**Bishop Middleham and Fishburn Circular**

**10.1 Miles – tricky navigation with horses and cows en route.**

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| Instructions | |  |
| 1 | From Hardwick Arms head under the building and along to the field, Follow the path across the field to the double gates |  |
| 2 | Head across East park to the little gate next to the tree (to the right). Follow the path round the bog and across to the gate onto the road at the golf course |  |
| 3 | Straight across the road and follow the footpath down the golf course, once out of the trees turn right through the golf course |  |
| 4 | Follow the path through the wood keeping straight ahead to the end of the woods and a stile. Head across the field To the opening in the hedge - This is usually a good marked track in the crops |  |
| 5 | Follow the line of the path down to the bottom of the field, you have to turn left a bit at the bottom and along the fence line to a stile. Over the stile onto the railway line and over the green bridge |  |
| 6 | Over the field to the corner of the fence. Turn right along the fence to the next gate. Over the stile and across the ditch straight to the next gate. |  |
| 7 | \*Tricky\* Once through the gate veer to the right through the trees, round the base of the hill to find an old stile in the corner. Follow the path all the way along to the BM road. |  |
| 8 | Turn right up the road up the hill keeping an eye on the right hand side for the footpath sign near the big rocks. Straight across the field (possible horses) to the road on the other side. |  |
| 9 | Go down the road for about 100m and then through the gate into the first field on the left (more horses). Over the next stile and through the field to the corner of the woods. |  |
| 10 | Once over the stile turn right (Do not go into the woods) and down to the farm track in the distance. On the track turn left and up the hill to the stile on the right |  |
| 11 | Through the stile follow the path along the edge of the field to the main A177. Over the road, turn right and along to the entranceway to the airfield. |  |
| 12 | Follow the airfield road to the top. Where it branches there is a stile into the field. (Horses and Cows). South of the farm is a gate and next to the gate is a stile (hidden in the trees) |  |
| 13 | Over the stile and follow the edge of the field to the farm track. |  |
| 14 | The track ends with a choice of two fields. Take the right hand field but hug the hedge and keep going straight ahead to the corner. Over the fence by the tree (hard to find) and turn right |  |
| 15 | Follow the edge of the field straight down until the trees stick out into the filed a bit. \*Tricky\*. Where the trees stick out it is straight across aiming for the opposite edge of the field where the hedge takes a turn. |  |
| 16 | Over the stile in the hedge and round the right hand side of the field until you see a path on the right through the trees into Fishburn. Follow the path until there is a hidden cut through on the left. Around the righthand side of the fields until the stile. |  |
| 17 | Follow the path up into an orchard keeping going straight ahead. At the corner take the gate on the left but stick to the hedge and ahead there is a road. Down the road there is a stile on the right before the bottom. |  |
| 18 | Over the stile and diagonally across the field to the gate at the other side. |  |
| 19 | Once over the gate turn right onto the road and follow to the crossroads. Straight over and head down towards Butterwick, past the twisty bit |  |
| 20 | Halfway down the long straight on the right is a gate. Over the gate and diagonally across the field (slightly left) to the corner. |  |
| 21 | Over the stile and along the edge of the next field and over the bridge. Turn right and follow it round the field to the opposite corner. Over the long bridge and turn right. Follow the path all the way around the field to the next stile. Over the stile past a bit post in the ground. |  |
| 22 | There is a little bridge in the corner that is a bit overgrown. Over this and along the filed to the main Fishburn road. This brings you out at the bus stop by the new houses. |  |
| 23 | Turn left and all the way back into the centre of Sedgefield. | |