

Seated Figure and Castleton 3 miles

Transport [M3](#), [M6](#), [ME1](#)

Map 1:25,000 OL26 or 1:50,000 Whitby & Esk Dale 94

Start

At the minor turning to Westerdale 3 miles north of the Lion Inn at Blakey and 2 miles south of Castleton. Tell the bus driver this before he sets off.

Points of interest

A fairly easy walk taking in a remarkable piece of sculpture and some very fine views. The walk starts with a gentle climb up Brown Hill – part of Castleton Rigg, following the parish boundary stone markers separating Danby and Westerdale Parishes. The Seated Figure slowly reveals himself above the hill top. He is a surprisingly large painted bronze by Sean Henry and commissioned by the David Ross Foundation. He's going to be here until 2022, gazing his troubled -and perhaps a little troubling - gaze over Westerdale. The walk ends in Castleton after skirting the eastern edge of Westerdale on a quiet single track road. Castleton is an ancient fortified market village which in the 19th and 20th centuries was supported by a ganister quarrying industry, nearly all traces of which have now gone,

Route

Follow the line of white topped boundary stones which stride northwards up Brown Hill. The sculpture is a few yards off to the west near the summit. Carry on down northwards following the stones, but just before the third from the sculpture take the small track running to the left of the stones. As the path levels out and begins to re-cross the line of the stones, take the track which crosses it and heads back sharply to your left towards Westerdale. Soon meeting the road, turn right along it for a mile until you reach a T junction at a cattle grid. Turn right along the now slightly busier road for ¼ mile until you meet the road from Blakey again at the entrance to Castleton village. To extend the walk slightly, go straight ahead at the T junction just mentioned for 120yds and turn right along the path that you meet, or drop down the path which winds down the hill below the village to reach the river and bridge. Take care on the busy narrow road that this last option uses for the last ¼ mile.

