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## A short circular walk from North Cave to Hotham

Park in the children's playground car park, opposite the church. If this is full there is roadside parking or you can park just down the hill by the church or just past the entrance to Hotham Hall Park.

Walk down past the church and round a bend in the road. On your right you will see a fingerpost for a footpath which you should follow. Keep following this fieldside path, eventually passing Home Farm on your left and the allotments on your right. You will come to a narrow road which you cross then go through a gate onto another path through a field which takes you to a snicket (or ginnel if you're from Lancashire) and into Hotham Village.

Turn left and walk through the village, past the Hotham Arms (though you are allowed to stop for refreshments!) until you get to the church. You can either continue and follow the road bending right after the church, or avoid a blind bend in the road by cutting diagonally through the churchyard.

Follow the road slightly uphill until you get to Hill House. Here you turn right along a farm track. Follow this and after a while the track will narrow to become a footpath. This in turn will take you downhill and you will meet a road, where you turn right. When you reach a crossroads, turn left to walk through Hotham Hall Park. If you are lucky the coffee wagon will be open just outside the hall – and the coffee is excellent!

Just follow the track to the gatehouse. Go through the gate and turn left up the minor road back to your car.

The walk is quite easy and just over 3 miles. Enjoy it!

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