

WALK 2

RAILWAY LINE/MIRY CARR LANE

Walk approximately 2.75 miles.

Start Point: Main Street Thorner. LS14 3DX

1. From the starting point, cross the road, and take Heathcote Avenue, the footpath between the Over 60s Bungalow, and the boules area, and head out onto Butts Garth. Turn right and follow Butts Garth round to the left, and up the unmade track of Littlemoor Lane.



2. After a couple of hundred yards, and before the bridge, take the track to the right, which leads to a metal kissing gate out onto the former railway line, not used since the Beeching axe. Walk along the railway line.



3. Continue through a metal kissing gate, into a more wooded area, which can become overgrown without regular maintenance.

4. This section of track ends at a fence and gate across the line of the railway. The public footpath continues through another kissing gate, on the left, and then along the field edge. The path runs alongside the line of the railway, initially at the same level, but at a fence denoting a change in ownership, the railway track starts to descend into what becomes a deep culvert.



5. Continue along the field edge, until reaching a wooden footpath sign, indicating a path to the right. The field edge path continues to the A64 York Road, but we are taking the path to the right – Miry Carr Lane – over the railway bridge.

At this point the railway track is well below you. The railway continues on, and under the A64 York Road, into Scholes and eventually Cross Gates railway station.



6. The footpath goes over the bridge to a stile. Over the stile the path continues between the hedgerow on the left, and a wooden fence on the right.
7. The footpath crosses the tarmac access road to the Saw Wood House development, and continues between hedge and fence, for a further short distance.
8. After the end of the fence the path continues through the trees, in a straight line, emerging eventually into Thorner Lane.



WARNING This section of the path can be muddy after extensive rainfall.

9. Once out onto Thorner Lane, follow the road down to the right, down Sandhills, and back into the village, passing interesting properties of varying styles and size, from large detached mansions, to small terraced cottages.
10. Walk along the side of the road, taking care where the pavement is narrow, and eventually, after about a mile, you return to the starting point.