HERITAGE WALKS

WALK DETAILS
6.5m/10.5km

GRADE: Easy
With gates.

SUMMARY
Starting at Rawcliffe's magnificent Green this walk discovers some of Rawcliffes rich heritage and scenery around the village centre and banks of the River Aire.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Buses: Service 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby. Service 88 From Goole and Thorne.

PARKING
Free parking in the vicinity of village green.
Map Reference: SE 684230
Post code: DN14 8QW

MAPS
OS Explorer 291
OS Landranger 105

REFRESHMENTS
Public houses and shops in Rawcliffe.

NO PUBLIC TOILETS

FEATURES OF INTEREST
Before starting on your walk take a few minutes to read the HERITAGE BOARD on The Green to learn more about Rawcliffe.

POINT 1-2
Creykes Arms - Formerly called The Mason's Arms, it was here that the tenant farmers came to pay their annual rent to their landlord Mr Creyke.

POINT 2-3
Cock-Corner School
The former Girls' School (on the corner opposite the river bank) was built at the expense of Mrs Creyke (Lady of the Manor) in 1854. The name 'Cock-Corner' is shrouded in mystery, though some say it was the site of Cock Fighting in medieval times. Rawcliffe Hall once stood behind the high wall opposite this point alongside the A614.

POINT 3
Rawcliffe Ferries
In the nineteenth century there were two ferries over the River Aire at Rawcliffe – one operated from the Rawcliffe side and one from the Newland side. At this point where the River Aire bends and virtually touches the main A614, is the point where, in the 19th century, the ferry from Rawcliffe across to Newland and Drax operated.

POINT 4
From here to the A614 on the left was a 'Barrier Bank' this is the boundary between the parishes of Rawcliffe and Airmyn.

POINT 7-8
As you walk along, look to your right and you will see a row of white houses. This land was part of the former Rawcliffe Hall Estate and in 1921 the council built these eight houses, each having one acre of land. Originally called Woodside Cottages, the name was changed to White City, to reflect their colour. Priority was given to ex-servicemen returning from WWI. Interestingly during WWII, they were painted in camouflage paint, returning to white again after the war.

POINT 10
The Port of Goole was officially opened on the 20th July, 1826. There were originally two docks and a harbour with two locks giving access to the River Ouse.

Walk 14: White Houses

1 From Rawcliffe Green HERITAGE BOARD, cross the main road and turn right.

2 Turn left at the end of the houses (High Street) and right at the end, through a gate. Follow the old road through another gate.

3 Once through the gate, climb on to the river flood bank footpath. The bend in the river is the historic site of one of Rawcliffe's two ferries. Carry on river flood bank through gate and under road bridge.

4 At the next gate, turn right to gate and cross main road and follow track (Key Lane).

5 At main road cross road and turn left.

6 At footpath sign cross the road and take path towards Airmyn.

7 Follow straight path to edge of field, turn right (field edge) and left on track. Cross main road, keep straight on.

8 When you reach a dyke turn left, over bridge, left again. Follow track.

9 When the track bends to the left, go straight on green footpath, over dyke bridge, turn left, follow field edge.

10 At big tree, turn left, through gate to river bank. Follow river to Rawcliffe.

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