Beadlam, Pockley and Helmsley 5 1/2 miles, allow 2 1/2 hours.

Transport **East Yorkshire 128 and Saturday M3**

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Start

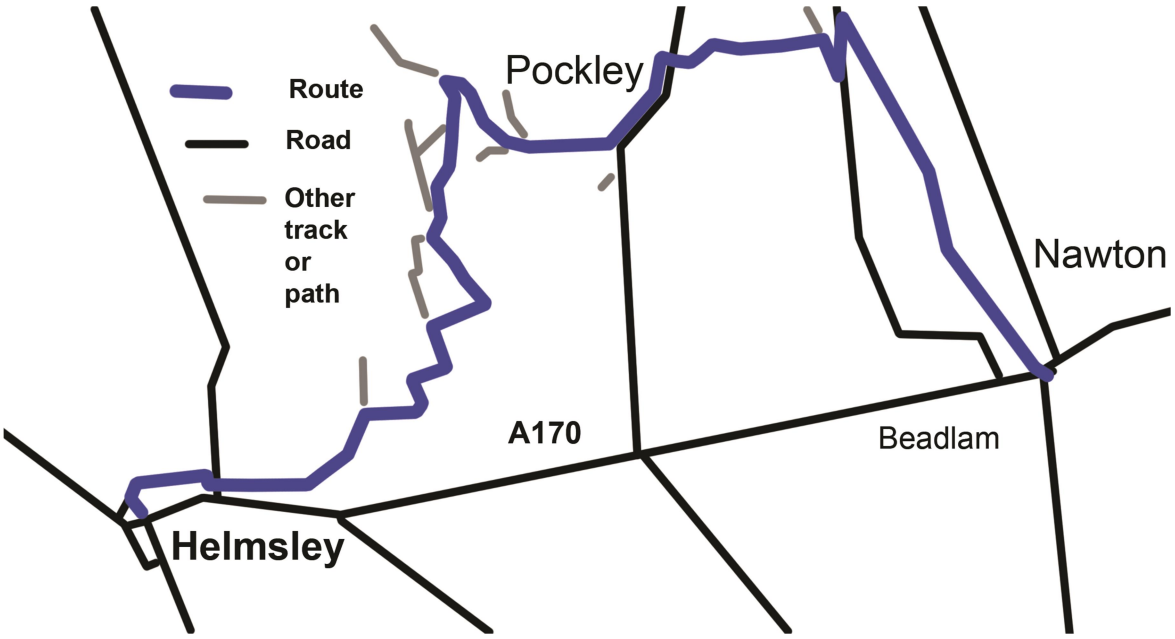
Nawton Green bus shelter

Points of interest

Nawton and Beadlam are linked villages. Nawton village school, with its roots in local Methodism, suffered an attempted takeover by the C of E and the Earl of Feversham in 1890. This was strongly resisted by the villagers, with one of the defenders being evicted from his Estate cottage, but the invasion was repulsed and the village kept their school. Pockley (from the Anglo Saxon Poca-leah, or forest clearing), has not only 6 thatched cottages, but a Gilbert Scott designed church with a miniature railway beneath to feed the Roman hypocaust style heating system, restored in 2012. Towards the end of the walk comes the wooded Riccal Dale with its superb bluebells and later orchids. The walk finishes in Helmsley as you emerge from the peaceful churchyard into the busy town with its Castle, Walled Garden, and Duncombe Park with its Birds of Prey Centre.

Route

From the bus stop, head north up Howldale Lane for 1mile to a road. Turn left. Soon double back to your right on to a track along a wood edge. Take the next path on the left. Dip briefly into a small valley, pass Pockley cemetery and turn left at the village street. As the road starts to swing left at the end of the village turn right at the footpath sign. Two fields later ignore the first path off right then chose a right fork down through the wood to a bridge. Head diagonally right to reach a good track and turn left along the bottom of the valley. Take the second track climbing off to the right then follow south along the wood edge. After 100m the path heads into the wood, still keeping to its top edge. Take the first right to join Monk Gardens Lane, go left along it then right just before Reagarth farm. Pass through the hedge on your left and cross a small field to round another wood edge. This takes you along a slightly vague path down and right along various field edges on an obvious heading for Helmsley. Turn right briefly up Carlton Road, left along Carlton Way, left down Canons Garth Lane, left through the gate to the churchyard and leave by the gate to the side of the Black Swan Hotel.



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