

**Sutton Bank, Whitestone Cliff, Gormire Lake and the White Horse of Kilburn** - The suggested 11-mile (with 2000 ft of ascent) **BLACK** route from Sutton Bank Visitor Centre, Thirsk, YO7 2EH is probably the finest walk in the Hambleton Hills region of the North York Moors. There are many outstanding sights to see and experiences to be had at regular intervals during this spectacular circular walk. First there are the outstanding Whitestone Cliffs which lend their name to a village below them and from them you get a great sight of elusive Gormire Lake which is a survivor of the last ice age. Then after a stretch on the escarpment the walk descends to lush North Yorkshire countryside and visits the village of Boltby. From the village more lovely countryside is walked through to the edge of Gormire Lake which begs a short exploration. Afterwards the walk continues south with a careful crossing of the A170 to be negotiated before heading to the finale via Hood Hill Plantation which leads to a short steep climb back on to the top moor, the last bit up steps beside the White Horse. Then amble back along the top of the escarpment and, if they are flying, watch the Gliders soar as your spirits do likewise after this exhilarating walk.





