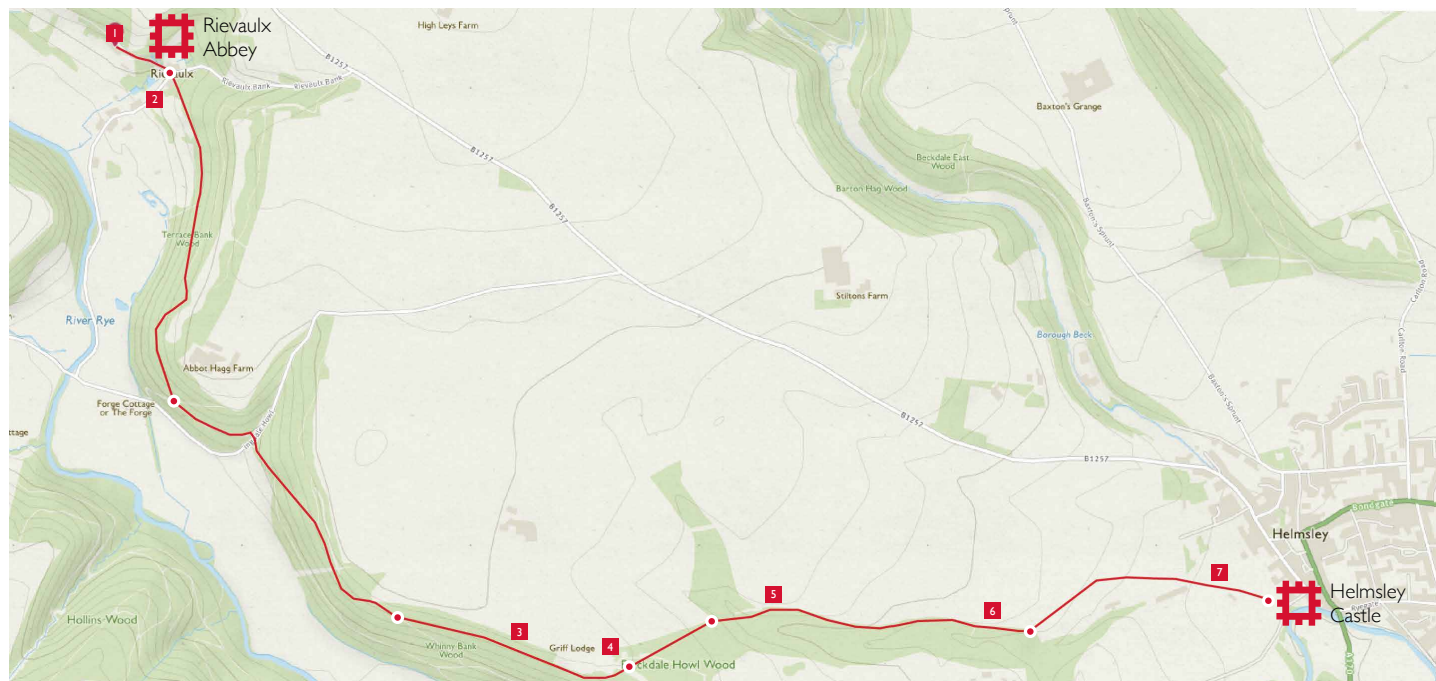


Rievaulx Abbey to Helmsley Castle Yorkshire



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Map: Ordnance Survey

Note: this map is intended as a guide only. We would always advise you to use these guides in conjunction with OS maps. Please check the opening times of properties at www.english-heritage.org.uk before setting off.

Need to know

- **OS reference:** OS Explorer map OL26
- **Distance:** 2.5 miles/4km (1 hour 30 minutes walking, plus time to visit the properties)
- **Difficulty:** 1/5
- **Terrain:** A gentle walk on paths and country road with some steep steps
- **Access:** This walk is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs
- **Dog walkers:** This walk is suitable for dogs
- **Refreshments:** Drinks and food are available at the Rievaulx tea room and there is a picnic area at Helmsley (Rievaulx Tearoom shuts half an hour before the abbey)
- **Stay:** Refectory Cottage, Rievaulx Abbey; www.english-heritage.org.uk/cottages
- **Sat nav:** Starts Rievaulx Abbey, near Helmsley, YO62 5LB (01439 798228), ends Castlegate, Helmsley, YO62 5AB
- **Grid reference:** Rievaulx Abbey (grid ref SE575855) to Helmsley Castle (grid ref SE612837)

Directions

- 1 The ruins of Rievaulx Abbey mark the start of the trail. From the abbey, turn left on to Rievaulx Road.
- 2 Beyond the extent of the grounds, turn left and follow the path, then a minor road near Abbot Hag Farm.
- 3 The trail heads across farmland from here, passing below Griff Lodge and continues ahead.
- 4 Enter the woods and follow the trail downhill, entering into the midst of the woods.
- 5 Continue onwards, passing through a gateway, to hug the fringe of the wood on your left-hand side.
- 6 This final stage joins the Cleveland Way, taking a left and heading through the fields towards a kissing gate with the town of Helmsley on the horizon.
- 7 A clear track leads to the car park by Helmsley Castle.