

# Try a Trail easy access walks

## HAMBLETON DROVE ROAD, NEAR KEPWICK

This is a short easy stroll along the escarpment of the Hambleton Hills from where there are distant views to the Yorkshire Dales. Try to walk this route in August when the heather is in full bloom.

The walk is easy, with maximum gradients down and up of 1:20. It is likely to be suitable for people with impaired mobility or with a pushchair, wheelchair or mobility scooter. The walk has no steps or stiles. The path condition will vary depending on the weather.



**Cleveland Way**  
NATIONAL TRAIL



### Distance

This linear walk is approximately 1 mile (1.6k) in each direction.

Path details – This is a very gentle undulating walk mainly on short turf but with a short rutted track towards the end.

### Start

Start this walk at the top of Kepwick Bank (Map OS Outdoor Leisure 26. Grid ref 490915) This comes immediately after the gate at the top of Kepwick Bank that leads you onto the moor top.

Route – Follow the Cleveland Way northwards for 1 mile and return by the same route. The walk may be extended for another mile to the trig point on Black Hambleton. The track is fairly level but stoney.

### Nearest facilities

There are no immediate facilities. The closest are at Thirsk and Osmotherley where there are accessible toilets.

### How to get there

Kepwick is situated north-east of Thirsk. Turn off the A19 at Knayton for Kepwick. At the west end of the village by the entrance to Kepwick Hall, take the road signed 'Unsuitable for motors 1½ miles ahead' This is a steep, narrow, gated tarmac road which will take you to the start point of the walk.

### Points of Interest

The Hambleton Drove Road has been used for thousands of years. Along its length archaeologists have found flints, axes and pottery dating back to the stone age.

In the 18th Century the road was used by Scottish cattle drovers. They drove vast herds of cattle from Scotland across England to various market towns, even as far as London.

The walk also leads you down to the ruins of Limekiln House. This was once an Inn serving the drovers.

This is limestone country and evidence of stone quarries abound in the area. During the 19th century the stone was used extensively for mortar, limewash and agricultural lime as well as for building local dry stone walls. Further north the limestone thins out and is replaced by grit and sandstone and the vegetation changes from grassland to heather moorland.



# HAMBLETON DROVE ROAD

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1:20  
150m

2

level

3

1:20  
150m



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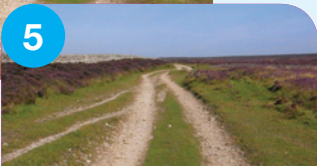
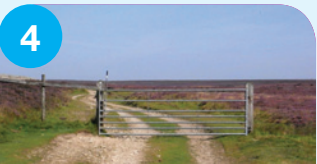
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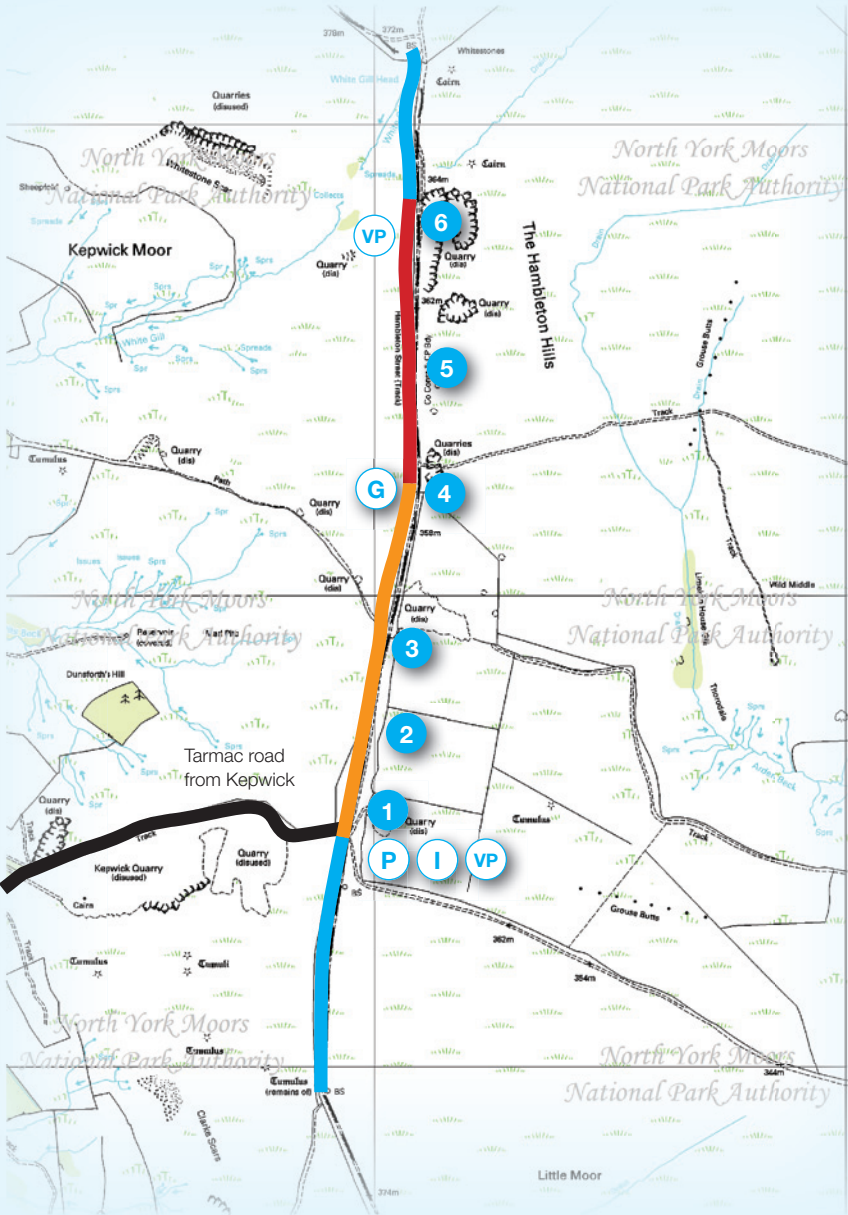
1:20  
300m



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- Tarmac road or path
- Compact hard surface, occasional stones or gravel
- Compact earth/short grass
- Worn grass
- Ruts, stones or long grass
- Rough surface
- Continuation of National Trail
- Gate
- Parking

- Seat
- Information Panel
- View Point
- Toilets
- Refreshments
- Photo Location



All route photographs are taken in the direction of travel, unless otherwise stated.