

Ripon to Thirsk - Via a Long Scenic Route

Start at the Ripon Spar Hotel Car Park

TL =Turn Left

TR = Turn Right

SP = Sign Post

SO = Straight On

	Mileage	Total	Split
TL	Out of Ripon Spa Hotel onto B6265 SP Pateley bridge	000	
TL	SP Fountains Abbey B6265	0.1	0.1
TL	Aldfield Markington	2.8	2.7
TL	Fountains Abbey (toilets available)	3.1	0.3
TR	Sawley	4.1	1.0
TR	Bimham Rocks	6.5	2.4
TL	Brimham Rocks, Summerbridge	9.3	2.8
SO	Entrance to Brimham Rocks	10.5	1.2
TR	Smelthouse, Pateley Bridge	11.0	1.5
TR	B6165 Pateley Bridge	12.7	1.7
TR	Optional stop – TR into Bridgeway restaurant car park, also Toilet. When leaving TL over bridge	14.6	1.9
TR	Into Lower Wath, SP Nidderdale rec'n centre, fuel stop	14.8	0.2
SO	Watermill Inn	15.7	0.9
	Bear left. No Motor Vehicles on the right, the river now on your left	19.5	3.8
SO	At Lofthouse, SP Middlesmoor	21.3	1.8
TR	Car park. Toilets in front of Crown Hotel. When leaving Middlesmoor re-trace route back to Lofthouse	22.2	0.9
TL	Masham, over Pott Moor, past Leighton reservoir, cross river Burn	23.6	1.4
	Bear Right, onto main road	30.1	6.5
TL	Ellingstring	30.9	0.8
TL	Jervaulx Abbey	32.6	1.7
TL	B6108 Jervaulx Abbey	34.7	2.1
TL	Jervaulx Abbey tea rooms, car park, toilet. When leaving TR onto A6108, MashamKirby	35.0	0.3
TL	Bedale cross river ure.	35.9	0.9
SO	At cross roads	37.4	1.5
TR	At SP for Crooked Hat farm	38.3	0.9
TL	Newton-Le-Willows	39.9	1.6
TR	Bedale	40.3	0.4
TR	Bedale	41.2	0.9
TR	Bedale, A684. To beadle centre	42.7	1.5
TL	Following A684, SP Northallerton	43.4	0.7
TL	Roundabout cross A1	44.0	0.6
TR	Leeming Bar	45.6	1.6
TL	SHARP TURN at petrol station SP Great Fencote	46.2	0.6
TR	Scruton Little Fencote	48.1	1.9
TL	Kirby Fleetham follow main road through Great Fencote to Kirby Fleetham	48.4	0.3
TR	Great Langton	49.3	0.9
TR	Cross river Swale to Yafforth	51.1	1.8
TL	Danby Wiske	55.5	4.5
TR	Northallerton	57.8	2.3
TL		59.2	1.4
	Cross A167 by TL, followed by immediate TR	59.9	0.7
	The battle of the Standard was fought here in 1178, just south of the level crossing as you enter Brompton.		
TL	At crossroads in Brompton	61.7	1.1
TL	Onto A684 Osmotherley	62.2	0.5

TR	Under A19 to Osmotherley	65.8	3.6
TR	Into Osmotherley	66.2	0.4
TL	Thimbleby Hawnby SP Hawnby, the chequers Tea rooms (68.8) on your left	67.1	
	Left and Right turns in Hawnby, Hawnby/Helmsley	76.2	9.1
TL	Helmsley	76.5	0.3
SO	Boltby	78.8	2.3
TL	Old Byland	79.3	0.5
TR	Sutton Bank	81.5	2.2
TR	Car park, toilets and café stop optional at the top of Sutton Bank	82.3	0.8
TL	SP Scarborough A170	82.8	0.5
TR	White Horse bank	82.9	0.1
TL	Oldstead	84.9	2.0
TL	At the Black Swan	86.3	1.4
TR	Abbey Inn, Byland Abbey. Leave Byland Abbey and head for Coxwold	87.7	1.4
TR	Kilburn and Thirsk	89.2	1.5
SO	SP Thirsk	89.7	0.5
TR	Onto A19 into Thirsk	94.0	5.3
	James Herriot museum plus other attractions of this charming market town		