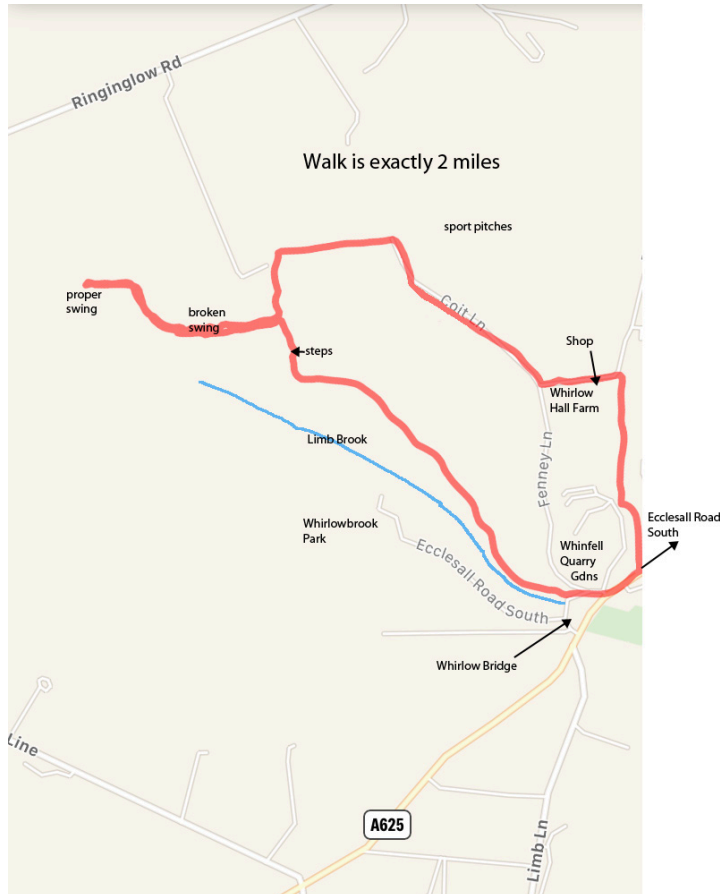


Limb Brook-Whirlow Hall Farm 2 mile walk with THE SWING OF DOOM

This is a quiet walk (2 miles) that contains a steep climb (my 5 and 8 year old were fine, but not one for pushchairs). You can walk it as a circular and there is also a diversion that takes in a rather fun swing. There are lots of footpaths in this area so well worth a wander even if you don't relish the swing! Also nearby are Whirlowbrook Park, Whinfell Quarry Gardens and you can follow the Limb Brook up to Ringinglow (and the Norfolk Arms/Alpaca farm).



1. Start at Whirlow Bridge (a crescent off from Ecclesall Road South) - this is also where you can enter Whirlowbrook Park or Whinfell Quarry Gardens
2. Take the footpath that goes up between the house and electricity sub-station (if this doesn't bring you out with the Limb Brook/pond on your left then you've gone up the wrong path)



Start of the walk from Whirlow Bridge

3. Follow the path through the woods with the brook on your left (my children love climbing the steep banks on the other side), after about half a mile there are some very steep steps up the valley to your right - go up these and follow the narrow track to the left almost at the top (take care!)



Steps up the valley



Track to the left to the swing

4. Following this narrow path you will reach an area with a rope hanging down – this is not the swing! Bear to the right at this broken swing and follow the track which now follows the boundary wall fairly closely. After some bumps for the children to run up and down you will come to a swing that takes you out and over the valley - not for the fainthearted. Where the swing is also has a nice view out over Ringinglow



5. Retrace your steps to the top of the, er, steps

You can either return the way you came or follow the footpath directly ahead at the top of the steps to complete the circular walk.



6. follow the footpath across 2 fields, which then leads to a path with trees immediately to your left



7. turn right at the end and follow the path down towards the sports pitches



8. turn right onto the larger path, which will then lead down to Whirlow Hall Farm
9. on reaching the farm turn left and go down through the farm (you may want to stop off to buy some ice cream from the shop – open 10am-5pm wed-sun)



10. at the bottom of the farm where the road turns sharply to the left (near the car park) there is a path to your right. This will take you back down to Ecclesall Road South, right by Whirlow Bridge



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