

Walk – CH Farnhill Moor Distance 3.5 miles

A comfortable walk with the added interest of a medieval church, a memorial to Queen Victoria and a café thrown in for good measure. A bit of a climb but nothing too extreme but with great views and variety. Just one word of warning, the route down can be steep in places and slippery in wet conditions but nothing that this 75 year old grandfather couldn't manage!

Parking: There is on-street parking in the vicinity of St Andrew's church at Kilnwick.

Location:- 53°54'31.3"N 1°59'03.3"W
53.908690, -1.984256

Description:

Locate the church and walk up the steps towards the clock tower. Pass to the left of the church building and through the graveyard towards the bridge over the canal. Pass over the bridge and the walk starts straight in front of you. So, walk straight ahead for some 250 metres passing through a couple of rock slab chicanes on route to end at an open tarmac area. Walk through this area to a road in 40 metres. Turn left on the road and walk down hill for 100 metres. When reaching Starkey Lane on the left and immediately after Hall Gardens on the right, turn right to climb four steps onto a footpath. There is a footpath waymarker on the left.



Walk up the path with a stone wall on the right and a short hedge on the left. After a 50 metres pass through a wooden gate. Now walk with a dry-stone wall on your right. Continue as the path goes through a small wood and then breaks out into heathland. Continue to follow the obvious path as it goes uphill. Shortly to pass (or not) a café on your right. Continue and in a couple of hundred metres bear left on the wider path as a smaller path continues ahead. Pass a few silver birch on your right with an open vista and great views to the left. Shortly bear right with the track with silver birch now on both sides. Continue up and at the top there

is a memorial to Queen Victoria. You'll probably want to pause awhile here and take in the views.

Continue to the right of the monument on the wide path which is quite sandy and strewn with sandstone rocks. The track bears to the right and starts to climb again. Continue for some 500 metres to reach a wall with a seat in front of it. Turn left here and now going downhill and in places steeply. There are places where you will need to deviate away from the wall in order to navigate your way down. Continue going downhill for some 700 metres to reach a road and turn right.



Continue along the road for some 500 metres to a dry-stone wall crossing point on the left. It is to the right of a five bar gate with a footpath sign to the left of that. Pass over the wall and follow the path which goes diagonally left across the field. Pass through another dry-stone wall and in a total of 400 metres reach the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Cross the bridge and this can be manoeuvred by hand if it is closed. Once over the bridge turn left.



It is a straight and pretty walk from here to the bridge where you started the walk. A distance of 1.8 miles. At the bridge walk up the steps and back through the church yard to your parking spot.