Wharram-le-Street

Duggleby

Grindalythe

**West Lutton** 

**East Lutton** 

Helperthorpe

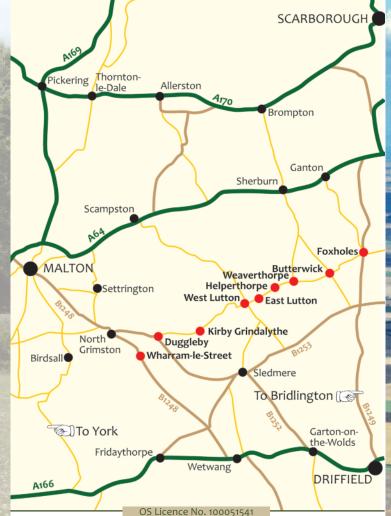
Weaverthorpe

Butterwick

THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS are the northernmost remnant of chalk in England, deposited over a period of 30 million years, more than 65 million years ago, forming a crescent from the Humber Estuary to Flamborough Head. The Wolds are characterised by steep-sided, dry valleys incised into a rolling plateau of highly permeable chalk, tilted to the south-east to form escarpments above the Vales of York and Pickering.

THE GREAT WOLD VALLEY, 30 miles long with its gently sloping sides and shallow gradient, is older than other Wold valleys. It was probably eroded by an ancient river before the last Ice Age.

**GYPSEY RACE**, the most northerly chalk stream in England and the only water-course in the High Wolds, flows down the Great Wold Valley from springs at Wharram and to the sea at Bridlington. 'Gypsey' springs and streams flow only intermittently earning them mystical significance and making the Gypsey Race the focus of prehistoric ritual.



The Trail is 25 miles from York, 11 miles from Scarborough and 19 miles from Bridlington, between Malton and Driffield. It follows the valley road through nine villages from Wharram-le-Street (at the junction with the B1248 Malton to Driffield road) to Foxholes (on the B1249 Scarborough to Driffield road).

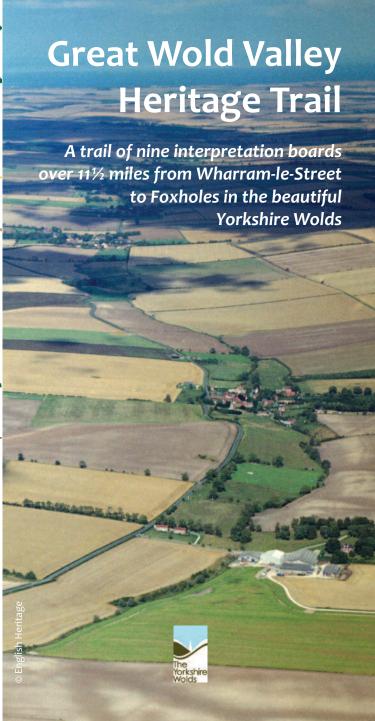
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**Foxholes** 

# The Heritage of the Great Wold Valley

In each of the nine villages interpretation panels explore: the **HERITAGE** of the area and Local interest; the underlying chalk structure and the movement of water; and their combined effects on the **LANDSCAPE** and **WILDLIFE** habitats. The Heritage Trail relates human occupation of the Great Wold Valley to the environment, highlighting the importance of Gypsey Race as a focus of human settlement.



#### Wharram-le-Street

Romans in the Valley Great Wold Valley & the source of Gypsey Race Quarries and scree

# Duggleby

The Prehistoric Legacy Erosion of the Chalk Chalk grasslands

### **Kirby Grindalythe**

Deserted and shrunken villages Great Wold Valley in a cold climate Chalk streams

#### **West Lutton**

Church and Chapel
Water supply to Gypsey Race
Arable fields – animals

#### **East Lutton**

Cattle ranching in the Iron Age Wells and pumps Arable fields – plants

### Helperthorpe

From the ground up
Historic flooding
Chalk woodlands

# Weaverthorpe

The Victorian Village
Tributary dry valleys
Churchyards

### **Butterwick**

The Enclosures
Sinks and rises
Hedgerows and verges

### **Foxholes**

The Horselads and Waggoners

Deformation of the chalk

Urban environment

