

Snatch some time in Snaith...

A visit to one of Yorkshire's small market towns is the perfect way to spend a few leisurely hours and offer a surprisingly good alternative to the region's well-known coastal resorts and big cities.

The pretty medieval town of Snaith is a short drive from Howden and has plentiful heritage walks, well-appointed narrow streets, important historical buildings and an unexpected array of local artisan shops a stone's throw from the attractive market place. The town even has its own independent brewery!

For walkers, Snaith offers 15 different self-guided heritage walks, from the Snaith Heritage Trail, which snakes a leisurely 1.5km trail around the town's important historical landmarks, to a more challenging eight kilometre hike through the area's picturesque countryside. The walks, which all take in a series of heritage information boards and picnic sites, are free to

download at snaithandcowicktowncouncil.com and are designed to suit all ages and abilities.

Got a few hours in Snaith? Here's our guide to making the most of your time there:

Walk the Snaith Heritage Trail. This 1.5km walk starts at Snaith train station (free parking) and takes in the town's historical buildings and monuments. Find out how the townspeople smuggled ale to 'drunks and beggars' imprisoned in the Penny Lock-up on market day or how local firefighters knew which buildings they were allowed to save from a fire! See page 32-33 for a full description and map of the walk.

- Enjoy a home-made lunch and a pint of locally-brewed Blonde Bombshell at the Brewer's Arms (CAMRA Doncaster District Summer Pub of the Year) or one of Snaith's popular public houses and eateries.
- Wander around the ancient Priory Church (open Wednesday afternoons).
- Visit Snaith brewery. The shop and bar are open every day or call ahead to book a tour of the brewhouse and fermenting room. www.oldmillbrewery.co.uk.
- Browse around Snaith's independent and artisan shops.
- Buy some award-winning sausages or locally reared meat to take home for dinner.
- Enjoy afternoon tea and browse the gift shop at Kitchen Shop and Tea Room.

The Brewers Arms

Pontefract Road



The Brewers Arms Hotel has easy access from local towns and cities and is located within close access to the motorway network. In addition to everything you might expect from a village pub, bed and breakfast is also available, with several high quality suites and rooms. The function room is ideal for all occasions including christenings, charity events, birthdays, reunions, funerals and business meetings and it also specialises as a wedding venue.

For more information please visit the website www.thebrewersarms.co.uk or call 01405 862404. Open Monday - Sunday 11am - 11pm.

Kitchen

Selby Road



Having built a fantastic reputation, Kitchen is a big attraction to the Snaith high street. It is jam-packed with tempting treats and tasty morsels. Breads, pastries and cakes are all handmade and there's an extensive range of breakfast, brunch and lunch options, including yummy platters of cold meats, cheeses and accompaniments as well as takeaway sandwiches and snacks. Bespoke buffets can be provided for events.

For further information visit www.kitchensnaith.co.uk

Important historical buildings and an unexpected array of local artisan shops



Yorkshire Ales

Selby Road



Yorkshire Ales Beer Cafe and Bottle Shop boasts the award winning 'Wall of Yorkshire Ales', which is made up of over 200 different bottled beers from Yorkshire microbreweries. The Beer Cafe offers a choice of cask ales with three hand-pumps available, as well as seating for 28 people. Locally sourced food is served daily, as well as Taylor's of Harrogate coffee and teas and a range of wine and ciders. The shop also boasts a range of local produce, such as honey, jams and cordials.

Checkout the website - www.yorkshireales.co.uk - for their latest events such as Yorkshire tapas evenings, Gin tasting and more!

Old Mill Brewery

Mill Street



Housed in an 18th century former corn mill and maltings, Old Mill Brewery is an independent, family owned company with a passion for cask ale. Established in 1983, Old Mill has a reputation for consistency and quality throughout its comprehensive product range. To find out more about their tied estate of 18 pubs, their range of real Yorkshire cask and bottled ale or to go on one of the insightful brewery tours.

please visit www.oldmillbrewery.co.uk or call 01405 861813. Open Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

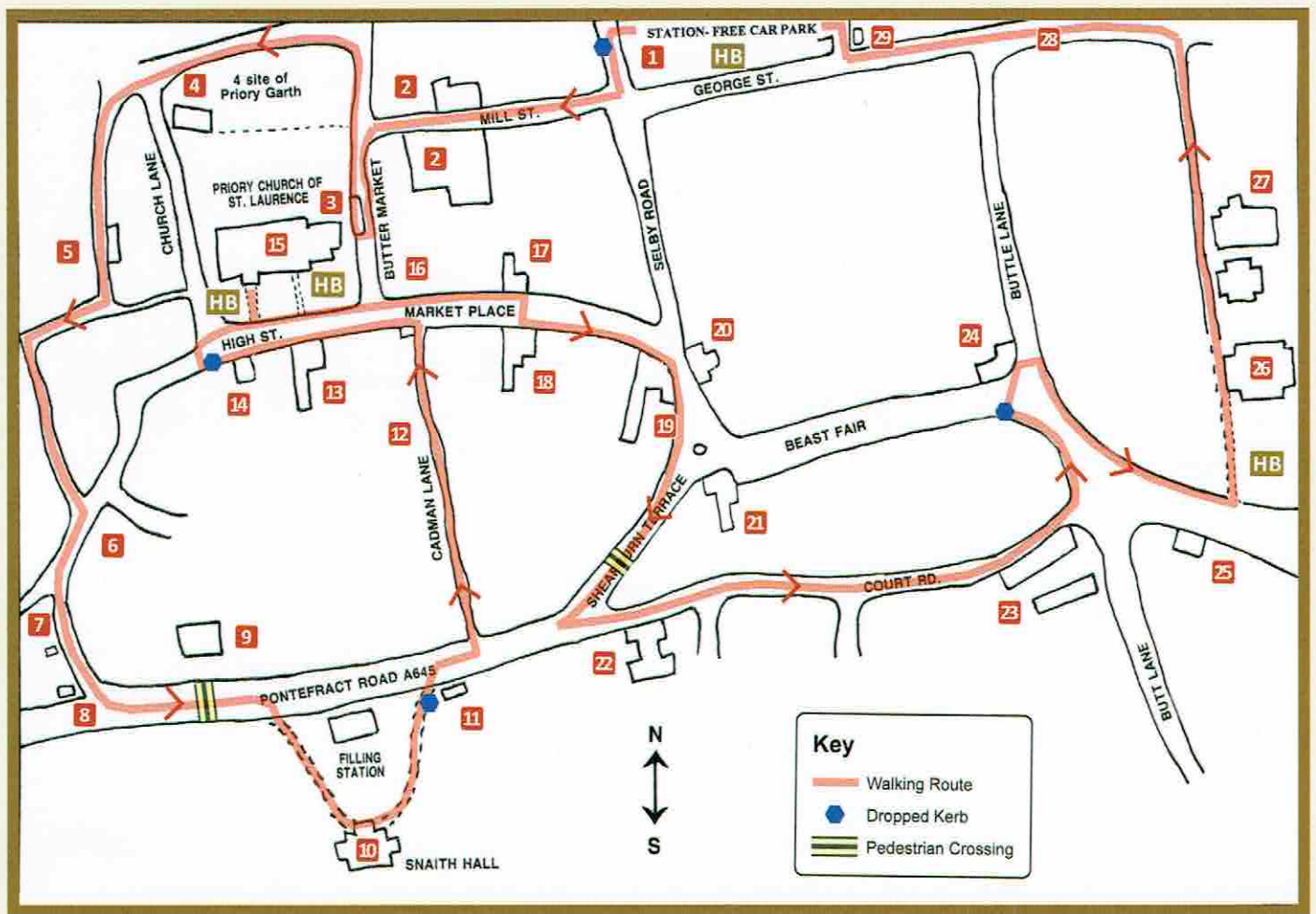
Yorkshire Eyewear

Selby Road



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Walking the East Riding...

Howdenshire and its surrounding areas are extremely popular with walkers and cyclists year round and it's not hard to see why. With its varying landscapes, fabulous scenery and sites of historical importance, there's so much to see as well as undiscovered parts of the countryside. Not only is walking fantastic exercise and a way of building stamina and energy, but it is a great activity to do with the whole family. With the changing seasons you could do the same walk dozens of times throughout the year and see the sights in a different light every time. If you don't fancy going it alone, there are a number of walking clubs in the area, just visit www.walkingtheriding.eastriding.gov.uk for further details.

In this month's issue we are focusing on the The Snaith Heritage Trail

Waterproof walking packs are available free from Snaith and Cowick Town Council containing detailed guides on 15 walks exploring the most westerly part of the East Riding. The walks are of varying lengths and there is something for every ability.

On these walks, not only do you get to take in some of the history of the area, but also its natural beauty.

When walking in these areas, it is possible to see deer, foxes and hares, all of which are common, as well as pheasants, partridges, mallards, kingfishers and many more.

For the budding botanist, there are a wide range of flowers to seek out, in fact, the list is almost endless. Buttercups, speedwell, bluebell, cowslip, violets and purple orchid are all in abundance so make sure you take your camera!

Walk details: 1.5 m / 2.4km

Grade: Easy, mainly on pavements, but in some areas it is necessary to walk on the road. Suitable for wheelchair users.

Summary: Starting at the free car park at Snaith Railway Station, this walk enables you to learn a little about the historic buildings in the town centre.

Public transport: Buses - services 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby.

Parking: Free parking at the Snaith Railway Station car park. Postcode DN14 9HY / map reference - SE643223

Maps: OS Explorer 290 / OS Landranger 105

Refreshments: Local pubs, cafés and shops in the town centre
No public toilets

Features of interest

POINT 1 - RAILWAY STATION

The heritage board at the start tells you about the history of the railway station, which was built in 1848.

POINT 2 - SNAITH BREWERY

The building dates from 1794 and was used as a steam corn mill. At the beginning of the 20th century it became a mill making wooden clog soles. In 1983 it opened as The Old Mill Brewery.

POINT 3 - THE TOWN LOCK-UP

An 18th century single storey Grade II listed building comprising three rooms. It was originally part of a much larger building. On the south side there was a small shop and the Buttermarket, on the north side a brick shed for the old fire engine. It is thought that the prison was used on market days and fair days to house drunks, pick-pockets, vagrants and beggars. Rumour has it that the cellar windows originally had one single bar and people outside took advantage of this to pass jugs of ale to prisoners. To thwart this practice grills were installed but people got round this by bringing long clay smoking pipes. The pipe bowl was placed in the beer jug and the stem passed through the grill to the prisoner, who then proceeded to drink the beer through a 'straw'.

POINT 4 - OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The heritage board at point 16 tells the story of why this school was built in 1626 and about the schools that came later. This area is called Priory Garth and was separated from the churchyard by walls. It is likely that some small priory buildings stood here. In 1853, a skeleton dating from Roman times was discovered here. Roof ridge tiles had been placed over it. Many coins were found under the skull.

POINT 5 - SMALL BARN WITH TUMBLED GABLE END

Tumbled gables were not common in Snaith. Introduced into England in the 17th century from Holland. They can be seen fairly frequently in villages east of Snaith.

POINT 6 - LODGE GARDENS

The whole area to the left and right of Lodge Gardens was the huge walled garden of the lodge, that you will see shortly.

POINT 7 - CROSS HILL

In 1850, there were 207 properties in Snaith and 27 still had thatched roofs. A third of these were here at Cross Hill. You can still see one of these tiny houses. Now an outhouse, the thatch has been replaced by roof tiles.

POINT 8 - BEDEHOUSE

Built in circa 1770 by Charles Yarburgh, it replaced an earlier almshouse and intended to offer sheltered accommodation for up to six men who had fallen on hard times.

POINT 9 - THE BREWERS ARMS

Built in circa 1750 and formally known as The Lodge.

POINT 10 - SNAITH HALL

Built in 1829 by William Shearburn, local landowner and solicitor.

POINT 11 - THE DOWER HOUSE FOR SNAITH HALL

A dower house was traditionally available to the widow of a deceased estate owner.

POINT 12 - CADMAN LANE

Named after the Cadman family, who had at least two retail businesses in Snaith in the 19th century. The dentist at the end of the lane was their shoe shop.

POINT 13 - THE TALLEST HOUSE ON THE HIGH STREET (FORMALLY THE VICARAGE)

POINT 14 - FIRE MARK AT NUMBER NINE

Used in the 18th and 19th centuries, a fire mark was proof that the house was insured and gave a fire crew the authority to put out a fire on that particular house.

POINT 15 - SNAITH PRIORY

There was an Anglo-Saxon church here prior to 1100, when construction work began on this building. There is an inscription on the clock, 'time is short'. You can learn more by reading the heritage board.

POINT 16 - EDUCATION HERITAGE BOARD AND HISTORY OF SNAITH BOARD

POINT 17 AND 18 - THE BELL AND CROWN AND THE DOWNE ARMS

These were two of the 12 inns that were in Snaith for a period in the 19th century. The Bell and Crown was also a farm, while The Downe Arms was the meeting place for the Badsworth Hunt (fox hunting with dogs) and was also used as the Manorial Court. There are cells below the ground floor.

POINT 19 - PUNTON'S SHOP

The mock Tudor facade, built over a 17th century farm house, is especially

noticeable when entering the town from the north. It has been a retail premises for many years. In 1850, one part was a draper's shop and the other a butchers shop.

POINT 20 - MANOR HOUSE

Formally the Moot Hall, it belonged to the Duchy of Lancaster in 1850. There are cells below the ground floor.

POINT 21 - THE PLOUGH INN

Another of the 12 inns of Victorian Snaith. The street to your left is Beast Fair, reflecting the markets and fairs of the past. Shearburn Terrace was formally called Horse Fair.

POINT 22 - OLD POLICE STATION AND COURT HOUSE

Built in 1897 on the site of the former Wesleyan Chapel.

POINT 23 - MALT HOUSE / KILNS

Where grain steeped in water was dried before use in ale brewing.

Point 24 - Number 33 Beast Fair

A plaque dates the house at 1627, probably a farm house when first built. It was owned by Thomas Warwick in 1850 and a barn, piggery and plumbers workshop stood in the yard behind. It was then used for many years by E.T. Clark as a solicitors office.

POINT 25 - VICTORIA HOUSE

An inn in 1850, with a wheelwright's shop adjoining it.

POINT 26 - METHODIST CHURCH

The church, costing £2600, was opened in 1862 with seating for over 400 people. You can learn more by reading the heritage board.

POINT 27 - WESLEYAN SCHOOL

Opened in 1848, it could accommodate 200 children. Between 1944 and 1976, this was Snaith Primary School.

POINT 28 - HAWTHORNE TERRACE

Built in 1866, the rounded top windows were salvaged from the former Methodist Chapel (the old police station site), when it was demolished.

POINT 29 - FORMER RAILWAY HOTEL

Thought to have been built originally to provide refreshment and accommodation for railway travellers. It also became a popular inn for locals. Later uses include a dance hall, cafe and industrial units.

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