



Distance 4.5 miles

Time 2.5 hours

Level moderate

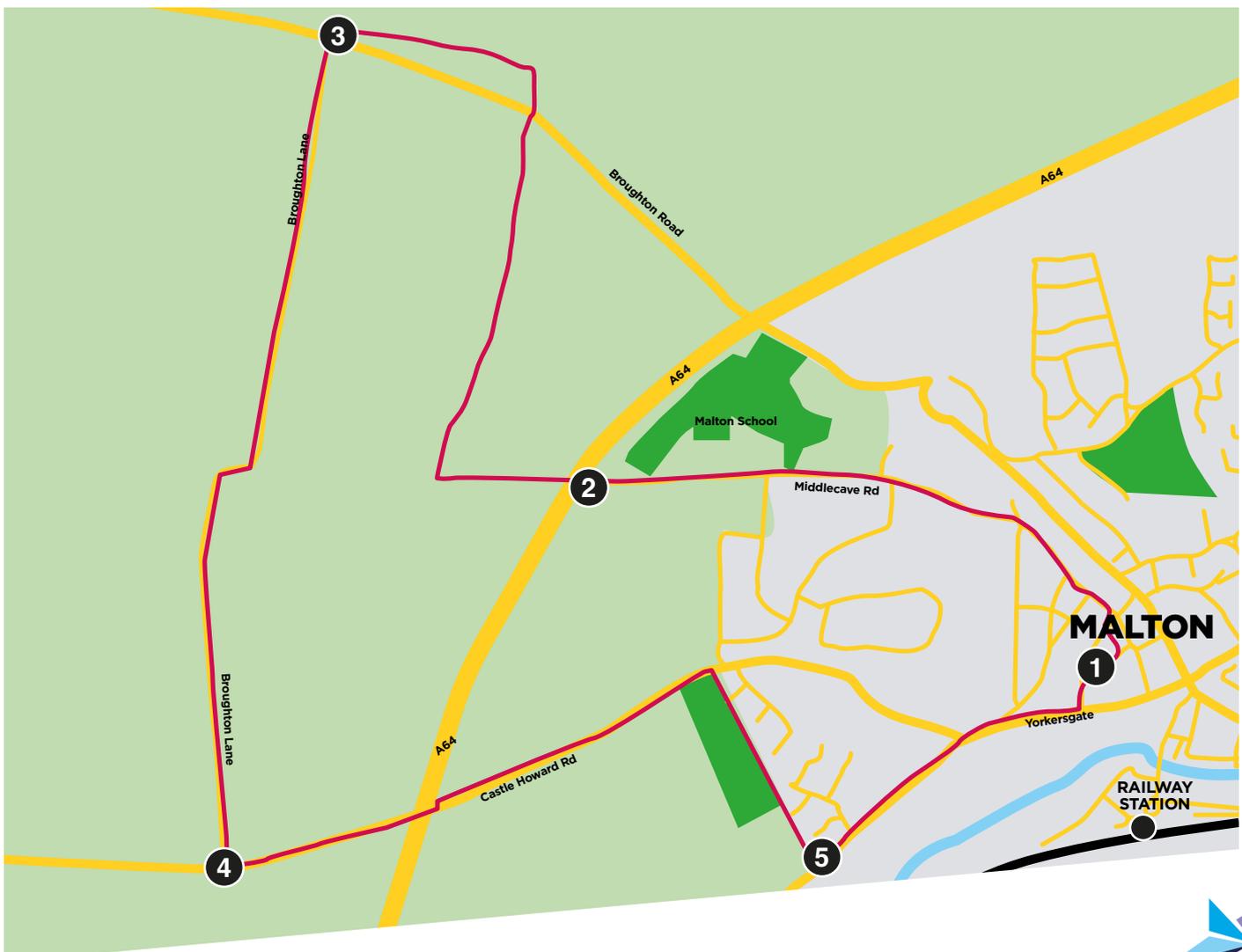
This route heads west, leaving the town via the footbridge over the A64 to explore a pretty woodland belt and a beautiful stretch of the green track, Broughton Lane with lots of wild flowers to enjoy in the spring and summer.

The walk is relatively flat with just a few gentle gradients. The route follows a mixture of pavements, woodland paths and an unmade farm track, the latter two of which can be muddy after wet weather.

The Route

The walk begins in the south west corner of Malton's Market Place, outside the Milton Rooms. Standing with your back to the Milton Rooms facing the church in the centre of the Market Place, turn right along the pavement, passing the church across to your left. As you draw level with the Post Office on your right, turn left across the road and walk directly ahead on the paved section which leads you past the Old Town Hall on your right. At the top, cross over to reach the far pavement, turn right along this and then take the first left into Newgate.

At the crossroads with Spital Street cross over with care to go straight ahead, passing the livestock market on your left. Now simply stay ahead to reach Middlecave Road. Follow the pavement climbing steadily and at a right-hand bend in the road, cross over to turn left into the side road which is a continuation of Middlecave Road. Pass the hospital on your left and Malton School on your right and continue all the



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way to the end of the road. Continue ahead on the stone and grass track which swings left and then right leading you onto the footbridge across the A64.

A64 Footbridge to Breedycroft Lane

At the far side of the bridge, turn left down the slope and then bear right to join the path through a tunnel of trees. At the end of this path, pass alongside the remains of a stile and keep ahead through the trees to reach a crossroads of paths. Turn right to join the path signed to Broughton Road. Follow this path through the pretty woodland belt, with open crop fields each side. Eventually you will emerge via a kissing gate to a junction with Broughton Road. Cross over the road with care and take the kissing gate directly ahead, leading you into another stretch of woodland.

Follow the main woodland path, heading steadily downhill and bearing left, then swinging right to reach a fence ahead. Do NOT pass through the gate ahead, instead turn left along the path to reach a wide wooden gate. Pass through this and follow the pretty wide green track. At the far end, pass through another wide wooden gate and you will emerge to a junction with Breedycroft Lane.

Breedycroft Lane to Braygate Street

Turn left for just a few metres to reach a junction with Broughton Road. Cross over with care and take the tree-lined stone farm track directly ahead, signed as a public bridleway to Braygate. Follow this stone track for some distance, climbing steadily and then levelling off. After 0.5 miles, ignore the footpath through the gate on your left, instead stay with the track which bends right and then left to continue its journey south. Ignore any side turnings into the fields, simply keep ahead on the grass track. As the track begins to descend, great views begin to open up ahead. As you emerge out to the junction with Braygate Street, cross over and turn left along the wide grass verge.



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Braygate Street to York Road

Follow this grass verge and in the field on your right you will see the white railings which mark the horse gallops. Follow the road as it crosses the A64 via a bridge and then swap to the left-hand side of the road to pick up the pavement which begins here. Stay with this pavement alongside Castle Howard Road for about 0.5 miles to reach the 30mph signs marking the start of housing at the edge of Malton. Cross over the road to turn right here, joining the grass and stone vehicle track signed as a public footpath. The track leads you past allotments on your right. When the allotments on your right end, simply continue ahead on the narrow grass path with a crop field on your right. At the end of the field, the path swings left through a gap in the hedge to join the left-hand pavement running alongside York Road.



York Road to End

York Road leads you back towards the centre of Malton. As you draw level with The Elms (house number 5) on your right, cross over the large side road and keep ahead to reach a major junction. Again cross over the left-hand side road (signed to Amotherby) to continue ahead on the main road (the right-hand branch). Follow this pavement passing the war memorial on your left and the Talbot Hotel on your right. Towards the bottom of the slope, turn left into Market Street and this will lead you directly back to Market Place where the walk began.

Malton has plenty on offer to while away the rest of your day. An eclectic mix of architectural styled shops, pubs, tearooms, restaurants surround the market place while many independent retailers can be found along Wheelgate, Yorkersgate and Castlegate.

