

Try a Trail easy access walks

RUNSWICK BAY

A pleasant walk along the cliff top with wide views over Runswick Bay and Port Mulgrave.

This is an easy walk with a maximum gradient of 1 in 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. Conditions will vary depending on the weather.



Cleveland Way
NATIONAL TRAIL



Distance

This is a linear walk returning by the same route. The total distance is 2 miles (3.2k)

Path details

Mainly flat with slight rises. The surface is a hard limestone aggregate or short grass.

Start

Start the walk from the Pay & Display car park at the top of the village (Map OS Outdoor Leisure 27 Grid Ref: 808162)

Route

Walk back along the road from the car park and turn right at The Runswick Bay Hotel. Follow the Cleveland Way to the cliff edge and turn left. Follow the path through several fields before returning.

Nearest Facilities

There are toilets at the car park. The nearest accessible toilets are at Staithes Top car park. There are refreshments available at Cliffemount Hotel & Runswick Bay Hotel, both near the start of the walk.

How to get there

Turn off the A174 Whitby – Saltburn road for Runswick Bay. Do not turn right down into the bay but continue ahead to the cliff top car park.

Points of interest

The view from the car park extends over the wide sweep of Runswick Bay to Kettleness. The bay is one of the few sandy bays with easy access and is popular for water sports. At Point 6 on the walk you pass a pond which was created as a reservoir to supply water to an old iron works situated part way down the nearby cliff. The view at the end of the walk includes the remains of the harbour at Port Mulgrave which was opened in 1856 to ship iron ore from nearby mines to furnaces on Tyneside. Today it is hard to imagine how industrial this area once was.



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2
Turn left out of the car park and walk back along the road.

3
At the Runswick Bay Hotel turn right into the hotel car park.



4
Follow the stone path in the far right corner.

5
Go through the kissing gate. The path rises very slightly before descending towards the cliff edge.

6 S VP I
At the cliff edge turn left along the cliff path.

7/8
The path now follows a level grass/earth surface.



9 Steps 1:20 10m

An alternative level path to the left avoids the steps.

10/11 1:20 300m

Slight camber. The limestone path climbs gently to a viewpoint overlooking Port Mulgrave.

Return by the same route.



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