

YPS A Field Trip to Skipsea Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
A Day of Geology and Archaeology led by Paul Hildreth and Paul Thornley  
Transport by private car.

**To register, please email with name(s), address, contact number, by 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
by contacting Paul Thornley  
[ypsgeology@gmail.com](mailto:ypsgeology@gmail.com) or telephone 07810 402684.**

Note that YPS Activities booking terms and conditions will apply and can be seen at the Lodge, or online at

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#### **Details of visit**

The YPS Geology Group is running a day trip to Skipsea on the Holderness Coast. We will visit two sites, each having glacial landforms. There is archaeological interest from the Mesolithic to late medieval.

We will use Mr Moo's Ice Cream Parlour as car park, toilets, coffee stop and optional lunch spot. YPS admin fee of £2 payable on the day.

Skipsea Withow mere shows evidence of the oscillations and retreat of the North Sea Ice Lobe of the Late Devensian Ice Sheet from 30 ka to 16 ka. The Holderness Coast is predominantly comprised of Late Quaternary-aged glaciofluvial sediments. Low lying ground then was infilled by organic rich meres from 15 ka to 10 ka (as Hornsea Mere today!), showing a fluctuating but generally warming climate.

There are currently Bronze Age arboreal/faunal exposures at the coast which have not been recorded in surveys of the site from only twenty years ago.

Skipsea Castle is a motte and bailey Norman Castle from about 1086, set in the middle of Skipsea Bail Mere which was not drained until the C18. The site is remote and extraordinarily extensive, with its own fortified settlement of Skipsea Brough and evidence of causeways and ramparts.

Dr Jim Leary now of University of York, undertook a programme of coring of mounds when at University of Reading and showed the central motte was unexpectedly ancient.

#### **Timings:**

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| 10.30 am | Meet and register in the car park of Mr Moo's. From the West, drive through Skipsea, turn R. with the road, after 500 m turn L. at signpost. Refreshments.                         |
| 11.00 am | Walk to cliff section of Skipsea Withow to examine glacial and post-glacial deposits and discoveries. Erratics and Landscape.  |
| 12.30 pm | Lunch. Mr Moo's available for meal or ice-cream (or both!)   |
| 1.15 pm  | Transfer to Skipsea Castle for a tour of the impressive site, among the first castles raised in Yorkshire. No formal parking at the castle, please park carefully on the roadside. |
| 3.00 pm  | Depart.  |

Further details and background reading will be sent on registration.

Please consider offering lifts to those you know without transport who may wish to attend.