

FEWSTON & TIMBLE INGS WOOD

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Woodlands	
Disabled toilets	
Toilets	
Disabled parking	

Parking	
Picnic area	
Building	

Route Fact File	
Location:	10 miles West of Harrogate
Difficulty:	Three Boots
Route Length:	6.2 miles / 10km
Walking Time:	2½ hours
Terrain & Gradient:	The route features stiles, some steep climbs and muddy paths. However, the vast majority of this walk is on wide, well surfaced paths and forest tracks.
How To Get There:	<p>By car: This route starts at our Swinsty Moor car park (LS21 2NP) at the southern end of the Fewston Reservoir Embankment. Alternative parking is available at Blubberhouses car park (LS21 2NY) where there is a 2.1m height barrier across the entrance to the car park.</p> <p>From Harrogate: Take the A59 heading west. Before you reach Blubberhouses, turn left at the roundabout onto the B6451. Take the second right onto Wydra Lane, which becomes Back Lane and takes you across Fewston Reservoir Embankment. Shortly afterwards you will reach Swinsty Moor and Fewston Reservoir car park.</p> <p>By public transport: DalesBus services 820 and 821 run to Fewston every hour on summer Sundays and bank holidays from Otley and links from Keighley, Shipley, and Guiseley.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
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This is a more strenuous longer walk through woodlands and fields in the stunning Washburn Valley. The walk takes you past wonderful dragonfly ponds and make sure to keep your eye out for the occasional deer. The walk is 6.2 miles long.

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Route Description:

Leave the car park by the main entrance (**point 1**); do not take the first narrow road to the left but the second road to the left downhill into the dip in the road. Here you will see a gap in the wall on the right leading to a Yorkshire Water permissive bridleway. Follow the bridleway track to meet the forest tracks at a crossroads. Continue on to **point 2** and then bear left to follow the track up a slight rise to a junction (**point 3**).

Turn right and follow the track to **point 4**, just before a metal gate. Here, turn right through the trees to a grassed track below the building and then left towards the bridle gate and road crossing (**point 5**). Cross the road and via another equestrian gate follow the tree lined track down to the stream at **point 6**. Turn left alongside the stream. After a couple of hundred metres, bear left up a short steep climb to follow the fenced grassy path alongside a field to meet a lane at **point 7**. Turn right along the old unsurfaced lane and through a gate (**point 8**). Here, further two gates may be across the lane; please leave the gates in the position you found them.

Continue along the track with the stream on your right around the edge of the fields and into the wood. At **point 9**, when you meet a forest track, turn right and follow this track past a junction on the right to the corner at **point 10**. Turn the corner and follow the surfaced track uphill passing dead end forest tracks and rides on either side to the junction at **point 11**, near some ponds. (The track you are meeting is a bridleway, which if you turn right leads to Blubberhouses Moor).

Turn left and follow the track passing Red Gate (**point 12**) via the equestrian gate to the side. Continue to a gate on your left with a Public Footpath sign opposite Sourby Farm at **point 13**. Go through the gate and keep the wall on your left walking along the field edge. At the bottom of the field, there are two gaps; take the one on the right. At the bottom of the next field, cross a stone stile near the farmstead (**point 14**). Follow the path round and over another stone stile into the next field. Head for and cross a stile at **point 15** at the bottom of meadow. Keeping the wall on your left, head towards the stile at the bottom of the field (**point 16**).

Turn right up the lane passing Cherry Tree Cottages. Along the lane, at **point 17**, are some large iron gates; pass these gates via a gap to their right and follow the lane to the public road (**point 18**). Turn left and follow the road for a short distance. Just after the house (Rues Farm), at **point 19**, turn right though a field gate onto a lane. Follow the lane and enter the wood via a stile. Just after the stile, turn left along the path into the woods to reach the forest track at a T junction (**point 20**). Turn right and follow the track back to the T junction at **point 3**. Return back to the car park via **point 2**.

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