was made at this time that the Strays should be administered 'as an open space for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of York for all time.'



*The Strays and Ways of York –
York Group for the Promotion of
Planning 1968
<http://www.genuki.org.uk>*



4 Once across the racecourse turn left along the

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5 Cross the road and climb a stile next to a wooden gate directly opposite and continue into open country along the banks of the River Ouse, this is Nun Ings. Walk down the grass path to reach the river then turn right along the riverside path. Follow this path along the edge of the Ings keeping close to the riverbank crossing 2 stiles to eventually reach a bridge carrying the A64 over the river. Walk underneath it by one of two paths depending on how wet the ground is. Ignore the path that leads up onto the road. Continue along the riverside path crossing another stile after which the grounds of York Crematorium will become visible on your right.

A circular inset image showing a butterfly with orange and black wings, perched on a purple flower. The butterfly's wings are spread, revealing a pattern of orange spots and black markings. The background of the inset is a soft-focus green and purple.