

## **Yorkshire Coast Outdoor property Access Statement**

Yorkshire Coast  
Peaksider  
Ravenscar  
North Yorkshire  
YO13 0NE  
T: 01723 870423  
E: Gareth.wilson@nationaltrust.org.uk

### **Introduction**

A diverse collection of coastal properties strung out along the Cleveland Way National Trail. Discover breathtaking views, the remains of industrial endeavors and a wildlife sanctuary.

Visit the Old Coastguard Station in Robin Hood's Bay village and the Ravenscar Coastal Centre to discover more about the landscape and people.

The coastline is a dramatic mix of sea cliffs, hidden villages and valleys leading to a diverse terrain; cliff top paths, uneven surfaces and steep gradients in places. Please ring 01723 870423 for more details.

All dogs are welcome, including Assistance Dogs. Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on leads in these areas.

**NB** - Mobile phone reception is not very good across the site. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able.

### **Ravenscar**

Ravenscar can be found high on the cliffs of the North Yorkshire coast between Scarborough and Whitby. The stunning coastal countryside and industrial heritage found here is a product of thousands of years of natural history and hundreds of years of industrial and agricultural activity.

Parking along the roadside can be found on entering the village. NZ 97964 01430. Opposite can be found public toilets (Not NT) and across the small green the NT Ravenscar Centre. From here the Cleveland Way meets other paths forming short and long circular routes on good, firm surfaces. Because of the topography the routes can be steep in places but the disused railway offers a gentle and easy walking linear track.

One of the more popular routes takes you down to the Peak Alum works.



Peak alum works.

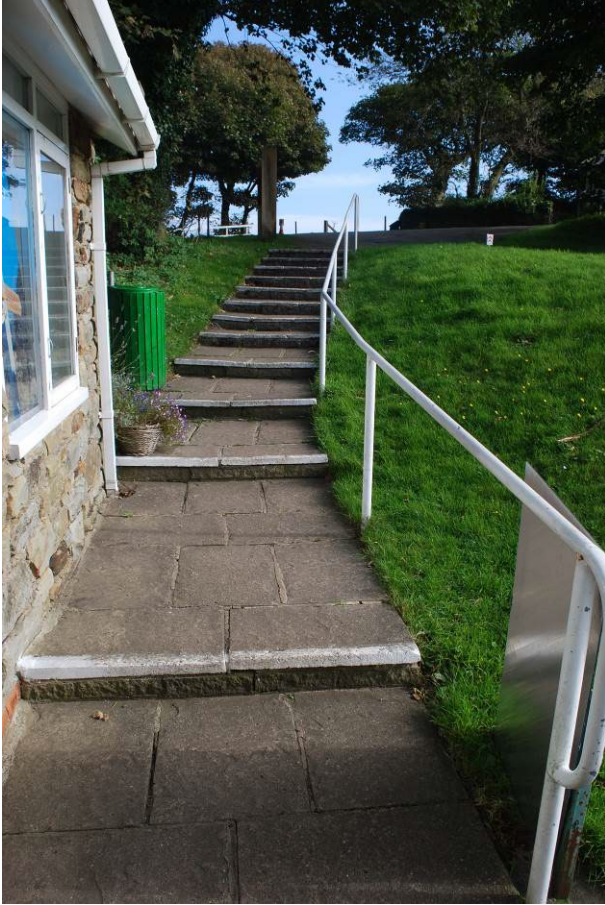
Care should be taken, even though the grass is kept short, industrial remains are present. Some can form tripping hazards to the unwary.



Drainage channels along the visitor route in the alum works.

Ravenscar Centre is a great place to find out more about the history and local access points. It also offers teas and coffees.

Access is immediately next to the roadside parking and can be accessed via a number of steps.



## **Staintondale**

To the south of Ravenscar lies the area known as Staintondale. For the most part it is tenanted farmer's fields but a 3 km circular walk can be undertaken via the cinder track and Cleveland Way path. Parking in the village square, the cinder track or disused railway line offers a good flat surface south all the way to Scarborough. If doing the circular there is a short climb on to the country lane which eventually leads to a grassy field and on to the Cleveland Way for the route back.

A shorter route can be taken via the WW2 buildings, 400m from the car park. The WW2 buildings stand in a grassy field with uneven surfaces around the buildings themselves. Panels tell their story and of the people based there.





WW2 buildings

## Port Mulgrave

The village of Port Mulgrave lies nine miles North West of Whitby on the Yorkshire Coast. The settlement here owes its existence to the ironstone mining industry of the mid-19th century. The old mine entrance can still be seen 50 feet above the high water mark. After the mine ceased to be productive the tunnel was extended to join with the Grinkle Park mine and used to transport stone to the harbour by narrow gauge railway.

**Please note, following a large landslip in January 2016, the footpath to the beach is currently not accessible. The cliff slopes remain unstable and it is dangerous to attempt to reach the beach here.**



The bench and

information panel at Port Mulgrave. NZ 79605 17506

Routes north and south along the top of the cliffs are firm underfoot and well used as part of the Cleveland Way.

A small car park (Not NT) for three cars is available but there are no other facilities. A café is back in the village of Hinderwell and toilets at Runswick.

## Loftus Alum Quarries

Today Loftus Alum Quarries is a peaceful place to get away from it all and enjoy the cliff top views of the coast, but between 1656 and 1863 it was a centre of industrial activity.

Roadside parking is the only option. No other facilities. A good path leads along an old dry stone wall to the NT land where following the route directly across the grassy field leads you to the cliff edge and great views of the quarry.



Path at NZ 73822 19276 leading up to the Loftus Alum quarries.

## **Warsett Hill**

Warsett Hill is the highest point on the stretch of coast between Saltburn and Skinningrove. It is well worth climbing to enjoy the superb panoramic view of the coast and surrounding area that it offers. The hill was the site of a Roman signal station built to defend the area against Anglo-Saxon attack but most of the archaeological interest here relates to the iron industry and the Guibal Fanhouse..

The property can be accessed from the village of Brotton via routes through the golf course. Once on NT land the paths are grassy and can be wet in inclement weather.

Parking along roadside in the village. No facilities.



The lower of the two paths through the golf course.

## **Old Saltburn**

Old Saltburn may only be a small piece of land but is interesting for its nature conservation value. The slumped boulder clay cliff slopes that rise up from the beach support plants such as hemp-agrimony, fragrant orchid, bird's foot trefoil and betony. The steep sided valley that cuts through the centre of the property is known as Little Dale and is a Site of Nature Conservation Importance. Salad burnet, wild thyme, harebell and common century can be found growing here. The entrance to the grassland is at grid reference NZ669215.

Old Saltburn is easily accessed from the public car park (Not NT) on the front at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. £2 for two hours.

The car park has toilets and a number of food and drink establishments





Access up the slopes at Saltburn. The climb is quite steep and is via steps. An alternative route but equally steep is via the bridleway which winds itself along the coastal side of Little Dale.

## Cowbar Nab

In spring it is home to a raucous colony of seabirds. Kittiwakes, fulmars and the occasional razorbill jostle for position on precarious looking ledges. On grassy areas towards the top a large colony of herring gulls add to the cacophony.

A walk onto the top of the nab offers great views over the village. There are some interesting plants that grow up here including wild cabbage and wild carrot.

There are public car parks for visitors to Cowbar Nab in both Staithes and Cowbar. The grid reference for Cowbar Nab is NZ780189. There are no toilets or refreshments at the car park but these can be found in Staithes a short walk and down a steep hill along the tarmacked road.

**Please note, following a landslip in March 2016, access to the property is currently not possible. The cliff slopes remain unstable and it is dangerous to attempt to reach Cowbar.**

## Runswick Bay

Our field at Runswick Bay contains two reservoirs built to feed an ironwork's blast furnace in the mid-19th-century, the remains of which can be found at the base of the slumped sea cliffs. Today they are managed as wildlife ponds. The deeper of the two provides breeding habitat for all three of our native species of newt, including the rare great crested newt.

There are two public car parks (Not NT) at Runswick Bay. Follow the Cleveland Way to grid reference NZ807162 to visit the ponds. There are toilets at the car park and pubs for refreshments.



The path at Runswick runs through the pub car park. It is part of the Cleveland way and can be accessed by wheelchair as far as the ponds on the cliff edge.

## Hummersea

Agricultural fields dominate the site at Hummersea which, though species poor, act as an important part of the wider local landscape.

The cliffs reveal exposures of Staithes sandstone and the overlying Cleveland ironstone, capped with boulder clay.

There is no parking at Hummersea itself. A walk along the Cleveland Way is the best access. A long walk up steep stone pitched paths from Skinningrove where there is limited street parking. There is vehicle access in an emergency but all routes should be kept clear for emergency services. There is a seat at NZ72527 19848 offering great views.





## Bayness/ Robin Hoods Bay

Lying just to the north of the village of Robin Hood's Bay stands the Rocket Post, a replica of a one time common feature along the coast. The post replicated a ship's mast and crow's nest in practice sessions for shore to ship rescues by the Coastguard and rescue team. The presence of the local Coastguard is also evident in the Bay Ness lookout, which still stands at Ness Point today.

The hillsides around Bay Ness and Bottom House Farm are predominantly agricultural land, much of which is intensively farmed, supporting arable fields and re-seeded grassland. Amidst this agricultural land lies Raindale Wood with remnants of maritime heath.

Parking is at The National Park car park which has toilets. There are eating and drinking facilities in the village. This area can be accessed via a well surfaced cinder track and via the Cleveland Way. A more mixed approach with good surfaces leading to grassier areas which can get puddled in wet weather.



NZ 95339 05646. Gateway to the Cleveland Way.

Approx 300metres heading north can be found a bench which offers great views of Robin Hoods Bay and Ravenscar beyond.



Bay

Seat overlooking Robin Hoods

If undertaking a circular walk via Raindale woods. There is a steep climb or descent between the Cleveland way and cinder track on grassy paths.

## Old Coastguard Station

At the bottom of the steep road that runs down to the beach in Robin Hoods Bay stands the Old Coastguard Station. A visitor centre and shop with an education room upstairs and a holiday cottage on the top floor.

There is a stepped path leading from the road to the Centre. The staff can provide a ramp on request to help in negotiating the steps. The ground floor is level and offers interpretation and shopping facilities. There is a lift to the second floor where educational events take place.

Parking is in the National Park car park at the top of the village where there are toilets at the smaller carpark and disabled facilities at the larger upper village car park. There are toilets at the bottom of the village located next to the Old Coastguard Station.



## Hayburn Wyke

Overlooking a small bay and rocky beach on the Heritage Coast lie the wooded cliffs of Hayburn Wyke.

Important for both geological and biological interests, Hayburn Wyke is a Geological Conservation Review site (GCR) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The solid geology of the area is made up of rocks of Middle Jurassic age, these are deltaic deposits, mainly sandstones with some coals and clays. The Hayburn Beck, which bisects the property, exits the woodland via a double waterfall onto the beach, having carved a channel through the rocks to expose the Hayburn Wyke plantbed. The plantbed contains a rich flora comprising sixty species.

Hayburn Wyke can be accessed via the Cleveland way which runs north to south through the property but the best place is via the Hotel. TA 00692 98926 Permission is granted to park in the grass paddock for walkers if they partake refreshment at the hotel. There are only toilets for hotel customers. From the hotel Hayburn Wyke can be accessed either from the north of the hotel or the south across farmers' fields. Once in the woodland the paths are well used and easily followed. A circular route can be undertaken but includes a climb and descent on uneven surfaces. Some areas are stone pitched. Both routes take you down to the beach and a stunning waterfall. Rocks are available for sitting on!



Path leading to the south through Hayburn woods.

## **Cayton Bay**

This dynamic and mobile coastal site, with its slumping and eroding soft cliffs, is an important habitat for invertebrates, and thus a designated SSSI. Overall, there is a good diversity of habitats, ranging from the cliffs and bare ground, to herb rich grassland, flushes, ponds and woodland which support a rich flora, invertebrate fauna and birdlife. Recent archaeological remains include WW2 pill boxes, originally located on the clifftop, which due to erosion are now upside down on the beach. Other relics include the ruined remnants of a NALGO holiday camp which operated for forty years from the 1930s

**Due to Landslip the woodlands to the north of the Cleveland Way path is out of bounds and no access is allowed.**

The beach can be accessed from the roadside car parking via the Cleveland Way which is steep descent via steps with firm stone footings. The Cleveland Way then follows southwards on grassy well used paths before climbing back up to the clifftop via a stone pitched path. Parking can be found at TA 06235 84648. There are no facilities.





Path from the roadside parking down to beach via steps.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/yorkshire-coast>

## Contact details for more information

T: 01723870423

E: [Gareth.wilson@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Gareth.wilson@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Date Oct 2022

## Map







