Great Ayton

The Hambleton Strollers ‘Jubilee walks’ have been designed for anyone who finds walking on rough ground a challenge. They can be walked as a whole or in smaller sections depending on the time available - and how far you are able to walk. There are routes for Northallerton, Thirsk and Sowerby, Bedale and Aiskew, Easingwold, Great Ayton and Stokesley.

The majority of the Great Ayton walk is on pavements and paths with a small amount on rough ground around the river and the Cricket Ground. There are no stiles to negotiate.

The walk takes in the outskirts of Great Ayton. We could have gone slightly further out in some areas but this would have taken in more stiles and rough ground.

The walk sets off at the usual starting point for Great Ayton Strollers walks - the Great Ayton Discovery Centre (Library) - but you can start anywhere along the route.

All distances given are approximate but you can break it down into smaller circular routes. The whole walk is a circular route of around 3.75 miles. The red northern route is 2.7 miles and the southern section 1.3 miles. The northern route is fully wheelchair friendly and we have marked a blue - wheelchair friendly - route on the southern walk. However you may have to go slightly off line to find drop kerbs.

Walking risks are as usual - crossing roads, overhanging trees, uneven pavements, uneven ground and walking next to cycle lanes. Other than that the only thing to watch out for are the usual ‘deposits’ left on pavements.

We hope you enjoy the walk - if you are new to the area you will get a good feel for the place. If you live here you will find some paths you did not know existed. It might even help you decide where you would like to live!

Hambleton Strollers is an accredited Walking for Health scheme, running short risk assessed, volunteer leader led walks around the market towns of Hambleton. The scheme encourages people to take up walking or help those returning to walking after illness or injury. To take part you should be able to walk for at least half an hour. We never leave anyone behind and the walks usually end with a refreshment stop - coffee, tea and a chat! The walks are no more than an hour - and everyone is welcome.

Pick up a leaflet from your doctors surgery, local library, council offices or tourist information centres; call 01609 771624; or check out www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

If you are a stronger walker we can put you in touch with other groups who walk for longer and further.

Volunteer walk leaders to help run our walks are always needed - call Paul Fisher on 01609 771624. Full training will be given.

Toilets
Park Rise

Refreshments
In town

Enjoy your walk!