

## 'WALKING THE WALK 100 YEARS OF PEACE WITNESS'

from Richmond Castle to Menwith Hill, North Yorkshire

Saturday 29th June - Friday 5th July 2013

(30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July for day-participants)

This Walk of Witness forms part of the centenary celebrations of The Northern Friends Peace Board, a group of Quakers in the north of Britain, which was founded in 1913.

A hundred years on, our concerns to challenge militarism and to build peace continue. The Walk of Witness links two significant sites of peace witness which span the Board's first hundred years.

It begins at Richmond Castle, where the 'Richmond Sixteen', conscientious objectors in WW1, were imprisoned. It ends at Menwith Hill, near Harrogate, the US Air Force electronic communications base which provides integrated intelligence for the US National Security Agency. Menwith Hill supports a range of military operations, including remote-control drone attacks.

The walk will begin and end with an act of witness:

- Sunday 30 June Visit to Richmond Castle, 11.00am, followed by an open-air Quaker Meeting for Worship in the grounds, 12.30pm.
   NB: any members of English Heritage need to take their membership cards with them to the castle otherwise there is an entry fee (after group discount) of £4.08p, £3.65 concession, £2.46 child
- Thursday 4 July 7.00pm: the annual 'Independence from America Day' demonstration outside the Menwith Hill base, organised by Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases.
- You can choose either to join the core party of 16 walkers who will
  do the whole route, staying overnight in comfortable camping
  accommodation (see below), or to join us for a day.

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We invite you to join us in a 5-day gently-paced walk over the 30 miles between Richmond and Menwith Hill, to take part in two acts of peace witness, to experience quiet times and Friendly companionship, and to enjoy the beauty of the high moorlands, valleys and woods of the Yorkshire Dales.

The route will be covered in planned sections – see overleaf.

- There are still places to join the core party of 16, walking the full route; please contact Philip Austin (email: nfpb@gn.apc.org Tel: 01204 382330). A minibus will take these walkers to the beginning of each day's section and return them to our base for the week at 'Bivouac'\*, Masham, North Yorkshire, HG4 4JZ.
- If you would like to join us for a day, contact Philip Austin at the NFPB office as above. You will need to get to the starting point in your own transport, bringing your own food etc. for the day. We will try to link you with other day-walkers to arrange car-shares and facilitate getting back to your starting point at the end of the walk. You are invited to make a donation to the work of NFPB.

<sup>\* (</sup>Bivouac provides luxury camping accommodation in 4-bedded yurts. Vegetarian food is provided, cooked by the chef at Bivouac, and includes breakfasts, packed lunches and evening meals. Residential rate £280 per person inclusive of minibus transport, meals, accommodation etc. <a href="https://www.thebivouac.co.uk">www.thebivouac.co.uk</a>)

## Schedule for the walk

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Arrivals from 4.00pm at Bivouac. Those travelling by train, meet at York Station where the minibus will collect you. Those coming by car, meet at Bivouac, Knowle Lane, nr Ilton, 6 miles west of Masham (grid ref SE 180 787).
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 11.00am	Gather at Richmond Castle (grid ref NZ 172 007)
11.00 am - 12 noon	Visit the museum which features the COs' prison cells.
12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Meeting for Worship in the open-air in the castle grounds.
1.10 pm - 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.30 pm	Meet at lay-by on Range Rd near Catterick golf club, southwest area of Catterick Garrison, near Alma Barracks (grid ref SE 167 968) Walk through Catterick Garrison training ground to Constable Burton (grid ref 167 909)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 10.30am	Meet at Constable Burton village green (grid ref SE 167 909) Walk to <u>Jervaulx Abbey</u> car park (grid ref SE 168 856)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 10.30am	Meet at junction Newstead Lane and A6108, near Jervaulx Abbey car park (grid ref SE 170 853) Walk to junction of Ripon Rowel Walk and Kirby Moor Rd, approx 3 miles west of Kirkby Malzeard (grid ref SE 203 736) Option of omitting second half of this section, leaving at the point where it passes next to Bivouac.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 10.30am	Meet at junction of Ripon Rowel Walk and Kirby Moor Road, 3 miles west of Kirkby Malzeard (grid ref SE 203 736) Walk to Brimham Rocks car park (SE 208 646)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am	Meet at Brimham Rocks car park (grid ref SE 208 646) and walk to main gate of 'RAF' Menwith Hill Station on Menwith Hill Road (grid ref SE 202 578)  Join CAAB event 'Independence From America Day'.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Departures