

The 7-9 Mile Walk Wednesday 18th March 2026, Goldsborough report by Lynda Bares

We met in the car park on the south side of Hury Reservoir in West Briscoe on a beautiful day with clear skies and the birds singing, I even saw some oystercatchers on the turret in the middle of the dam while walking over from the other side (and some of us saw two redshanks on the way back at the end of the day!).

Initially taking the path along the south side of Hury, then we crossed over to the north side of Blackton and along to Birk Hat, where we stopped for coffee.

Then over Blackton bridge and following the Pennine Journey over several fields to East Friar Farm where we joined the road briefly before taking the footpath up to Goldsborough. The day was so clear and still that we stopped there to have an early lunch, enjoying the views.



From there we descended through the boulders initially continuing on the Pennine Journey then the footpath towards Loups's Hill, hearing gunfire in the background but skirting the firing range. We dropped slowly down taking the footpath to East Stoney Lodges and down past the old meeting house, crossing a beck then uphill along the road to Keepers Cottage then down the track, across the fields, past the farm, to return to West Briscoe.