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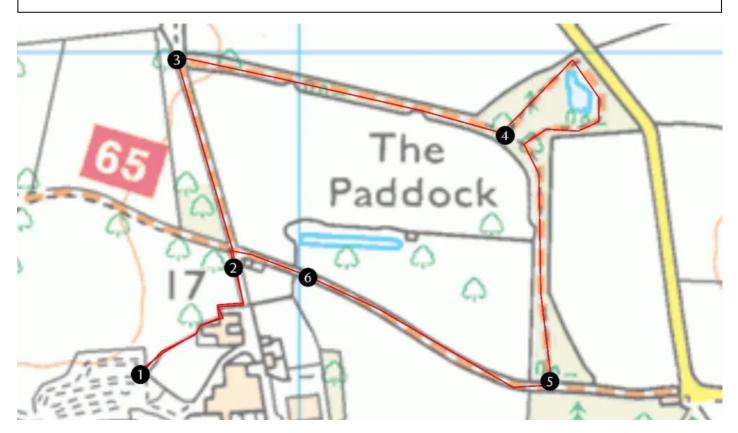
Beningbrough woodland Larch walk

Follow the blue waymarks on this woodland walk that's just the right length for the whole family. Listen out for birdsong, take a detour to the medieval pike ponds and, in spring, enjoy a carpet of bluebells among the trees.



Please avoid the fields

For your safety and to protect cattle and calves, please stay on the footpaths and avoid roaming across the fields. Take care when the cows are in the fields as the bull may be there too.



Information

Address: Beningbrough Hall, York, North Yorkshire,

YO30 1DD

OS map: Explorer 290, York

Activity: Walking

Easy: A flat route, mostly covered with chipped bark, but with some areas that can be muddy. For further details, see the Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs on leads are welcome. Please do not let dogs into the fields, where livestock may be grazing.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Easy Duration: 30 mins

Terrain

The route is flat. Pathways are mainly laid with chipped bark but some are concrete. There are three gates. The pond area can be muddy in wet weather.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Beningbrough Hall car park, YO30 1DD. Grid ref: SE518585

- 1. Start in the car park. With your back to visitor reception, head diagonally towards the gate in the far-right corner. Go through the gate and follow the path towards Home Farm. With the farm on your right, continue left along the tarmac road.
- 2. Cross over the main exit road and continue through the gate directly in front of you. Follow the concrete path with views over Beningbrough's parkland on your left-hand
- 3. At the end of the concrete path, before you reach the picnic area, take the gate on the right that leads along a bark mulch pathway through the woods.
- 4. If you want to extend your route slightly, there's the option here to branch off left for a circular walk around the pike ponds before rejoining the main path. The ponds date back to medieval times when they were dug out, lined with clay and used to keep fish for a ready supply of food.
- 5. Carry on through the woods. In spring, the whole of this area is carpeted with bluebells. Follow the path until you reach the metal gate and the exit road again. Here, where the road crosses the two sections of woodland, turn right and follow it back towards the hall.
- 6. As you make your way back along the road, you'll see a large dead tree on your left (read below to find out why it's important). Carry on until you reach the exit for Home Farm on your left. You've now completed the full loop. Turn left and retrace your steps to the car park.

End point: Beningbrough Hall car park, YO30 1DD. Grid ref: SE518585