

ABC Churches Round

This route will visit all 4 churches within the Plurality, the route description starts at Askham Bryan before going to Colton, Bolton Percy & Copmanthorpe. The walk can be done as a whole or used as inspiration for shorter routes or walking it in sections.

Total Distance	24.8km (15.4mi)	Walk	5h 10min
Total Ascent	103m	Run	2h 15min
Elevation	7m at lowest point 45m at highest point		

Askham Bryan to Colton

Starting from St. Nicholas' Church Askham Bryan (SE 553 484) walk west on Main Street, follow it out of the village and at the corner with Westwood Lane head straight onto the track following the footpath to Askham Richard. As you come into the centre of Askham Richard walk to the right-hand side of the pond and follow Mill Lane out of the village. At the end turn left back along York Road. Opposite Askham Fields Farm turn right and follow the farm track to Bilbrough. Walk straight through Bilbrough on Cat Lane and then follow it down the hill towards the A64 services and Colton Lane End, cross the A64 using the bridge then take the footpath south that crosses the fields towards Colton, parallel to Colton Lane. This brings you into the village next to St. Paul's Church, this will be your first station.



St. Nicholas' Askham Bryan



Westwood Lane junction



Colton Lane End footpath

Colton to Bolton Percy

Leaving St. Paul's (SE 541 447) turn right and head out of the village, at the T junction turn right then in the stand of trees on the left follow the footpath over the style towards Steeton Hall. After passing the hall turn left and follow the footpath through the farm turn left again then right to head south-west towards Lowmoor Farm where you will turn left heading south towards Bolton Percy. At Station Farm you will need to turn right to use the road bridge over the railway before following the road into the village. The Church is clearly signed.



St. Paul's Church Colton



Steeton Hall path junction



Station Farm footpath

Bolton Percy to Copmanthorpe

Leaving All Saints Bolton Percy (SE 531 412) head east down Main Street then turn left at the old school and head out of the village. As you leave the village turn right onto Church Lane (track) and follow this to Appleton Roebuck. In Appleton Roebuck follow the road through the centre of the village and leave via the footpath between the petrol station and the Shoulder of Mutton Inn. Pass the tennis courts and then turn right through a small woodland before following the path north towards Copmanthorpe. You will enter Copmanthorpe on Moor Lane, cross the railway bridge to enter the village then follow the road to St. Giles Church in the centre.



All Saints' Church Bolton Percy



Church Lane junction



Footpath between petrol station and Shoulder of Mutton Inn

Copmanthorpe to Askham Bryan

Leaving St. Giles Church (SE 565 468) head North along Main Street then turn left onto School Lane following it onto Manor Heath. At the end of Manor Heath turn Right over the A64 bridge crossing the A1237 and the slip road for traffic leaving the A64, either follow Askham Fields Lane into Askham Bryan. Or, walk on the footpath past the bus stop along the A64 heading west on the north side of the road. After about 1300 turn right up the track through Westfield Farm and right onto York Road, take the next left down Chapel Lane into Askham Bryan. After you enter the village turn right at the T junction and follow Main Street East to the church.



St. Giles' Church Copmanthorpe



Church gate



Footpath leaving A64 towards Westfield Farm

