



GRANTLEY HALL

Eavestone Lake WALK

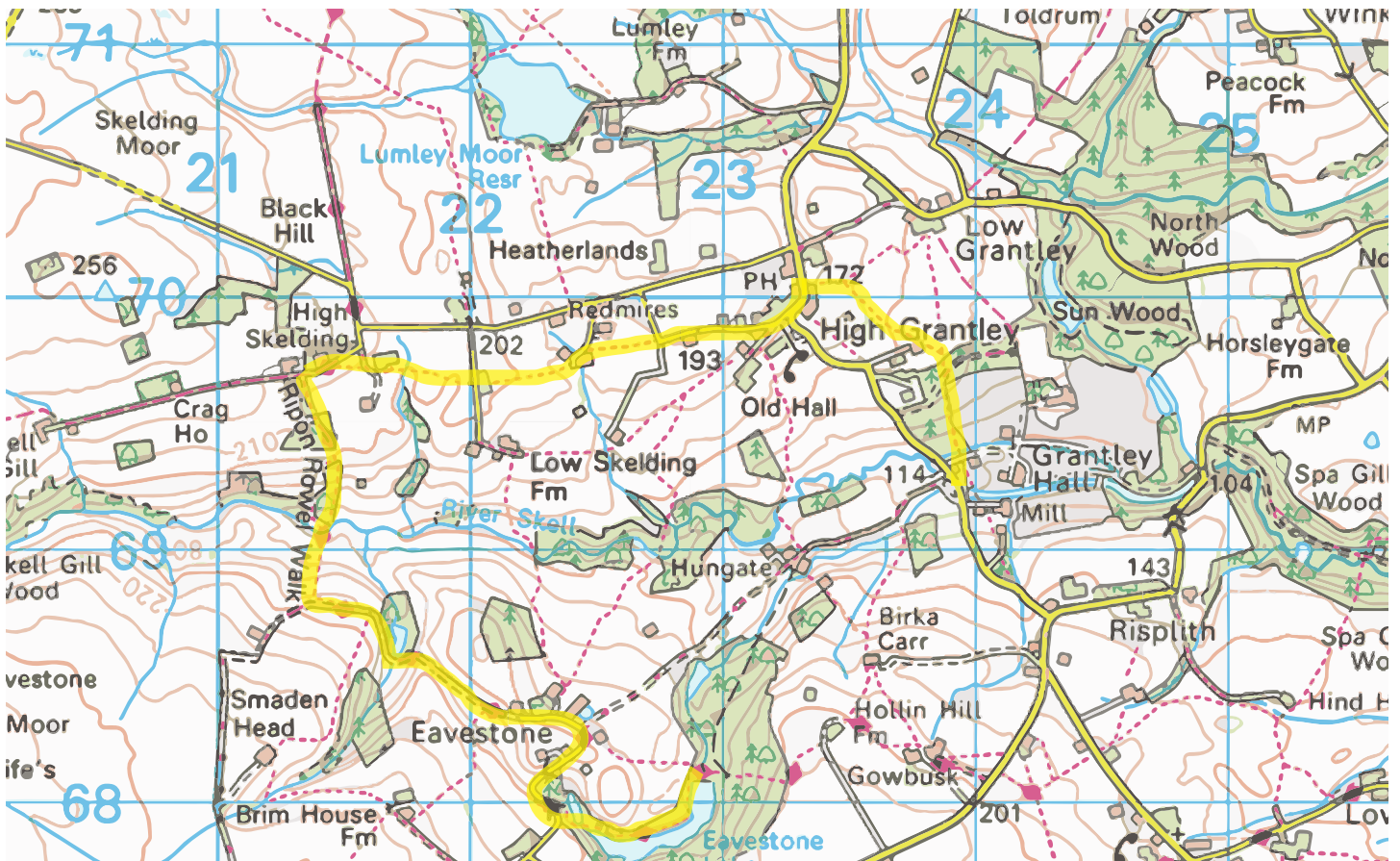


Approximate distance - 5/6 hours

OS Map - OS Explorer Map 99 - Northallerton & Ripon

Level/Terrain - Moderate, mostly level with occasional steep inclines, gravel/grass terrain

Not good during winter months or after heavy rainfall as there are some areas which may flood or become boggy and impassable. We politely ask you to leave gates as you find them and bring any litter back with you.



Walking Route



1. Follow the driveway towards West Lodge as if you were leaving the Grantley Hall Estate. As you reach the boundary wall just before the West Lodge private residence, follow the foot path on the right hand side of the drive, through the black metal gate, crossing the footbridge over the river.
2. Continue uphill through the woodland. During the spring a carpet of Bluebells covers the woodland floor. As the path starts to level you will reach a fork in the path. Follow the left hand path until you reach a stile. Cross over the right hand stile and continue to walk around to the left side of the hedge where you will find a fly fishing lake.
3. Walk along the left edge of the lake, past the wooden 'club house', then follow the track to the left until you reach a gate entering into a field. Keep to the right side of the field, following the hedge along until you reach a stile.
4. Cross over the stile into the adjoining field where you will need to walk to the top left corner of the field to cross over another stile into a field.
5. Cross the field to the opposite corner (heading towards the houses) and cross the stile which is tucked away in the corner. Once over the stile, cross the field heading towards the house with the white conservatory where there will be another stile to cross just to the right.
6. In the next field, go through the black iron gate on the left edge of the field and then cross the road & follow the pavement to the left, through the village of Grantley. Make sure the Grantley Arms (pub) is on your right and the school is on your left.
7. Continue walking past the pub and you will reach a road that leads off to the right. Follow the road for 100 yards then take the lane up to the right and follow this out of the village for 1/4 mile.
8. As the road bends sharply to the right, on the corner where the driveway leads to Hollin House on your left, cross over the stile to the right of the metal gate into the field.
9. Cross straight over the field, heading towards the telegraph pole & the large tree, to reach another stile.
10. Once you have crossed the stile into the next field, follow the fence/hedge on your right to cross a stile next to a gate. Bear slightly to the left across the field to reach a stile to the right of the farm buildings marked by a signpost.



11. Once you are in the farm yard, you will see two metal gates opposite from where you crossed the stile. Walk through the gate on the right & walk up the field. You will need to walk through the gate in the wire fence (halfway up the field - this may sometimes be open). Head towards the top right corner of the field & cross the stone stile.
12. Follow the fence/wall on your left to reach a farmyard. Pass in front of both houses and cross the stile on the opposite side of the road. Continue straight on across the field through a wall gap, then head for the far right corner of the field you are in. You will reach a gap in the fence and a black water butt. Walk through the gap into the neighbouring field and then through the metal gate on your left.
13. Walk up onto the track and cross the stile in the wire fence straight in front of you. Walk across the small paddock towards the telegraph pole on the corner of the stone wall in front of you. Continue through the wall gap and then turn right to follow the lane.
14. When the road splits, follow the grassy track to the left & almost directly ahead of you, there will be a stone stile. Cross over the stile and follow the wall on your left (the path may be obstructed by low hanging tree branches so you may need to walk over to the right in some places). At the end of the wall, go through the gate & join onto the lane following it to the left.
15. Continue following the lane until you reach a track off to the left (signposted with a wooden 'Nidderdale Public Footpath' sign). Go through the metal gate and continue walking downhill along the track until you reach a wooden gate at the bottom.
16. Go through this gate & then walk straight across towards the kissing gate (DO NOT GO THROUGH THE KISSING GATE!). Follow the field downhill (following the yellow markers on the fence post) keeping the wire fence on your left.
17. Eventually the downhill decent will become fairly steep. At this point walk slightly right, away from the wire fence and follow the field straight down towards the metal gate at the bottom.
18. Go through this gate & continue following the track down towards the stream. Continue following the track around to the left, keeping the stream on your right until you reach a metal gate. Go through the metal gate & then turn right using the metal and concrete footbridge over the stream. Cross the stile ahead of you.
19. Immediately turn right & walk along the stream bank to the corner where there will be another stile to cross. Cross over and then follow the path up to the left through the gorse, keeping the fencing/wall on your left. This hillside is a large bog when it has been raining.



20. Continue following the wall/fence on your left all the way to the top left corner of the field where you will find a post with another yellow marker. There is no longer a stile in this corner however the fence is relatively easy to climb over.
21. Continue following the wall on your left until you reach an open gateway on the left with no gate.
22. Follow this clear track keeping the fence/wall on your right (whilst it will begin as a muddy/dusty track it turns into a grassy track) passing through several gates as well as a small private lake on your right for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. You will eventually reach a gate leading you onto a country lane (Hill Top Farm will be on your left). Follow the lane down into the hamlet of Eavestone.
23. You will reach a fork in the road. IGNORE THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN & follow the road/lane around to the right you will go past several houses including the driveway for Eavestone Grange on your left. Continue following the lane/road around for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until you reach a wooden 'Nidderdale Public Footpath' sign on your left pointing into the pine woodland.
24. Follow the footpath to the left through the pinewoods. The path drops down to Eavestone Lake, over a small bridge, then right through trees. Follow the path along the banks of the lake for as long as you would like, enjoying the beautiful scenery and wildlife.
25. Retrace your steps back to Grantley Hall.

