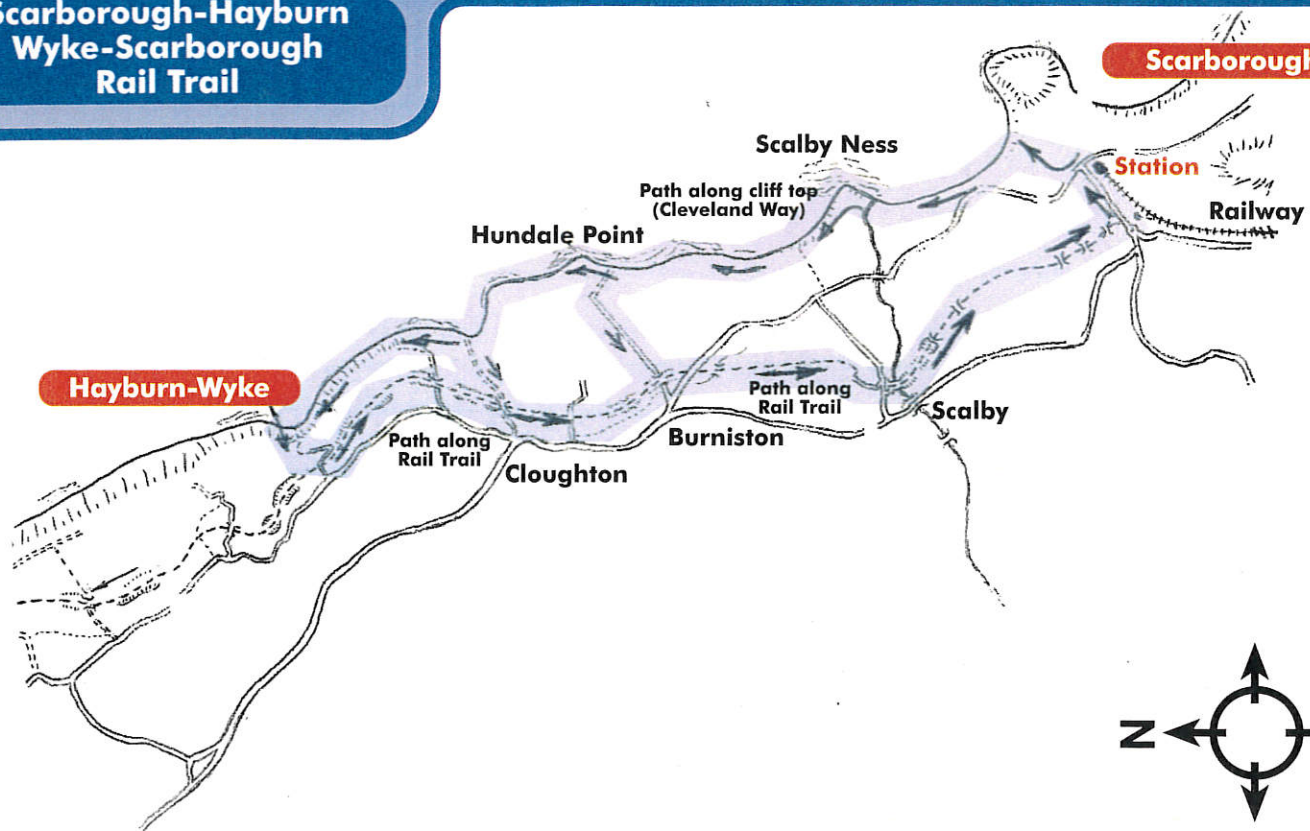


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An excellent walk from the bustling holiday resort of Scarborough, along the cliff top path to Hayburn Wyke, returning via the Rail Trail to Scarborough Station.



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Starting Point: Scarborough Railway Station, (Grid Ref: TA 039883), where you can either head straight for the sea front, east out of the station, or cut across to North Bay, ready to start your cliff top trek.

The long promenade of North Bay has a variety of facilities ending at the Sea Life Centre. You cross over Scalby Beck and climb the steps to the top of Scalby Ness Rocks. The urban sprawl to your left now gives way to open fields, while rocky coves are to the right. The cliff top path, (forming part of the long distance Cleveland Way), is easy to follow as it occasionally takes you inland, only to return back to your cliff top perch.

The miles will pass as you reach Cromer Point, Long Nab and Hundale Point. Here the path takes a long sweep around Cloughton Wyke, which on a sunny day, is a good place for a picnic. A footpath and then a quiet country lane give you two options to head over to the rail trail around one mile inland. I suggest another few miles staying on the cliff top, past Roger Trod and into a more wooded area. A path cutting across the coast route is reached at Hayburn Wyke, where you can take a short diversion to your right down to the sea. Then it is inland, through the trees, over a small field to the Hayburn Wyke Hotel, next to the Rail Trail.

On a hot day, most will be tempted to take refreshments before changing direction and heading south along the well defined track of the Rail Trail. This is the track bed of the former Scarborough to Whitby railway line, a particularly scenic route that covered the 20 miles linking the two towns, via Ravenscar and Robin Hoods Bay. Closed in 1965,

the complete route has now been converted to a 'permissive' bridleway for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It is wise to keep a good lookout; on a fine day bikes can be plentiful. Walking the Rail Trail is pleasant, taking you close to Cloughton, Burniston and Scalby. As you can imagine, it is generally easy to follow, but at Scalby, due to housing developments, look out for the way markers to zigzag you along a few residential roads, before returning to the Rail Trail by the old brick viaduct over the beck.

The outskirts of Scarborough greet you 2 miles from the end of the walk. Passing under the main highways, you will note by the bridge spans, that there were 3 or 4 tracks in many locations. Large goods' yards and railway carriage sidings once sprawled over many acres of land before you reach the large supermarket adjoining the A170, just half a mile from the railway station to your left, (east). The north portal of Falsgrave Tunnel, which originally gave the trains access to the mainland beyond, is lost under the new developments.

Over 12 miles long (20km), the walk offers spectacular views from the cliff tops and will take you around 6 hours. We would urge you to take particular care with young children, due to the great height of the unfenced cliffs.

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!