

Melton Ross / New Barnetby Airport Walk

3 miles

START

At hill top road junction above New Barnetby. From the A18 in Melton Ross, take the Bigby Road. After Mill Farm (on the left) take the first unmarked road on the left, just before the road down to Barnetby. Continue along this road to its end at a junction. Use the wide verges here at this road junction at the hilltop.

THE WALK

1. Take the way marked footpath to the left of a derelict building, continue to a Kissing Gate
2. Continue and walk diagonally left across a field to a Kissing Gate in the hedge.
3. Go through the Kissing Gate, follow the headland path, hedge on your right. At the field end continue straight on.
4. Cross an unsurfaced road, continue on, now to the right of a hedge.
5. When the hedge ends, cross a field descending towards trees, aiming just to the right of the distant Airport Control Tower.
6. Enter the copse, cross a wooden footbridge between two ponds, walk to the left of an old farm following a fence (on your left) through a gate to a road.
7. Turn left (a row of conifers on your right).
8. Take first left onto a farm road gaining entry through an unusual walker-friendly gate.
9. At Stonecroft House Farm bear right round and alongside a narrow plantation; at its end continue ahead across the field initially to a telegraph pole in the middle, then aiming towards a lamppost with a fir tree behind it at New Barnetby.
10. Turn left up the long, ascending road back to the starting point.

TERRAIN

The walk starts on a hilltop, descending, following field headland paths, and crossing an arable field through 2 Kissing gates, continuing along headland paths, steadily descending to point 5. The route crosses a second arable field dropping more steeply, then levels out from point 6. The route then uses quiet farm roads rising a little to Stonecroft House Farm. A level headland path passes the plantation then continues, still level, across the last arable field to New Barnetby. The road ascends relentlessly; there are no pavements – wide verges. Traffic is very light as the level crossing at New Barnetby is usually closed to vehicles.

TIME

Allow 1 ½ - 1 ¾ hours. A more demanding walk.

MAPS

O.S. Explorer 281 Ancholme Valley.



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