




# EXPLORING YORK



Exploring York and all that it has to offer has never been so easy. We've routes for all ages and abilities, ready and waiting for you to explore. Whilst you're out and about, remember let's be respectful and patient of others. Let's keep as safe as possible by following social distancing measures.

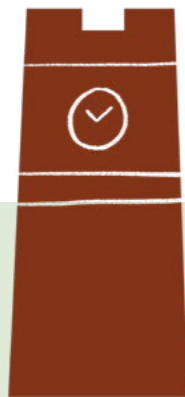
## Stamford Bridge to Kexby trail

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Distance (long route)  
8.3 miles
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Distance (short route)  
7.5 miles
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Est. Time  
3-3:30hrs

If you're planning to travel to, from and through York we want to make sure you have access to travel information that will help keep you safe and be able to plan your journey.

You can explore information about active travel and its benefits by downloading our Cycle route maps, Walking Guides and information on our popular Urban Cycle Skills Sessions at [www.itravelyork.info](http://www.itravelyork.info)

For further information on how to explore York safely go to [www.visityork.org](http://www.visityork.org)



### The River Derwent

Most of the rivers flowing through the North York Moors join together to become The River Derwent. After passing through Stamford Bridge, the river eventually joins the River Ouse and then continues on to the Humber Estuary. The river is of international importance for wildlife and is now home to salmon, eels and otters.



### The Battle of Stamford Bridge 1066

Prior to the battle, an invading army led by King Harald Hardrada of Norway and the English King's rebellious brother, Tostig, sailed up the River Ouse and took over the City of York. They then moved to Stamford Bridge to collect supplies and hostages. The English King Harold Godwinson quickly moved his army up to Yorkshire and achieved a decisive victory over the invading forces.

### Did you spot any birdlife on your walk?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird                | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfinch     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue tit                 | <input type="checkbox"/> House martin   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bullfinch                | <input type="checkbox"/> Robin          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaffinch                | <input type="checkbox"/> Swallow        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chiffchaff               | <input type="checkbox"/> Swift          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goldfinch                | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitethroat    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great tit                | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great-spotted woodpecker | <input type="checkbox"/> Vulture!?      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> .....          |



### The Roman town of Derventio

A small Roman town called Derventio formerly existed just to the south of Stamford Bridge. Pottery and a bath house have been found as well as evidence of metal working and corn milling. More remains may still be found in the future as the site has never been fully investigated by archaeologists.



### Scoreby Wood

Look out for ferns here. These ancient plants first appeared over 360 million years ago. A Victorian era craze for collecting ferns was known as 'fern-fever'. This craze led collectors to go to great lengths to obtain rare species, sometimes with fatal consequences.

### What kind of flowers can you see?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dandelion | <input type="checkbox"/> Daisy | <input type="checkbox"/> Clover | <input type="checkbox"/> Bluebell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rose  | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchid | <input type="checkbox"/> .....    |



### The Camels Relatives

When passing Scoreby Manor House you may spot some unusual animals. These are alpacas, relatives of camels. Originally from South America they have now become popular in the UK and are kept for their valuable wool which is very soft and warm when made into clothing.



### Hagg Wood

Spring is a great time to visit Hagg Wood when a variety of woodland flowers can be seen including bluebells, primroses and wood anemones. Also, look out for deer and foxes. The wood has several ponds and some bomb craters.

### The Corn Mill

Built in 1591 beside the River Derwent, when in operation this mill had seven pairs of grinding stones used to produce flour, and was powered by two large water wheels.



# Stamford Bridge to Kexby trail

## 1 Start

Stamford Bridge shops and bus stop for bus 10. The Square.

## 2

Cross the bridge over the River Derwent then turn left and follow the riverside footpath.

## 3

The footpath passes under a disused railway viaduct.

The former Roman town of Derventio was located on both sides of the river.

This walk has many small narrow bridges which cross streams.

Wildlife seen along the footpath may include mute swans, kingfishers and great-spotted woodpeckers.

## 5

Upon reaching the A1079 turn right and walk along a surfaced footpath past a care home. Please note it is necessary to step over a low roadside crash barrier at this point.

## 6

After passing the care home turn right and walk up a track.

## 7

The path turns left at this point and passes through Scoreby Wood. Please keep to the footpath.

## 8

After passing through Scoreby Wood and one field turn right upon reaching a public footpath sign.

## 9

At a junction turn right to take the shorter route back to Stamford Bridge. Continue walking straight ahead to take a longer route which passes Hagg Wood.

Taking the shorter route, you'll pass the site of the lost village of Scoreby. Pottery and building foundations are all that remain of this village.

## 10

Shortly after passing through a small area of woodland turn right and follow a track heading north.

## 11

If you would like to explore Hagg Wood, please use the public footpath which enters the wood at this point.

## 12

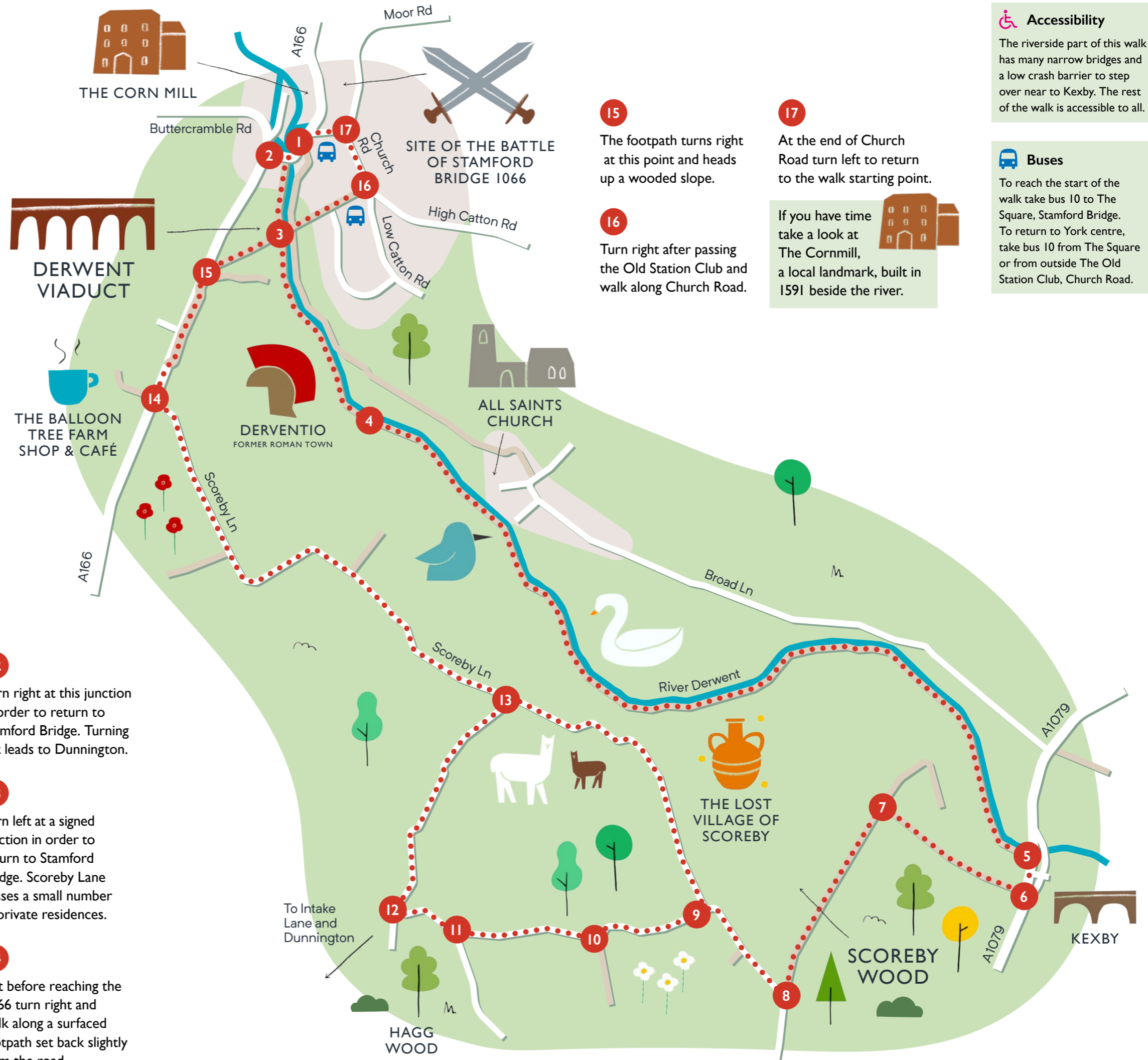
Turn right at this junction in order to return to Stamford Bridge. Turning left leads to Dunnington.

## 13

Turn left at a signed junction in order to return to Stamford Bridge. Scoreby Lane passes a small number of private residences.

## 14

Just before reaching the A166 turn right and walk along a surfaced footpath set back slightly from the road.



## 15

The footpath turns right at this point and heads up a wooded slope.

## 16

Turn right after passing the Old Station Club and walk along Church Road.

## 17

At the end of Church Road turn left to return to the walk starting point.

If you have time take a look at The Cornmill, a local landmark, built in 1591 beside the river.

## Accessibility

The riverside part of this walk has many narrow bridges and a low crash barrier to step over near to Kexby. The rest of the walk is accessible to all.

## Buses

To reach the start of the walk take bus 10 to The Square, Stamford Bridge. To return to York centre, take bus 10 from The Square or from outside The Old Station Club, Church Road.