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MALTON & ST MARY'S PRIORY WALK

Distance 3 miles

Time 2 hours

Level easy

This is an easy walk exploring the town's marketplace, a beautiful stretch of the River Derwent and a number of historic sites.

The majority of the route follows surfaced paths, but there are some uneven parts which can get muddy and soft in the wetter months and a few gentle gradients throughout.

If you are looking for refreshments you will be spoilt for choice with restaurants, pubs and cafes centred around Malton's Market Place at the start or end of your walk

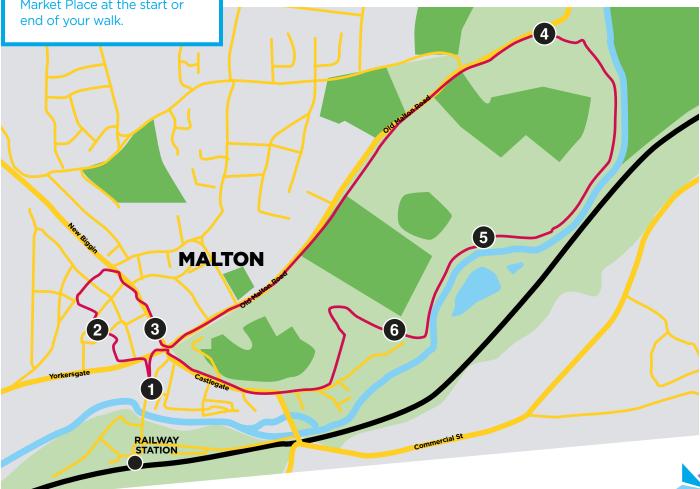
Start to St Michael's Church

The walk begins on Railway Street, alongside the entrance for Water Lane Car Park and directly opposite the beautiful red brick four-storey Cornmill building. Standing with your back to the car park entrance facing the Cornmill opposite, turn left along the pavement, heading uphill. Stay with this left-hand pavement to reach the T-junction with Yorkersgate. Turn left and cross to the right-hand pavement. Ignore the first turning on your right (Saville Street), instead keep ahead to pass by the Corn Exchange building on your right. Immediately after the Corn Exchange, turn right up to Chancery Lane. Continue up Chancery Lane, passing the cinema entrance on your right. You will emerge out into the Market Place, with St Michael's Church ahead. Cross over the road ahead and bear left, following the line of the church walls on your right. Turn right to pass the church entrance on your right.

St Michael's Church to Crown Hotel

Keep ahead beyond the church entrance and cross the road to reach the pavement. Turn right along the pavement and continue just until you draw level with the public toilets on your right. Turn left at this point into The Shambles. At the top you will emerge into the livestock market place. Walk ahead and, immediately after the

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pens, turn right along the left-hand pavement of Spital Street. Continue down the hill to reach the crossroads with Newbiggin. Turn right and join Wheelgate. Continue along Wheelgate, swapping to the left-hand pavement at the pedestrian crossing. Just before the crossroads you will pass the Crown Hotel on your left.

Crown Hotel to St Mary's Priory

Continue to the crossroads and turn left into Old Maltongate, immediately swapping to the right-hand pavement. At a break in the terraced houses on your right, you will get a glimpse of St Leonard's Church. Continue along Old Malton Street and, further along, you will come to The Old Lodge on your right. Keep ahead along the pavement for about half a mile, passing Orchard Fields on your right and then the modern Jack Berry House also on your right (a rehabilitation centre for jockeys) to reach Old Malton. Go straight ahead at the miniroundabout and continue until you reach the main entrance for St Mary's Priory on your right.

St Mary's Priory to Lady Spring Wood

Turn right through the entrance gates and follow the tarmac drive. Take time to explore the church (which is open daily) should you wish. Follow the tarmac path around the right-hand side of the church and leave the churchyard via the gate within the stone arch on your right. You will emerge to a crossroads with a tarmac track. Cross over the track to go straight ahead and join the signed permissive footpath which heads diagonally across the grass field. Continue through an old gateway and keep left at the fork to join the grass path running closest to the River Derwent on your left. Stay with this grass riverside path all the way to the far end, pass through another gateway and you will reach the beginning of a boardwalk ahead, at the edge of Lady Spring Wood.



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Lady Spring Wood to Orchard Fields

Walk straight ahead along the boardwalk (ignoring the footbridge to your right). The River Derwent is still running on your left and a smaller channel, The Cut, is running on your right. Soon you will pass the first stone marker on your left which is set with a small mosaic of a marsh marigold. This circular boardwalk actually forms a mosaic trail, with each mosaic depicting an example of the flora and fauna of Lady Spring Wood. At the end of the boardwalk, keep ahead on the unmade riverside path, passing between two of the old brick pillars. Look out for the trout mosaic set into the right-hand pillar. Immediately beyond the old rail bridge, turn right and follow the unmade path which leads you over The Cut and then up a few shallow steps before becoming a tarmac path which takes you to the corner of Orchard Fields.

Orchard Fields to End

This area was once the site of a 22-acre Roman legionary camp and fort. Walk straight ahead, following the line of trees on your right, an old railway embankment. When you draw level with a gateway on your right, turn left and walk just until you reach the shallow brow of the grass mounds. Turn left to follow the path along the mound ridge (heading back on yourself) and it will lead you to an information board. Pass to the right of the board and then walk ahead (down the slope) to reach a crossroads with another grass path. Turn right along this, heading for the corner of Orchard Field alongside the fire station. Across to the right you will be able to see the perimeter walls of the castle site. Malton Castle played an important role in history but all that remains today is a few remnants of wall.

Exit Orchard Fields at the bottom corner by the fire station and bear right to join the road, passing the fire station on your right. At the junction, keep ahead into Castlegate passing beautiful old town houses on the left. You will reach the crossroads within Malton that you should recognise from the outward leg. Turn left into Yorksergate. Take the first left into Railway Street where your walk began. Alternatively, Malton has plenty on offer to while away the rest of your day. Turn right along Saville Street to reach Market Place at the centre of the town. Here you will find an eclectic mix of architectural styled shops, pubs, tearooms, restaurants while many independent retailers can be found along Wheelgate, Yorkersgate and Castlegate.



