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Walk 11

Walks in York

NEW EARSWICK



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New Earswick, Via Yearsley Bridge and Wigginton Road.

Short route: 2¼ miles
Long route: 6¼ miles
Stiles: 10
Gates: 6
Parking: New Earswick Library.
Public Transport: Bus No. 1

New Earswick Library is off the B1363, Haxby Road in the Village of New Earswick about 2 Miles from the centre of York



The 'garden village' of New Earswick was established and built at the start of the 20th century by Joseph Rowntree, the successful business man who built up Rowntree's cocoa and confectionery business in York. The village is built on land about 2 ½ miles north of York and was designed as affordable housing for those on low incomes at the time. The village was based on the garden cities of Letchworth and Welwyn and open space, gardens with enough space to grow vegetables and road verges planted with trees were key elements of the design of the village.

Bootham Stray is one of a number of historic open areas within the City of York that are open access land for the enjoyment of the public. These areas were originally allotted as grazing land to the Freemen of the City around the end of the 18th Century. They were managed by the Pasture Masters who controlled the grazing rights. However in 1947 the Strays, including Bootham Stray were taken over by the York Corporation. An undertaking was made as 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.'



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1 *From New Earswick Library, make your way onto the main street (Hawthorn Terrace/ Haxby Road) and turn left. Walk along the road for about ½ mile until, a short way after a small roundabout, look for a wooden finger post on the right hand side of the road. The sign points down a road along the boundary fence of a secondary school. The signpost also denotes that this is also part of the Millennium Way, a long distance path around York.*

2 *Turn along this path and follow it through two metal kissing gates. Follow the track round to the left then turn right towards a church at the rear of the buildings of Hall Farm which is on your right. Enter the church yard of All Saint's Church through a third kissing gate, turn right immediately at the junction of the paved paths, then turn left and exit the church yard down the drive passing a wooden finger post on your left. From the church, continue straight ahead on the road towards the water of the River Foss and turn right where a path is signposted just before the narrow bridge over the river. Continue along the path following the bank of the river.*

3 *Walk along the river for about a mile as it meanders its way back to New Earswick through fields and wooded areas crossing 2 stiles with the river on your left and houses to the right. If you are lucky you may see an otter or water vole (please let us know if you do!). About 250 metres after a bridge over the river on your left, you reach a bridge carrying a road known as Link Road over the River Foss. If you wish you can leave the walk here and turn right to return to New Earswick via the steps up onto the bridge and then turning right along the road to return to New Earswick and the start of the walk (Total distance 2 ¼ miles)*

4 *For a longer walk, continue underneath Link Road and along the river as it winds behind houses and fields. After passing a house called Lock Cottage, the path joins the footway along the side of the road for a short distance. A wooden signpost next to a gap in the metal railings on the left points the continuation of the walk towards the next main road crossing over the Foss at Yearsley Bridge. This is about a mile down the riverside path from Link Road.*

5 *When you reach Yearsley Bridge follow the path as it comes up onto the main road. Cross the road by the lights at the junction on your right and walk down Fossway over another bridge over the river. Look for an entrance to playing fields on your right. Go through this and down steps to an open area called King George's Field. Walk across this expanse of grass to a gate in the bottom left corner. Go through the gate and turn right to approach a cycle track that follows the line of an old railway. Turn right along the track and over an old railway bridge heading towards the large buildings of the old Rowntree's factory. Pass under a road bridge and follow this track past the factory on your right before turning right off the track just before a second road bridge. This bridge carries Wigginton Road over the former railway on which you have been walking.*

6 *Walk along the footway of Wigginton Road with the factory on your right until you come to a level crossing. Go across it and soon afterwards turn off the road through a wooden kissing gate by a metal sign, onto a footpath on your right. Follow this path alongside the railway line over Bootham Stray, a large, area of historical open access land. Continue alongside the railway for about a mile crossing several stiles and 1 footbridge across the field boundaries.*

7 *Turn right over a stile at a crossing point over the railway. Cross the railway with care to another stile on the far side. Once safely across follow the path across a field and over another stile to a wooded area and turn right. Follow the path towards the houses, through a wooden kissing gate and across a ditch via a large wooden bridge. Looking right, you will see another wooden signpost next to a large tree pointing along the back of the houses, walk behind the houses along the surfaced path returning to the main road. Turn right to retrace your steps to return to the library and the start of the walk.*



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