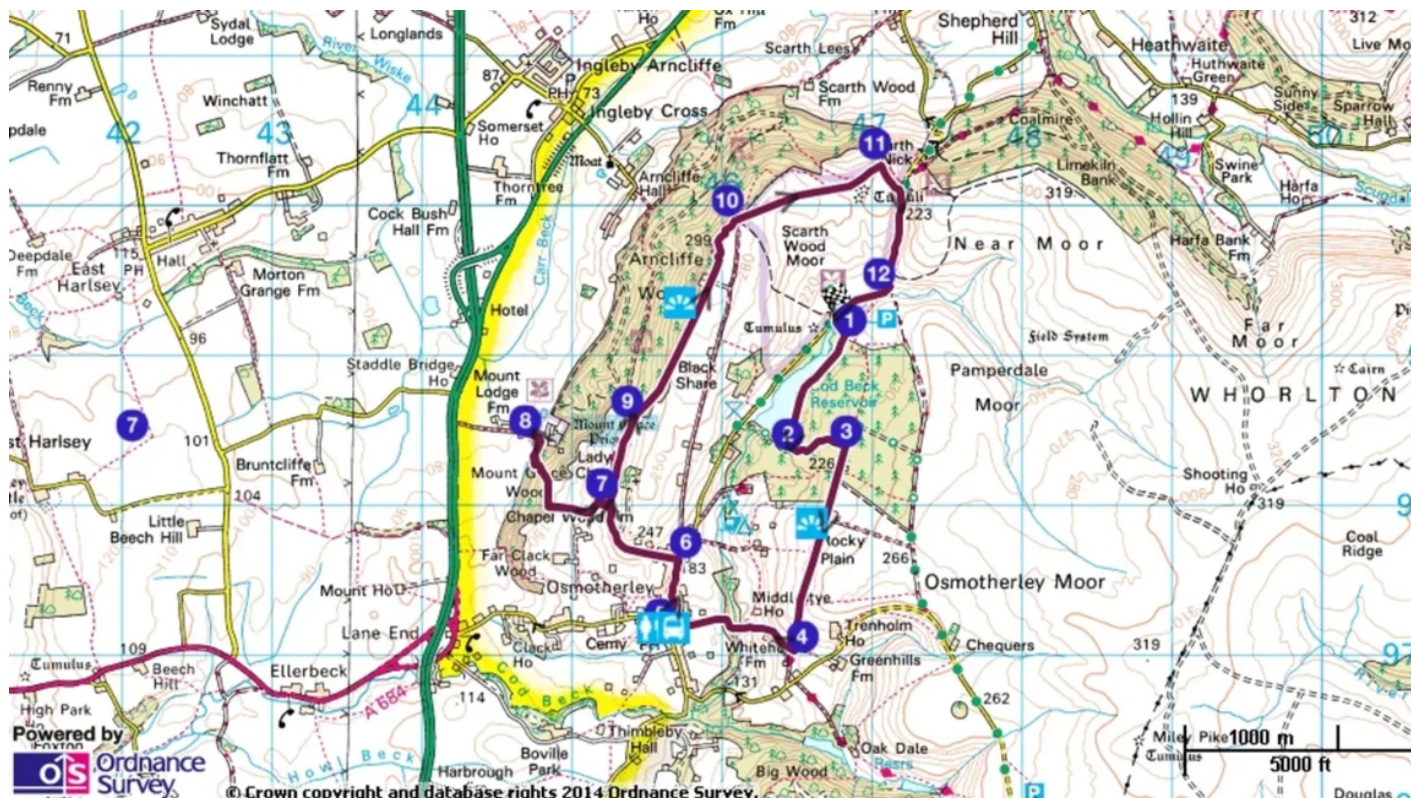


YORKSHIRE

Scarth Wood Moor loop and Mount Grace Priory

A circular walking trail taking in a variety of scenic settings: a reservoir, a picturesque village, woodlands and moorland, with panoramic views en route. An optional detour leads to Mount Grace Priory, the remains of a 14th-century Carthusian monastery (check for opening hours).



Information

Address: Scarth Wood Moor, Quarry Lane,
Osmotherley, North Yorkshire, DL6 3AL

OS map: Explorer OL26

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Clear paths and tracks with some short ascents. For further details, see section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome under close control due to farm livestock and ground nesting birds. Dogs on short leads are welcome at Mount Grace Priory in all outside spaces.

Full trail: Miles: 6.5 (km: 10.4)

Duration: 3 hours - 4 hours

Terrain

A route following clear paths and tracks, some may be muddy following wet weather. There are a number of stiles and short ascents.

Total steps: 11

Start point: Scarth Wood Moor car park (aka Sheep Wash) near Osmotherley, grid ref: SE469993

1. From the car park, cross Cod Beck at the stepping stones, go through the gate, climb the steps, cross a concrete bridge and join a clear path with the reservoir on your right. Follow this to the far end of the reservoir.
2. At the dam end of the reservoir, turn left and follow the path which ascends through woodland.
3. Where the path joins a wide clear track, turn right. Several hundred yards on, another track converges from the left. Where the wide track bends right, pick up a narrower path and continue straight on with a fence then a tree plantation on your left. At the woodland edge, go through two gates then follow the path with a wall to your right for approx. 0.75 mile (1.2km).
4. As your descent begins to level out, look for a Cleveland Way sign on your right pointing through a narrow gap in the wall. Follow this onto a clear track towards Whitehouse Farm. Before you reach the farmhouse, another Cleveland Way sign directs you right, across the corner of a field. Follow the path down a slope, through two gates and across a track to a footbridge over a beck. Climb the steps beyond to join a narrow fenced path into Osmotherley. Cross the first road you come to then wind between houses to emerge in the centre of the village.
5. Linger to take in the attractions of historic Osmotherley or turn right and follow the road out of the village.
6. At the outskirts of the village, look out for a Cleveland Way sign pointing up Rueberry Lane on your left. Pass a handful of houses and another track on the right leading to Lady's Chapel.

7. Here, you can take an optional detour to Mount Grace Priory. (To skip, proceed to the end of step 8 and continue along the bottom of the next field). At Chapel Wood Farm, take a U-turn off the Cleveland Way. Follow a footpath through a farm yard, through a gate then diagonally across two fields, through another gate and down the side of a third field. Please be aware that livestock may be grazing. Climb over a stile into a woodland. With a gully on your left, turn sharp right and follow the path downhill through the woods.
 8. At the bottom of the woods, cross a wooden bridge and a stile. Turn right towards another stile a few yards away in the corner of the field. Make your way through the car park, cross another bridge to exit onto a driveway. The entrance to Mount Grace Priory is on your right. Please note, no dogs beyond this point. Retrace your steps back up through the woodland and across fields to Chapel Wood Farm. Rejoin the Cleveland Way to the right of the farm buildings. Pass through the middle of three gates to follow the lefthand track along the lower edge of the field.
 9. Go through a gate which leads to a fork in the track. Follow the right-hand path upwards through woodland. Pass a BT station on your left and continue to a gate.
 10. The Cleveland Way leads onto Scarth Wood Moor, bearing right as it crosses open moorland.
 11. Follow the path to a signpost. Leave the Cleveland Way which heads left, take the right fork down the bridleway to meet the road. Turn right and follow the road back to the car park. Take care to watch for traffic which sometimes speeds by.
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