

# The Wilberfoss Wander

The *Wilberfoss Wander* is a 1.3 mile stroll through the countryside along public/permissive footpaths that can be enjoyed by all ages. The route will take between 20 and 50 minutes to walk, depending on the age/ability of your group.

Comprising grassed path and permanent roadway, the *Wilberfoss Wander* will allow you to get some fresh air and enjoy the great British countryside at the same time.

## Safety and accessibility

Although stretches of the path are accessible by wheelchair, it has not been possible to guarantee wheelchair access all along the route and grass paths can become very muddy in wet weather. The paths are maintained in part by Wilberfoss Parish Council and any issues encountered should be reported via the Parish website at [www.wilberfossparish.org](http://www.wilberfossparish.org).

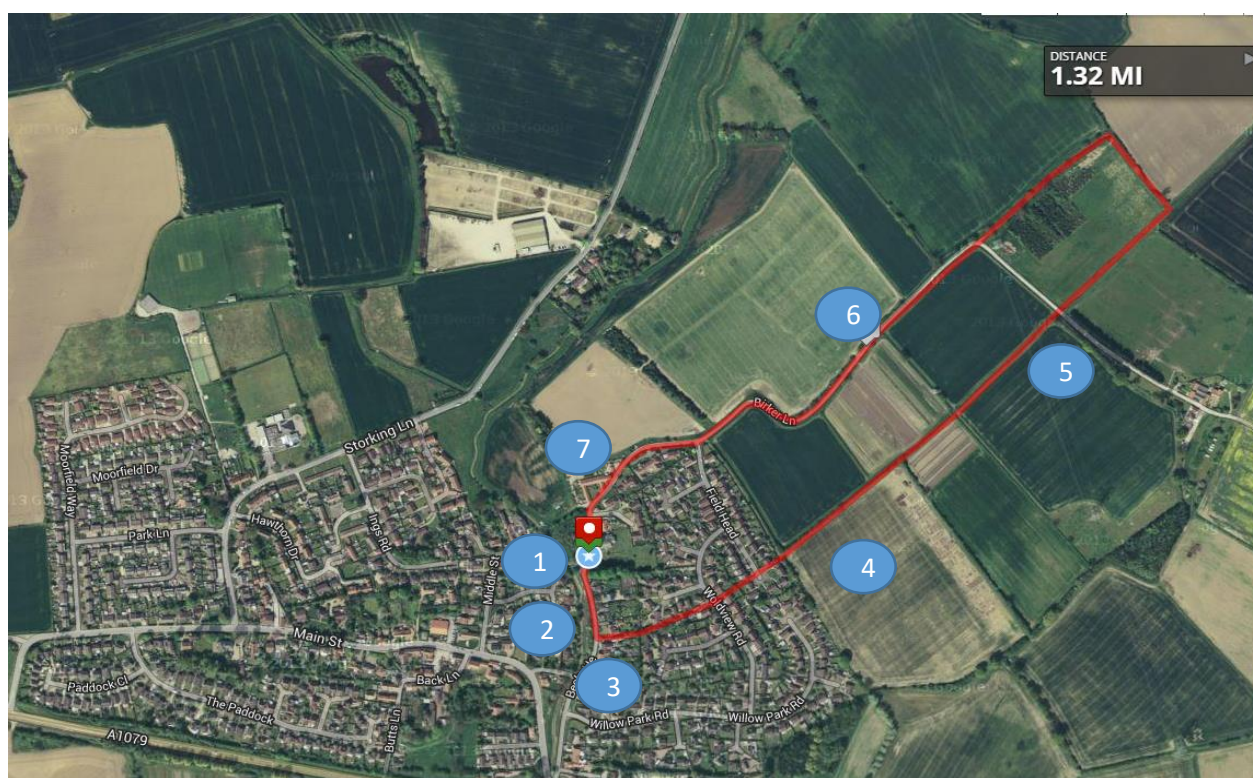
Appropriate footwear should be worn and care should be taken, especially on the open road stretch along Birker Lane as there is no dedicated pedestrian footpath.

Wilberfoss Parish Council assumes no liability whatsoever for any injury or loss incurred, howsoever caused.

<b>The route</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Start at St John the Baptist Church on Beckside</b> This 15 <sup>th</sup> century church is a Grade 1 listed building and is open most days. Feel free to visit after your walk but as " <i>Cleanliness is next to Godliness</i> ", please be mindful of muddy boots in the Vestry!
<b>2</b>	<b>Upon leaving the churchyard and facing the Beck turn left along Beckside</b> Beckside is one of the least changed parts of old Wilberfoss and a priory of Benedictine nuns was founded near here by Elias de Cotton during the reign of Henry II; nothing of it remains today. Further along, Beckside opens up onto the beck, the site of the annual Village Duck Race on Easter Sunday.
<b>3</b>	<b>After 75m &amp; before arriving at the road bridge, turn left down a snickleway</b> Follow on for around 100m then cross Wold View Road and continue along the snickleway before crossing Field Head and emerging onto a field track.
<b>4</b>	<b>Follow the field track ahead</b> On your right you will pass the allotments which have been keeping residents fed and busy since 2007. Pass through the tree line and continue to the little railway sleeper bridge at the farm path.

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5	<p><b>Cross over the path and continue along the path next to the drain</b> If you are lucky the horses might be in the field and may come to say hello – please don't feed them though. Also, keep an eye out for the Barn Owl pair that next near here. They are often around at dusk and are a beautiful site. Carry on along the path until you come to a crossing over the drain.</p>
6	<p><b>Turn left across the drain and follow the permissive path</b> Keeping the copse on your left, follow this path round and continue back onto the tarmac road that is Birker Lane. Watch out for traffic as you are back on the public highway.</p>
7	<p><b>Follow Birker Lane until its junction with Field Head</b> Then continue straight on and follow the road round to the left and back to your start point at the Church.</p>



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## What next?

We hope you enjoyed the *Wilberfoss Wander* and that you will take time to visit the rest of our village. If you feel inclined, please let us know what you liked about the Village so that we can continue to improve it for visitors and residents alike. Please contact us via [www.wilberfossparish.org](http://www.wilberfossparish.org).

Thanks!

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