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# Easy Walk 24

## A scenic stroll at Malham Tarn

**This short circular walk takes you around the National Nature Reserve at Malham Tarn. Different sights and sounds will greet you in each season. What you will see on your stroll today?**

1. The boardwalk path meanders its way through some very important habitats, such as fen and raised bog. They are home to a wide variety of weird and wonderful species. The boardwalk itself is made from recycled plastic and is over 1000m long! In Birch Wood, why not take a moment to stop and listen to the sounds of nature all around you.
2. Take a short detour off the track and visit the bird hide. Watch some of our feathered friends on the water or just enjoy a fantastic view of Malham Tarn, England's highest glacial marl lake.
3. Tarn House is leased to the Field Studies Council but was once owned by Walter Morrison. Walter was a very generous benefactor to the local communities. He had many influential guests to stay at Tarn House such as Charles Darwin, John Ruskin and Charles Kingsley. It is said that Charles Kingsley was so impressed with the Malhamdale scenery that he included it in his book 'The Water Babies', even basing the red-faced squire on Walter Morrison.
4. The Orchid House, built in Victorian times, was restored recently and is now open as a classroom for visiting groups; but there is also a small exhibition and toilet facilities open to the public. You can't miss our eight-legged friend sat on top of the small building! Hundreds of Cave spiders were re-homed before the restoration could begin and this giant creature serves as a permanent reminder.
5. The walled garden served Tarn House in Walter Morrison's day and since 2009 we have worked with schools, community groups and volunteers to bring it back to life growing produce at about 375m above sea level!
6. Walking through the limestone pastures there are some beautiful flowers underfoot and around the limestone outcrops. Beyond here you come back down onto the Pennine Way - this walk of over 260 miles goes all the way from the Peak District to the Scottish Border.





**Distance:** Approx. 2 miles **Time:** Up to 1 hour **Terrain:** Good surfaces - board walk, track and fields



We hope you enjoyed this Easy Walk. There are more in the series at other National Trust sites in Yorkshire and the North East. Go to our website to find out more: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/yorksandne](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/yorksandne)

