

Richmond 10 May 2015



Today we have two rather full coaches for our trip to this 11th century North Yorkshire town. The Blackburn and Burnley coaches will meet in Ripon and then travel together via Leyburn to our destination.

Richmond is really the furthest we can go in this direction and the morning journey will be long I'm afraid but the return journey should be a bit quicker. Thank-you for all your help in making the morning stop shorter; it really does help the logistics. I just need to stop dithering now and then we'll be sorted ☺

Today's Walks

A Walk Harvey Thompson Off First 14 miles Moderate

A CIRCULAR TOUR OF RICHMOND.

Starting with gusto from Church Gill (SE112998) we cross the River Swale and soon arrive in Marske where we walk along the Coast to Coast Path. Ahead Applegarth Scar awaits us where we climb out of the Swale Valley to start our circular tour of Richmond. Striding on Jagger Lane, one of the many 'ancient ways' which formed part of a great communication network of another age, we reach Hartforth. Next we visit Gilling West and Skeeby whose history dates back over 900 years. Down to Easby Abbey we re-join the Swale and march into Richmond to enjoy Anniversary Celebrations.

It is 14miles long, with 1378ft (420m) of ascent and on recognised paths.

B Walk Robert Eccles Off Second 10½ miles Moderate

Starting from Downholme Bridge we head WSW over fields before climbing to Shaw Bank, on to Nun Cote Nook and then drop down to Marsk. Continuing north-west we reach Applegarth Scar where we start our second climb of the day to the top of Deep Dale. Following the ridge we drop down just after Whitcliffe Farm. Here we decide if to visit Low Moor to the north (an additional climb and mile) or just keep on the track to Richmond.

A moderate 10-11 mile walk with fantastic views and 540m of ascent / descent over the whole walk. (Carol and Derrick could be experiencing déjà-vu by now.)

C Walk Paul Brown Off Third 8 miles Moderate

We start at Nuns Close car park, walk past Friars' Closes, then climb steeply for ½ mile to reach Low Moor, the site of the former Richmond Racecourse. We then continue to Beacon Hill (today's highest point at 319 m.), then walk to the monuments at Willance's Leap. We then walk eastwards to High Leases, join the Coast to Coast route briefly, before descending along Green Lane to the A6108 which we cross to reach Round Howe picnic site. We cross the River Swale by footbridge then walk along the river and through the woods to Richmond Bridge. From here it's a short but steep climb to the town centre on the way back to the coaches.

Good views with some interesting local history as well.

D Walk Roger Haythornthwaite Off Third 6 miles Fairly Easy

Alight the coach at Nuns Close Coach Park, Richmond. Proceed to the interesting Market Square and downhill to the old railway station - now a leisure complex. Follow a disused railway track for a short distance then take a tarmac path to Woodhouse Farm. Walk across some fields to a small wood to the ruins of Hagg Farm (a few boulders). Enter a wood to walk along the banks of the River Swale to Iron Banks and back to the railway path. Turn right to a bridge over the Swale and take a riverside path to Easby Abbey and St. Agatha's Church. After exploring this area for a short time we continue along the river path to the Little Drummer Boy stone and near the old railway station once more followed by a steep climb up to the coach park.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

18:00 Richmond Nuns Close Car Park (by the cricket club)

Walks: A, B, C, D

Any additional stops on the return journey are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.

Our Next Trips

Today we will be taking bookings for Castleton (07 June), Appleby (05 July) and Ruthin (02 August). Ticket cost is the usual £13:00 / £6:50. After today, or to book beyond August, then contact Robert by email at bookings@coach-rambles.org.uk, telephone on 07795 250502 / 01282 798145 or on-line at www.coach-rambles.org.uk/book.