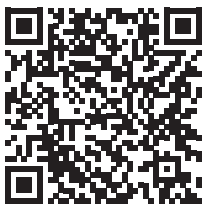


TADCASTER TO RUDGATE AND NEWTON KYME

The Roman Road



7 miles: just under 3 hours

Start at Tadcaster Bus Station, cross the road and turn left over Tadcaster Bridge. Once over the bridge, turn right and follow the footpath alongside the river, past the church, through a kissing gate and on under the viaduct.

After a short while you will come to a small building on the river bank. This is a flow measurement station. Continue beyond that and through a short tunnel. Follow the path along the river, until you reach some steps. Carry straight on the path up to the road.

Cross the road and follow the track over the old railway bridge towards Smaws. At Smaws House take the track to the right and follow this past the houses and farm buildings.

Continue on the track past the wood and you will come to a splendid panoramic view to the West. Carry on until you reach the small road; this is Rudgate.

Turn right and walk down the road until the crossroads at Watson's Lane. Turn right and pass under the old railway bridge to meet the main road.

Cross the main road towards Newton Kyme village. Pass through the village until you find a gate on the right. Enter the field and turn left past the Hall and the Church.

Follow the wall on your left down to the river. Turn right, downstream, and follow this path through several gates back until you arrive again at the Steps.

Turn left and retrace your steps back to Tadcaster.

If the full route is too far, you can shorten it by turning left at Smaws House. This track will take you down to the Leeds Road.

Cross the road and turn left up to Union Corner. Take Station Road on your left back down into the centre of Tadcaster.

A walk with gentle hills up to Smaws Hamlet, along Rudgate (the course of the Roman Road) down to the quiet village of Newton Kyme and on the riverside path back to Tadcaster.

