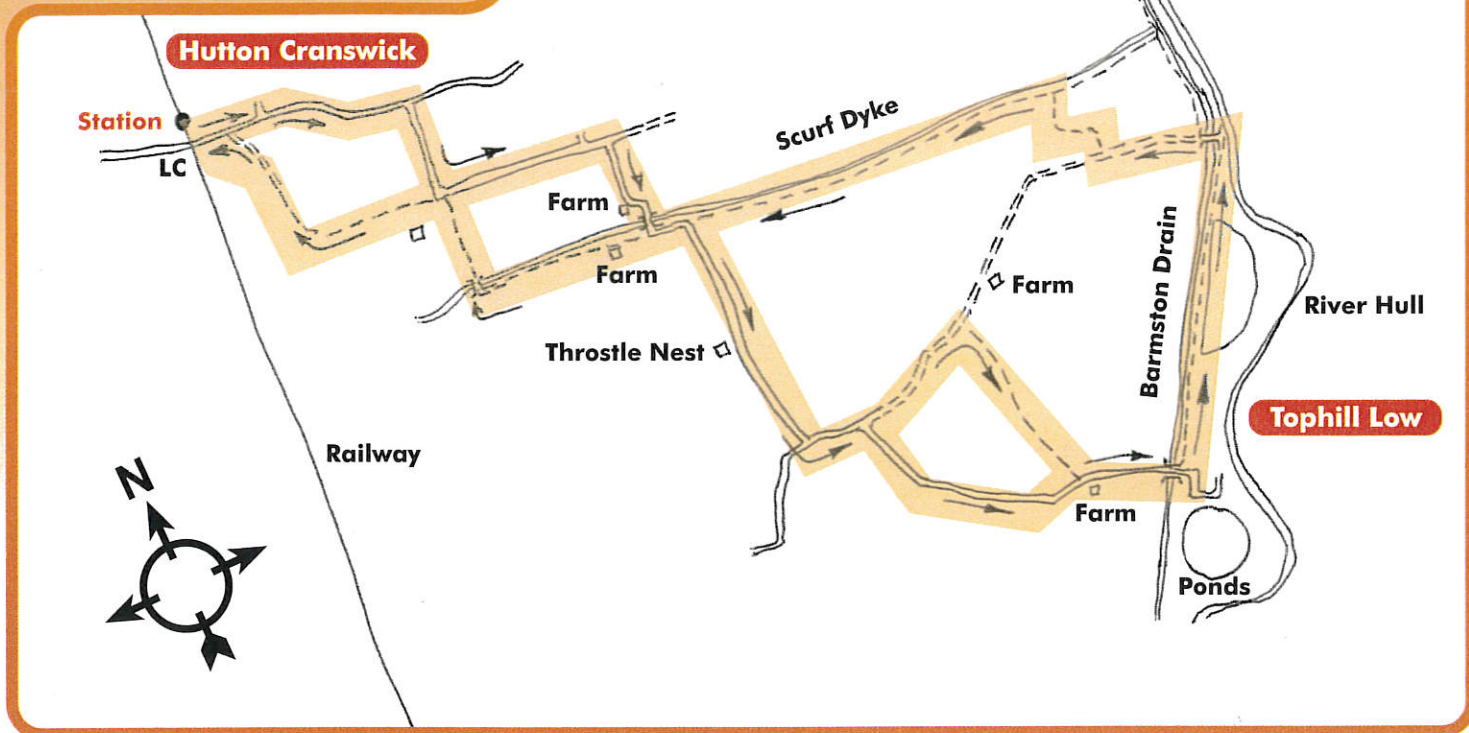


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Starting Point: Hutton Cranswick Railway Station, (Grid Ref: TA 028523), where you set off to the east (left) for one mile along the lane, before taking a right, (south) then left (east) and right again past Scurf Dyke Farm. Another left and right take you past Throstle Nest Farm, the source of Blue Keld mineral water, followed by another left and right. Pass by Angram Farm then down to Easingwold Farm, (by the lane or the dyke path).

It is now just a few hundred metres to the bridge over Barmston Drain and the Yorkshire Water site at Tophill Low. This extensive location has been developed over many years to manage the drainage of a large area of the River Hull valley and to monitor clean water supplies to the area. A great effort has been made to encourage wildlife and provide facilities to view birds feeding on the many ponds and lakes between the River Hull and Barmston Drain.

Remaining alongside Barmston Drain, walk northwards for just over a mile, then over the bridge back to the west side. With the deep drain to your right, continue to Scurf Dyke where you turn left, (west) along the well marked path. Walk alongside

Scurf Dyke for over 2 miles, passing Whinnyforth and finally crossing over the dyke towards Common Farm. Take another left, (west) and enter the village of Cranswick from the south east side. You join the main street just a few hundred metres from the railway crossing and station, ready for your journey home.

This is a pleasant walk of just over 10 miles, (17km), but with many options to reduce or extend the route depending on the weather. Being very flat and so close to the river, it can be rather muddy after heavy rain. Please listen out for cars approaching from behind you, when walking along the narrow lanes. The area around Tophill Low is well known to bird watchers and you can also view displays and use public facilities here.

The map overleaf is only a general guide and should not be taken as proof of any 'right of way'. For detailed route information see the OS Maps Landranger 107 (at 1-50,000 detail) and explorer 295 (at 1-25,000 scale)

Always respect the Countryside Code and properties/livestock along the route of the ramble - Thank you.