

**Title: Jumping on board the Moor Explorer**

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Jumping on board the Moor Explorer anticipating another little adventure, and getting off at North Grimston I took the permissive footpath at the foot of Grimston Hill leading me onto the Yorkshire Wolds Way, over Cinquefoil Hill and onto the wooded strip leading off Settrington Woods. Great weather and great view westward over Malton and beyond. Then through Beacon Wold managed woodland to Basset Brow and a really great view northward over Wintringham, Deep Dale Plantation and beyond to the rising hills of the North Yorkshire Moors; and what's more there is a bench so one can sit down and admire the view.

After passing the time of day with a fellow walker, I headed off down the hill and onto Wintringham, passing by a small communal pond. Wintringham is a very quiet with no amenities for a visitor, save St, Peter's, the medieval church at the eastern end of the village. URL below

<http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/.../st-peters-church-wintrin.../>

So it's onward into Deep Dale Plantation and up a very steep hill, where loose gravel makes for a tricky walking surface and great care needs to be taken. However, it's worth it for at the top of the hill is a lovely gate painted red, and beyond a dew pond, seating, a wild flower meadow bordered by naturally shaped wood posts and a set of carved wooden figures. This is one of the art installations now adding extra interest to the Yorkshire Wolds Way. See the BBC article URL below.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-27687952>

The views from here are fantastic and the art installation gives the location an ancient feel. It's obviously a popular spot, because peace reigned for precisely one minute before a group of children and the family pet arrived, the dewpond being the big attraction. So I had my lunch and decided to walk back down the hill through Wintringham and westward to Rillington, via a road and a permissive track with sentinel spruce trees marking the half way point.

I headed south hoping to take a footpath out of Thorpe Basset, but found the start of the path impenetrable, so I took the bridlepath next to it, and found myself back at Basset Brow. So a second sit and a second look at the fantastic view before heading back the way I came. I got back to North Grimston early and so visited the Middleton Arms for a coffee, a pack of crisps and to fuss the landlady's very friendly black Labrador.

The ME1 then came around the corner, spot on time to take me home. So yet again, thank you EYMS for another great day out.

*Colin Lynch Sunday 3rd August*