

## Walk to the Crimble Valley and Pannal

About 2.5 miles on paths, tracks, and minor roads. Relatively free of mud.

Walking boots and stick recommended.

Park in Leadhall Road or Rossett Drive, both off Leadhall Lane. (Go south-west from Leeds Road at M&S Leeds Road, or from Harlow area via Green Lane).

Walk to Throstle Nest Drive (an unadopted road) and take the path at the end in a south-east direction. This is a fenced-in narrow path, with open fields to your right and the Mallinson housing estate across a field to the left. At the end of the path there is a gate, but you can slip through a slit exit at the left and turn right to follow a path down to the small bridge over Stone Rings Beck. After the bridge, the track forks and you take the right fork south-south-west up a slightly rough path. Through the hedge on the left you have views of the Crimble Valley, the sports fields, and Pannal. You pass a few cottages on the right and come to All Saints Court, with a derelict farm.

At Church Lane (the minor road from Rossett to Pannal), you turn left and pass some relatively new stone built houses on the left, with the old quarry behind them. The road takes a right bend where there is a gate and track at your left, but for this walk keep going until the road takes a sharp left. At this point cross the road (careful!!) to enter Spring Lane and walk west to pass the Scout hut on your left. (Here there is an entrance on the right, leading you to a parallel path which keeps you off the tarmac road).

You are passing open fields on your right, and eventually come to a mini roundabout and a Methodist Chapel at Daw Cross. Turn right here to walk up Yew Tree Lane, with open fields on both sides.

Make the best of it whilst you can. This road is destined to become one of the main routes for traffic to & from the west Harrogate housing developments on both sides of Whinney Lane and Otley Road (etc.).

As you come up to housing, there is a T junction at Rossett Green Lane where you turn right, and you pass our local "sledging hill" in fields to the right before passing some recent executive houses on the right and some mature spacious houses on the left. Developers and building companies are lobbying the council for agreement to build more executive houses between here and Burn Bridge.

Rossett Green Lane turns into Leadhall Lane, and you either get your car in Leadhall Road or continue along Leadhall Lane over the little bridge to pass By-Ways and Throstle Nest Drive until you come to Rossett Drive.

Clearly, there are a number of paths and lanes in this area, and if you wish you can take some small diversions to view the redevelopment of the Police college, but note that paths (marked orange) towards the Squinting Cat pub on Whinney Lane have been closed and will be re-routed through new housing developments in due course.

I did actually walk along the southern path to see the demolitions, (naughty me) but couldn't recommend it for the moment.