

## About the route

This enjoyable Trentside walk takes in the red sandstone Newton Cliffs, and the classical, ornamental gates at the entrance to St George's Church. Mostly easy level walking on floodbank and field paths with one short ascent and descent.

### Walk Checklist:

#### Start point/parking

Public House, South Clifton.

#### Distance

Approximately 6 miles (10 kms).

#### Duration

3 - 3.5 hours + stops.

#### Stiles and gates

5 stiles, 11 gates.

#### Refreshments

Public House, South Clifton.

#### Public Transport

By bus: Service No.66 Newark – Collingham - Harby.

#### OS Grid Reference

Walk starts at **SK821702** – Map OS Explorer 271 and OS Landranger 121.



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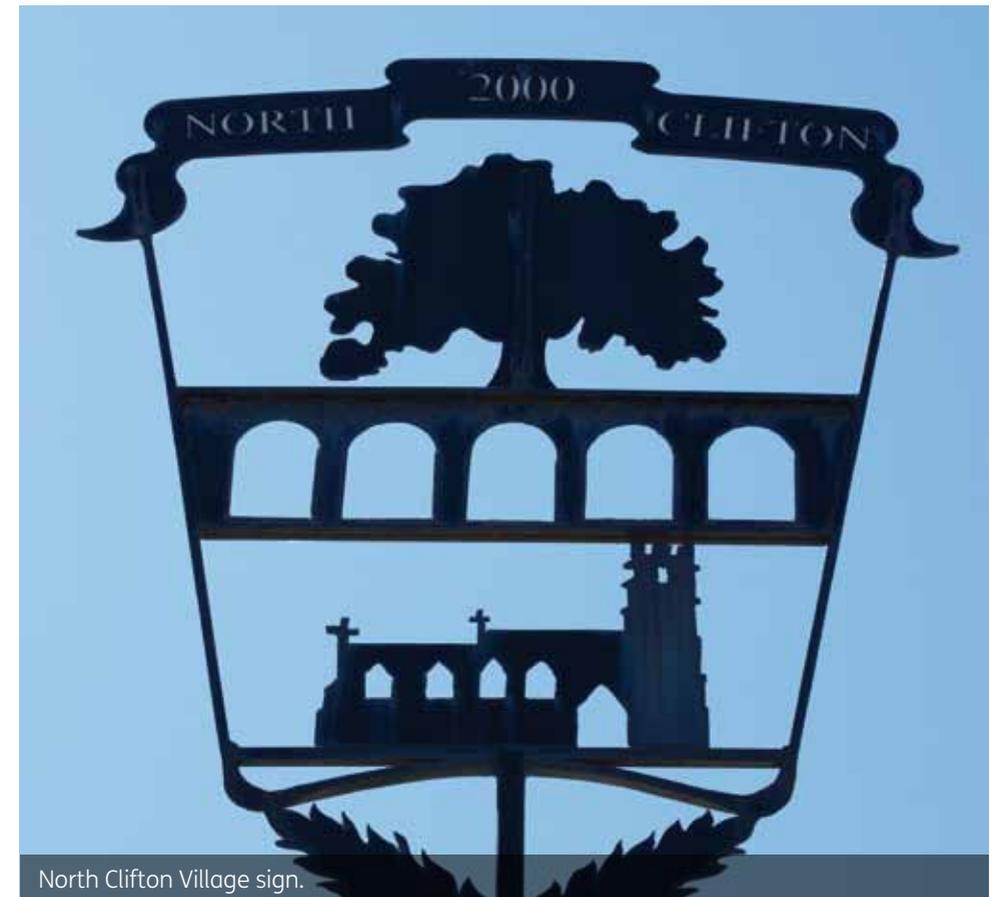
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Walk Route

# Newton Cliffs, South and North Clifton Circular



North Clifton Village sign.

**Start Point:** Public House, South Clifton

**Route Length:** Approximately 6 miles (10 kms)

**Route Duration:** 3 - 3.5 hours + stops

**Route Type:** Easy level walking, floodbank and field paths, one short gradient



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**1 Start.** From the Pub turn right along Trent Lane, at first a road then a broad unsurfaced byway leading to the river. Gain access to the floodbank via a gate and turn right to follow the path upon it – punctuated with gates and stiles – for 3.5 kms passing under the impressive Fledborough railway viaduct now a



Fledborough viaduct.

recreation route, to where the river turns sharp right along a stretch known as Dunham Dubs. Go ahead on the path; pass through two gates, turn left and at a four-way signpost go uphill to Newton Cliffs.

In the Domesday Book only the name 'Clifton' appeared which translates as 'the farmstead' on or near a cliff.' It was only later in the 12th and 13th centuries that separate identities were given to distinguish South and North Clifton. The Fledborough railway viaduct was built in 1896 originally for the Lancashire, Derbyshire & East Coast Railway (later absorbed by the Great Central Railway). It is 814 metres long and has 59 brick arches and four 33m metre steel girder trusses spanning the river.

**2** On reaching the top turn right immediately on these red sandstone cliffs along a fenceline to a gate – good views over the River Trent from here. Proceed along several field edges passing

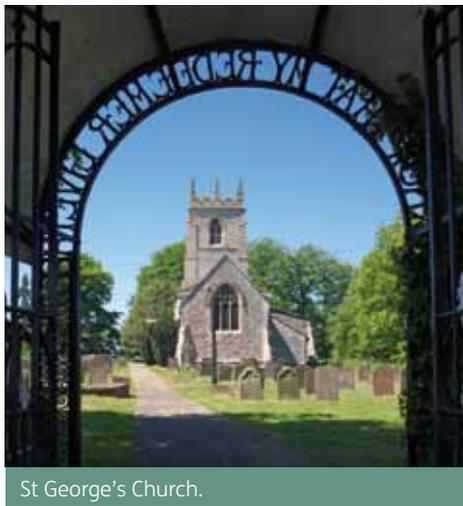
a triangulation point in a hedge – right, then after 800 metres veer slightly right downhill. Now go left 100 metres to a waymark sign at a field boundary.

**3** Bear slight left across the rising arable field to reach a stile at a boundary hedge. Go forward to a gate; pass a small building and follow field edge to a stile and signpost



Signpost, North Clifton.

to enter North Clifton. Here keep ahead on a high hedge enclosed path, which turns sharp right near its end and finally left onto High Street adjacent to Pure Land Meditation Centre with its unusual Japanese garden.



St George's Church.



St George's Church, which serves both North and South Clifton, is a fine building with a 13th century tower. The chancel and nave have 12th century origins. Note its battlements, gargoyles and eight pinnacles (typical of Nottinghamshire). The fine ornate 19th century iron lychgate makes an impressive entrance to the churchyard. Note the inscriptions both sides.

**4** Turn left and follow the road south to The Green where you continue ahead into Church Lane on a dedicated foot and cycle path. Pass under the railway viaduct once again and 300 metres on go right through the ornate gates of St George's Church. Take the footpath passing the Church and exit via a stile into a field.



Memorial Flower Trough, North Clifton.

**5** Follow a path on a raised bank across this field. Go through a kissing gate, likewise into the next field to a gate. Turn right by a dyke and forward to gain the floodbank by the River Trent. Turn left through a clapper gate and follow the floodbank for approx. 1 km back to Trent Lane. Go through the gate on left and trace your steps back to the start.

