



WALK DETAILS
4.25m/6.8km

GRADE: Easy
A mixture of grass paths and tracks with a little road walking.

SUMMARY
Starts with a pleasant riverside walk then across Snaith Ings into the village of West Cowick before returning to Snaith past an old brewery and along an ancient field track, Primrose Lane.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
Buses: Services 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby.

PARKING
Free parking at start in Snaith station car park.
Post code DN14 9HY
Map reference SE643223

MAPS
OS Explorer 290
OS Landranger 105

REFRESHMENTS
Cafes and public houses in Snaith, public house in West Cowick.

NO PUBLIC TOILETS

2 OF KINGS & ARISTOCRATS

FEATURES OF INTEREST POINT 2

A HERITAGE BOARD near the foundations of the 1777 bridge over the River Aire describes the importance of the river to Snaith and surrounding area in the past.

POINT 6
Cowick Hall built circa 1670 by the 1st Viscount Downe on land leased from the King, the Hall has had a chequered history, even at one time being used to house pigs by a local farmer. Croda International bought the hall in 1963 and restored it to its former glory. See the HERITAGE BOARD by the main entrance for a fuller history.

POINT 9
Until the mid 19th century Snaith, Cowick and land for many miles around was owned by the Crown. In the 14th century the moated Kings Manor was much used by the King. See the fuller story on the HERITAGE BOARD.

POINT 10-11
Cowick was no different to many small towns and villages in the 19th century in that it had its own brewery. You will pass the brewery buildings in Spa Well Lane and a little further on you can read about the brewery on the HERITAGE BOARD.

POINT 13-14
Behind the petrol filling station is Snaith Hall, now a residential nursing home. Around 1829 the Shearburn family, local landowners and solicitors, built this house. To the side and rear of the house there used to be a very impressive conservatory which has been attributed to Joseph Paxton, the designer of the Crystal Palace in London. This hall has no connection with an earlier Snaith Hall built in another part of Snaith and home to the Yarburgh family.



POINT 14
By Royal Charter of 1223 (Henry III) markets were held in the Market Place every week, originally on a Sunday, later changed to a Friday and changed again in 1782 to a Thursday. The Charter would be read from over the church walls each August 10 until the late 1930s.

NATURE
Tread carefully when walking between points 9 and 10 in May-June when you should be able to see the Early Pink Orchid and the rarer Bee Orchid. Please do not pick or dig up.

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Walk 2: Of Kings and Aristocrats

- 1** Leave car park through pedestrian gate, turn right. Bear right down Ferry Lane.
- 2** HERITAGE BOARD - Gate, Riverside footpath. Look for gate on the right near the trees.
- 3** Leave riverside. Gate, Footpath through field following dyke.
- 4** Gate, Turn left, Gate
- 5** Turn right Cross railway and Main Road.
- 6** HERITAGE BOARD Walk up Lodge Lane/Ivy Lane.
- 7** Turn left, Little London Lane.
- 8** At end of road in Little London, through Gate on to footpath.
- 9** HERITAGE BOARD
- 10** The footpath goes through gap in hedge turn right then left on footpath on field edge.
- 11** HERITAGE BOARD on grassed area then go through a gap in the hedge and through a kissing gate. Cross a field to another kissing gate.
- 12** Keep on footpath to a major footpath where you can only turn left or right (footpath signpost) Turn right follow straight track and then road past the Primary School.
- 13** At main road turn right, cross at pedestrian crossing, turn right.
- 14** At Mini roundabout turn left return to station car park.

HB HERITAGE BOARDS

