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Howardian Hills from Terrington

Starting point and OS Grid reference	Village of Terrington – On street parking (SE 669707)
Ordnance Survey map	Explorer Map 300 – Howardian Hills and Malton
Distance	10.2 miles
Traffic light rating	

Introduction: The Howardian Hills are an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as the name suggests near the stately home Castle Howard, between the North York Moors National Park, the Yorkshire Wolds and the Vale of York. The overall area is some 79 square miles. This very easy walk starts at the village of Terrington and includes a low ridge walk with views both sides following the course of extensive ancient earthworks which can be clearly made out on the ground.

Some road walking is involved and in particular, a country road to the rear of Castle Howard can be quite busy however there are wide verges for much of it.

Terrington is to the west of Malton with various approach routes so it is best to consult a road atlas or my Google map of walk starting points as to the best way to get there.

There is only on street parking in Terrington. There is a small triangular village green with room to park at the rear, off the High Street and there are benches for boot changing.

Start: From the village green (SE 669707) , turn right (east) along the High Street. Turn left at Church Lane (SE 672707) and just past the church, when the road bends, go straight ahead and then along the grassy footpath to the left of the house. A finger post indicates the public footpath.

On reaching the football field, turn right following the fingerpost for the Ebor Way. At the edge of the football field, go slightly right and follow the obvious path along the edge of the next field. It then turns sharp left (SE 675709), running along the edge of the next fields.

On reaching a broad track (SE 6880721), turn left and left again at the next junction. On reaching Howthorpe Farm, turn right between the farm buildings to follow the Centenery Way (signposted).

At a threeway fingerpost indicating Fryton to the right, and Centenery Way, Ebor Way and Hovingham to the left, do not turn off but carry straight ahead on the broad track.

Take the path indicated by blue (bridleway) arrows into the trees (SE 678734)

At a fourway fingerpost as you come to the edge of the trees, turn right signed Centenery Way and Howardian Hills AONB.

At another fourway fingerpost with Appleton-le-Street 1 mile, Park House $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and Slingsby Bank $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, turn right just signposted as a public bridleway and walk along the ridge (SE 677739). Note earth works on the right amongst the trees.

After $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles you reach a road and the footpath continues straight across it.

Pass the trig. point (SE 718728) which is to the left in the middle of the hedge between the fields (not on the footpath) and which may be difficult to spot when the hedge is in leaf. Take the next clear track on the right (SE 727724). As it descends, there is another track off to the left through the trees but ignore this.

On reaching the road (SE 723715), turn right and walk through the village of Coneysthorpe. At the road junction with the impressive gateposts belonging to the Castle Howard Estate and providing one of the best views of the house, go straight ahead.

Shortly after a white painted gate between more impressive gateposts, look out for a finger posted footpath on the left for Ganthorpe and Terrington (SE 701712).

Go over a small footbridge then bear diagonally right across the middle of the field towards the trees at the far side. Once in the trees, go downhill on the broad track and as it divides, keep to the right.

The path goes through a couple of gateways with the route clearly marked with yellow footpath arrows then descends a field to the corner following the right hand fence then turn left to follow the fence along towards a stand of trees. Go through the kissing gate following the direction of the yellow arrow.

Walk along the edge of the trees then straight ahead along the field edge. On reaching the road, go straight ahead to Terrington.

