Richmond to Ingleby Cross
(25 miles - 37 km)

A cart-track leads away from Hagg Farm

but after the first field the right of way leaves it. A signpost

in the middle of the field indicates the route to be taken, and there is confirmation

soon afterwards. The old village of Colburn is entered by the main road, which is followed

and too wide to be missed but avoided by a path on the left, which emerges into a lane at

is reed, cross the green via a bridge to the village street which includes the Hildyard Arms.

this point: use it to cross two fields, and *then turn left to join the bridleway* at a gate

and a stile. The bridleway runs pleasantly east with the wooded banks of the Swale

on the left.

the A1 a mile (*1.6 km*) ahead. A fence is crossed by a stile beyond which the bridleway

becomes less distinct but trend slightly right to join the access road to St Giles Farm

at another stile, leaving it after 100 yds (*91 m*) to follow a wire fence on the left along

the top of the wooded bank of the Swale.

Mount Grace Priory can be visited *en route* by a path from inside Arncliffe Wood –

for this detour. Dating from 1398 the priory was one of the last to be founded in England:

the few Carthusian foundations in this country. The monks lived here in seclusion,

almost as hermits, each isolated in his own cell with a garden, observing a rule of

silence except for certain periods each day. Following the Dissolution the priory was

sacked, the church, the tower being still intact. The ruins are open to the public and maintained

by English Heritage.

Boltby Hill, although less than a thousand feet (*305 m*) above sea level, is a splendid

the hill forming an upthrust cornerstone. Southwards, stretching apparently to the

bounds of the earth, is the Vale of York; westwards is the long line of the Pennines

beyond the Vale of Mowbray, a conspicuous indentation indicating Swaledale;

wide prospect indeed, and standing here, one can readily appreciate the necessity

of this signalling station long ago. It is to the east, however, that attention should be

focused, for in this direction is the line our march follows: the scene is a wilderness

church, the tower being still intact. The ruins are open to the public and maintained

by English Heritage.

The Cleveland Way on Boltby Hill, looking north-east