

## Brigham via West Beck

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11CIRCULAR  
ROUTE

**START** Brigham  
**GRID REF** TA 076 536

**DISTANCE** 6 miles  
**PARKING** Roadside verges

The success of the Ramblers' long campaign to re-open West Beck Bridge, (spearheaded by former Footpath Secretary, Mike Jackson) has made this delightful and less frequented route by the peaceful waterways of East Yorkshire accessible once more.

1. Park the car on the road verge on the approach to Brigham. Start walking westwards towards the hamlet, up and over the hill, down the other side and across the River Hull by a new opening swing bridge. Turn left [southwards] and walk along the river bank past the boat club, where on some days the Brigham scows will be racing. As one proceeds along the river bank West Beck Bridge will come into view.

2. On reaching the bridge, cross over the high level bridge and admire the views of northern Holderness. Continue southwards, past the boats moored on the opposite bank before Bethell's Bridge and the bridge keeper's house. Here on the right is a new wood with a car park and picnic area.

A few years ago 165,000 trees were planted on the "island" (Struncheon Hill). Continue directly southwards on the west bank of the River Hull. Between the river and the wood is a drain where one can watch the trout swim.

3. Continue alongside the River Hull. Do not miss the aqueduct, taking Scurf Dike to the river. Continue southwards to Hempholme Lock. Below this the river is tidal.

4. Cross the river via the lock gates, descend the embankment to cross the drain via the footbridge, and take the cross field path in a north easterly direction to the hamlet of Hempholme.

The path goes diagonally across a large field, then passes over a farm track, goes across another field and via a footbridge up some steps to a kissing gate. Turn left towards Hempholme Farm, through the farm yard to emerge on the road.

5. Turn right onto the road and watch out for the gate on the left after 50 yards, into the pasture field. Walk in a northerly direction with the hedge on your right, then turn right and walk through the gate. Look to the left and ahead is a cross-field path to another farm gate.

Go through this gate and continue across another field to join the farm track on your right. This takes one past a number of fishing lakes where the gravel has been extracted. Continue northwards following the way-markers to a junction where another farm track crosses the route.

6. Turn left here and after 50 yards turn right to follow the field boundary. Cross through a kissing gate to follow the field boundary alongside another small lake and through a gate up to Coneygarth Hill Farm.
7. Cross the farm track, continuing in a northerly direction, keeping the fence to your left, until you join the road. Turn right and walk northwards along the tarred road

until you reach North Frodingham Church.

8. Turn left here and walk on the pavement and then the right hand verge, **taking care because this is a very busy road.**

Cross the Frodingham Bridge. Continue on the verge till you reach the Brigham road.

9. Turn left at the cross roads to return to the start.

