

YORKSHIRE

Circular walk at Brimham Rocks

This short circular walk will show you the highlights of Brimham from the dramatic rock formations, to the heather moorland.

! Rough terrain

Not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs due to rough footpaths. Sturdy footwear is advisable.



Information

Address: Brimham Rocks car park

OS map: Explorer 26

Activity: Walking

Easy: Sloping paths with slight incline, steps and track with steep drops. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome, but must be kept on leads where cattle and sheep are grazing.

Full trail: Miles: 1.3 (km: 2.08)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

Rough footpaths, requiring sturdy footwear. Beware of steep drops near the views over Dallowgill Moor.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Brimham Rocks car park, grid ref: SE206650

1. Take the sloping all-weather path behind the notice board out of the car park. Follow the all-weather path through the rocks passing Surprise View, with views up Nidderdale.
2. You will pass the famous oak tree growing out of a rock. The all-weather path then meets the track to Brimham House directly in front of you, with the kiosk and toilet block to your right. At this point it is worth a slight detour up the steps near Brimham House to the view point.
3. Turn left and follow the tarmac road up a slight incline, then take the left fork by a large rock through the staff car park. Directly in front of you is the Dancing Bear (Begging Dog).
4. Follow the track past the Dancing Bear and after about 110yd (100m) you will glimpse the Druids Writing Desk, now often called ET and, further along, the Druids Idol (Idol Rock), which is probably the most famous rock at Brimham. Keep going past the Idol Rock and on your left-hand side are views over Dallowgill Moor (beware of steep drops).
5. After about 110yd (100m) the track turns sharply to the right giving views of Mushroom Rock in the distance, and an expanse of moorland. Keeping the moorland on your left-hand side and the rocks on your right follow the path past the rocks on the right, towards Middle Crag, the large body of rocks in the distance.
6. At the habitat pile turn right towards a lone rock called the Gorilla. Just past this rock the path turns back on itself to the left following a small valley, keeping Middle Crag on

your left hand side. Follow this path for approximately 440yd (400m), until it enters
the main car park.
End point: Brimham Rocks car park, grid ref: SE206650
