

Above Beadlam and Nawton

This walk is almost entirely on quiet country lanes and through woodland. Despite its proximity to the North York Moors National Park it is without highlights and dramatic views but it is a very pleasant and peaceful route. Being mainly on wide woodland tracks and on tarmaced single track roads it is walkable throughout the year. There is an option to shorten the walk to roughly half its length if the weather turns nasty.

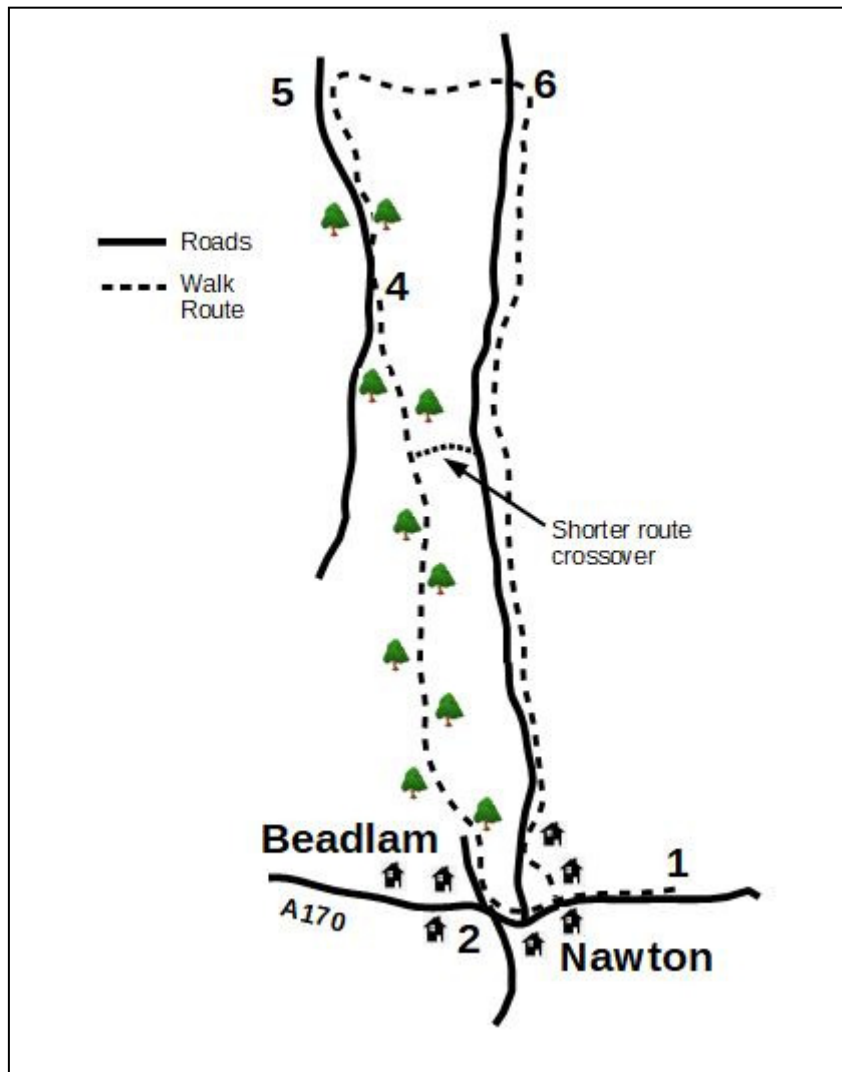
From Slingsby head towards Kirkbymoorside. On reaching the A170 turn left towards Helmsley and the first village you reach is Nawton. Some 200 yards after passing the 30 mph sign signal right and turn into either the tarmaced car park which serves the sportsfield and play area, or on to the parking area beside the road.

Start — Car park beside the A 170 at Nawton

Distance – 4 miles

Duration – 1½ – 2 hours

Shortened walk approx 2 miles



1. From the car park turn right alongside the main road towards the main body of the village. The road passes Nawton Garage and the Rose & Crown pub then descends to a crossroads.
2. At the crossroads turn right up the road signed as a cul-de-sac and signposted to the Village Hall. At the end of the tarmaced road continue forward as the road becomes a track and enters woodland.
3. Stay on the same track which climbs gently. After around $\frac{3}{4}$ mile a bridleway turns off sharply to the right. (This provides the opportunity to cut short the walk by taking the right turn and crossing the fields. If you take this path you arrive eventually at a tarmaced road. Turn right on the road and walk down the hill back to your vehicle.) To continue with the full walk go straight ahead and you will note the track splits into 2. Both meet up again a little further on but take right hand of the 2 as it avoids slightly wetter conditions on the left.
4. A little further on the track meets a tarmaced road. Carry on uphill on the road until you reach a footpath sign to the right.
5. Go over the stile and walk steeply uphill beside the field. The path levels out and later changes into the field on the left before reaching another tarmaced single track road.
6. Turn right and stay on the same road as it descends gently towards Nawton, passing several large desirable properties on the way as well as passing the bridleway junction where the shorter version of the walk emerges. On reaching the village turn left at the old (1875) chapel with its clock then right down Chapel Lane to meet the A170. Turn left and walk the short distance back to your car