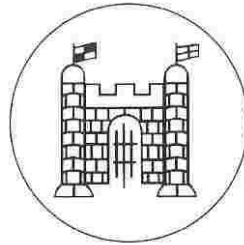


THE KNARESBOROUGH ROUND

The Knaresborough Round is a 20 mile circular walk in the varied and attractive countryside close to Knaresborough. The route goes through fields and woodland, along quiet lanes beside the River Nidd, and through local villages. The route is waymarked with the Knaresborough Round logo.



You can walk the Knaresborough Round all in one go, or split the walk into three sections (Knaresborough to Scotton, Scotton to Flaxby, Flaxby to Knaresborough), or two sections starting and finishing at Ferrensby. There are several buses a day from Knaresborough to Scotton, Ferrensby and Flaxby. It is recommended that you bring with you the Ordnance Survey Explorer maps No. 289 and 299. Note, older versions of map No. 299 do not show the proper route of the Knaresborough Round between Scotton and Ferrensby. The correct route after Farnham Mires (Grid Reference SE 33902) is via Brearton and Occaney.

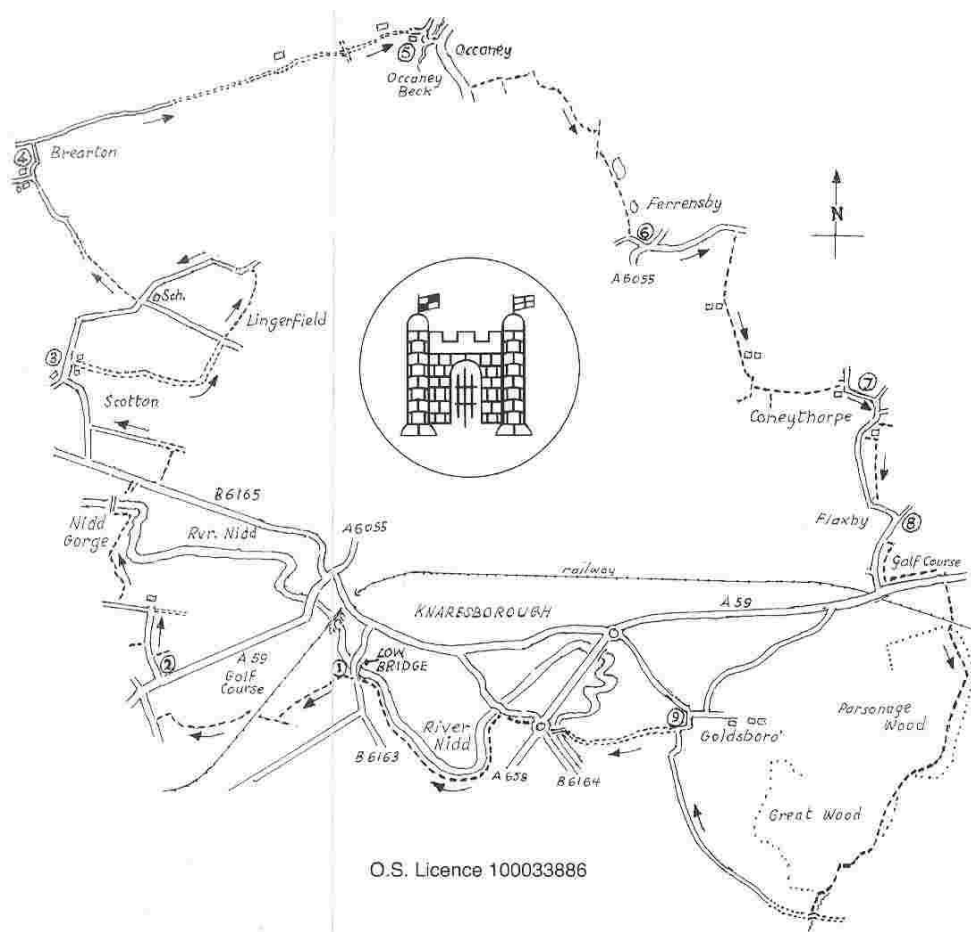
DESCRIPTION OF THE KNARESBOROUGH ROUND

The walk starts and finishes at Low Bridge, Knaresborough (Grid Reference SE 350565).

1. From Low Bridge walk along the B6163 away from Knaresborough, past the Mother Shipton pub.
Immediately after a row of cottages on the right turn sharp RIGHT up an enclosed path. When the path enters a field, keep straight on towards two mature trees, then after the tree on the left, bear LEFT to a stile. Now keep the hedge on the left, then follow the hedge on the RIGHT in the next field. Go through the gap in the hedge, then turn RIGHT, follow the hedge on your right and cross the railway (take care- there are frequent trains). The path then keeps to the left side of Harrogate Golf course for about 1/3 mile, before turning LEFT on a track between houses to reach Forest Lane. Turn RIGHT, and walk up Forest Lane, soon to reach the main Knaresborough to Harrogate road where you turn RIGHT. (1 ½ miles)
2. Soon turn LEFT along Bilton Hall Drive. Close to the entrance to Bilton Hall turn LEFT along a lane with high hedges (Beryl Burton Cycleway). Shortly after Farfield House (1/4 mile), turn RIGHT (footpath post) through metal gate and along a broad track which soon enters Nidd Gorge Woods. Follow the attractive woodland path which at first follows the top of the Nidd Gorge then gradually descends into the bottom of the valley (pause at the seat to enjoy

the delightful woodland view across the gorge). When the River Nidd is reached, follow the river upstream for ¼ mile, and cross the large footbridge (Burgess Bridge) over the river. Pass the Burgess Bridge commemorative plaque, go LEFT along a broad track, and continue along the track as it bends sharply RIGHT (by two seats) and climbs out of the valley to reach the B6165 road. Turn RIGHT along the road, and after approx. 100 yards, turn LEFT (public bridleway sign) on broad path between high hedges. Turn LEFT at a T-junction of tracks and continue along the farm track. Look RIGHT for good views, and How Hill near Fountains Abbey, and the Kilburn White Horse can be seen. When you reach the road turn RIGHT and follow it into the village of Scotton. (4 ½ miles).

3. In Scotton village, turn RIGHT along Main Street. Immediately before Poplar Green on RIGHT, turn RIGHT (footpath sign) along a narrow lane with hedges on either side, and follow it for almost a mile to the Scriven to Lingerfield Road. Cross to a stile, and follow the path at RIGHT of a field. Turn LEFT at the end of the field, then soon go over the stile at the corner of the field. Slant LEFT to metal gate leading into a garden, then immediately turn LEFT across waterfall feature and follow a broad path by the LEFT of a conifer hedge to reach the road at Farnham Mires. Turn LEFT and follow the road for 1/3 mile. Immediately after Lingerfield School, turn RIGHT along an enclosed path. Continue in the same direction



(by a line of ancient hawthorns) across a large field to a metal gate at the far end. Follow a lane (ignore a lane that goes off to RIGHT) into the village of Brearton. (7 miles)

4. Turn RIGHT in Brearton keeping the attractive village green on the right and continue along a tarmac lane soon to reach a T-junction of lanes. Turn RIGHT along a narrow hedged lane in pleasant countryside. At the end of the lane, keep straight on past Warren Cottage and entrance to Warren Farm, then through a farm gate. Keep in the same direction across a large field to a stile at the far end. Walkingham Wood cloaks the hillside on the left. After the stile, go straight on to a metal footpath gate, then climb the hillside on a lane between high hedges. Keep straight on at the top of the hill passing Walkingham Hill Farm to the LEFT, then descend the tarmac drive to reach the road (quite busy) at Occaney. (9 miles)
5. Turn RIGHT and follow the road across Occaney Beck (also called the River Tutt) which flows into the Ure at Boroughbridge. Follow the road up to the T-junction and turn RIGHT along the road (fast traffic!) with wide verges. After approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile at a line of pylons turn LEFT through a gap in the hedge (public bridleway sign) and walk with the hedge on your right. Staveley church spire can be seen to the left. As the path begins to descend, go through a gap in the hedge and keep in the same direction, now with the hedge on the left. At the bottom of the field bear RIGHT keeping the hedge on the left, then go through a footpath gate into the next field (pond on left). Go through a gap in the hedge into a further field still following the hedge/fence on the left. Soon after the path swings RIGHT, go LEFT through a gap in the hedge to cross the track of the former Knaresborough to Boroughbridge railway. Turn RIGHT immediately after crossing the track and follow the hedge on the right. When the hedge ends, veer LEFT across the field, then continue along the side of the field with a hedge/fence on the left. Note the lake on the left (you may see herons), and shortly after this turn RIGHT (don't go straight on!) and keep by the hedge on the right. Continue in the same direction, then turn LEFT along the road in to the village of Ferrensby. (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles)
6. Cross the A6055 in the middle of Ferrensby (busy road), and follow the road towards Arkendale. After $\frac{1}{3}$ mile, turn RIGHT by poplar trees along the tarmac track to Poplars Farm, and keep straight on when the farm is reached. At the next farm, The Hollies, keep straight on between the farm buildings and to the right of the silos. A few yards further on, just after an isolated tree on the left, veer LEFT across the field to a gap in the hedge by the field corner, keep in the same direction in the following field till a line of pylons is reached, then veer LEFT along a track that eventually leads round the side of Clareton Moor Farm to reach the Arkendale to Coneythorpe road. Turn RIGHT and follow the road into Coneythorpe. (12 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles)
7. In Coneythorpe turn LEFT immediately after Elm Tree Cottage along a lane at The Tiger pub, then turn RIGHT on enclosed footpath. Cross a footbridge into a field and follow the hedge on the right. Keep in the same direction in the

next field as the path climbs a hillside and continues along a grassy terrace (a good viewpoint with Almscliff Crag in the distance on the RIGHT). Cross a stile into the next field and keep just to the left of the house ahead as the path comes into Flaxby. (13 ½ miles)

8. In Flaxby, turn RIGHT at the road junction (signposted “The North, Harrogate”). As you leave the village, just after 30mph sign, go LEFT through a metal gate, and immediately turn RIGHT along a track following the hedge on right. After ½ mile, turn RIGHT through a gap in the hedge (well signed), cross the busy A59 road (very fast traffic) and keep straight on along path by the left of the hedge. Go through the metal gate at the far corner of the field and cross the railway line (care needed – frequent trains). Follow the clear path as it wends its way through the delightful mixed woodland of Goldsborough Moor Woods. After approx. a mile the path leaves the wood by a footpath gate and follows the hedge on the left of a field, then almost immediately go through a gate on LEFT into Pikeshaw Wood and follow the broad path through further attractive woodland. Turn sharp LEFT at “Private” notice to leave the wood by a gate, and keep by the hedge on left to a junction of paths at the field corner. Turn RIGHT along a track that soon becomes a quiet tarmac lane leading into the village of Goldsborough. (17 ½ miles)
9. As the lane turns right on entering Goldsborough turn sharp LEFT on to a broad un-made track. The track (Mill Road) soon leads into open country then gradually drops down into the Nidd valley in attractive surroundings. Go through a farm gate and between former mill buildings to cross the River Nidd (fine view of the weir). Ascend to the B6164, cross the road and turn RIGHT. Keep straight on at the roundabout (fast traffic) and, immediately after, veer LEFT (bridleway sign). Keep straight on to Grimbald Bridge (traffic lights), but immediately before the bridge turn LEFT along a lane. At Lido Leisure Park keep to right of the caravans and follow path that climbs briefly before going round the steep face of Grimbald Crag (a picturesque spot). As more caravans are reached, the path veers RIGHT, between high fences. The remainder of the walk, most of it through mature woodland, is on a clear well-used path with the River Nidd never far away on the right. At the cottages where the path divides, bear RIGHT and pass by an old limekiln on left. Keep straight on at next junction of paths, and, shortly after, follow a narrow lane on to the B6163 close to Low Bridge and the finish of the walk, close to the Mother Shipton Inn. (20 ½ miles).

The Knaresborough Round has been devised by the Harrogate Group of the Ramblers. For information on the Harrogate Group’s weekly programme of walks and footpath protection work see www.harrogateramblers.org.uk

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Photo on front: The Knaresborough Round between Occaney and Ferrensby.