

Walks in York

FULFORD & HESLINGTON

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Walk 9

Fulford (Long walk) Via Forest Lane and Heslington Tillmire.

Distance: 4¾ miles

Time: 2 hours.

Stiles: 0

Gates: 4

Parking: Fordlands Lane

Public Transport: Bus No.7 (Red Line)

Fulford lies on the southern edge of York just over a mile from the centre of the city. Although parts of the parish are now suburban in character it was separate in 1972 and still retains a strong village identity particularly along the Main York – Selby Road which passes through the historical centre of the village. Fulford is well known as the site of the Battle of Fulford where, in 1066



Earl Tostig and Harold Hardrada defeated the English before going on to be defeated by King Harold at Stamford Bridge.

Heslington Tillmire is a large area of common land that is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest owing to its important marshy grassland and fen plant flora. Managed by Natural England, the Tillmire provides an important habitat for breeding birds such as lapwing, snipe, curlew, teal and pintail. A good network of Public Rights of Way over the Tillmire makes it an excellent recreational amenity for the nearby villages.

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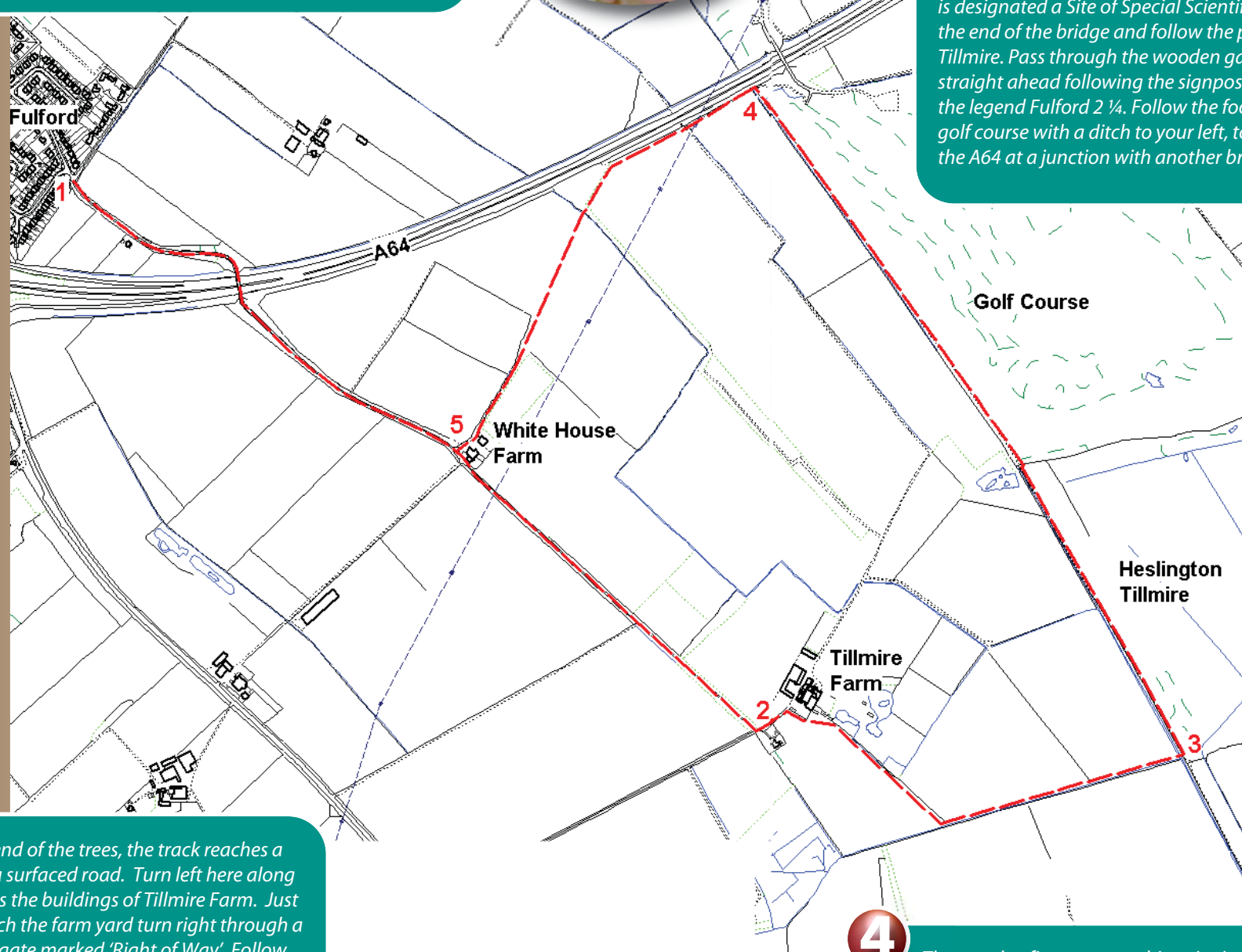
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This walk begins at the end of Fordlands Road, a residential street reached by turning left off Fulford Main Street, towards the end of the village when travelling away from York. At the end of the street look for a wooden signpost with 2 fingers. Proceed straight ahead ignoring the bridleway signposted to the left. Continue along this track as it winds its way out into the countryside crossing a bridge over the busy A64 dual carriage way. After the bridge continue along the track as it passes a farm on your left. This is White House Farm. The track, now Forest Lane, eventually becomes more wooded and provides a quiet and shady stroll during the summer months. Birds such as woodpeckers and other wildlife can often be spotted along this section of the walk.



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At the end of the field edge path, cross a wooden footbridge, and emerge onto Heslington Tillmire, an area of open countryside popular with both ground nesting and migratory birds as well as deer and foxes. Heslington Tillmire is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Turn left at the end of the bridge and follow the path up the edge of the Tillmire. Pass through the wooden gate and continue straight ahead following the signpost for a footpath with the legend Fulford 2 1/4. Follow the footpath up the side of a golf course with a ditch to your left, to a point just south of the A64 at a junction with another bridleway.



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At the end of the trees, the track reaches a junction with a surfaced road. Turn left here along a track towards the buildings of Tillmire Farm. Just before you reach the farm yard turn right through a small wooden gate marked 'Right of Way'. Follow the path as it leads to another gate and then along the edge of the field past a wooded area on the left. At the end of this field, turn hard left as directed by a waymark post and continue along the bottom edge of the field with a ditch to your right



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The wooden fingerpost at this point indicates Heslington to the right and Fulford to the left. Turn left towards Fulford following a track used by the green keepers of the golf course that soon becomes a rough track around the top end of a field. Follow the track as it crosses fields and then through a gateway along a track through a small plantation of trees. Continue along the path as it crosses an arable field, using the lone oak tree as a point of reference, before picking up another track that leads along the edge of another plantation back to the junction with Forest Lane at White House Farm (5). You should recognise this from earlier in the walk. Turn right back over the A64 and back to Fordlands Road and the beginning of the walk.