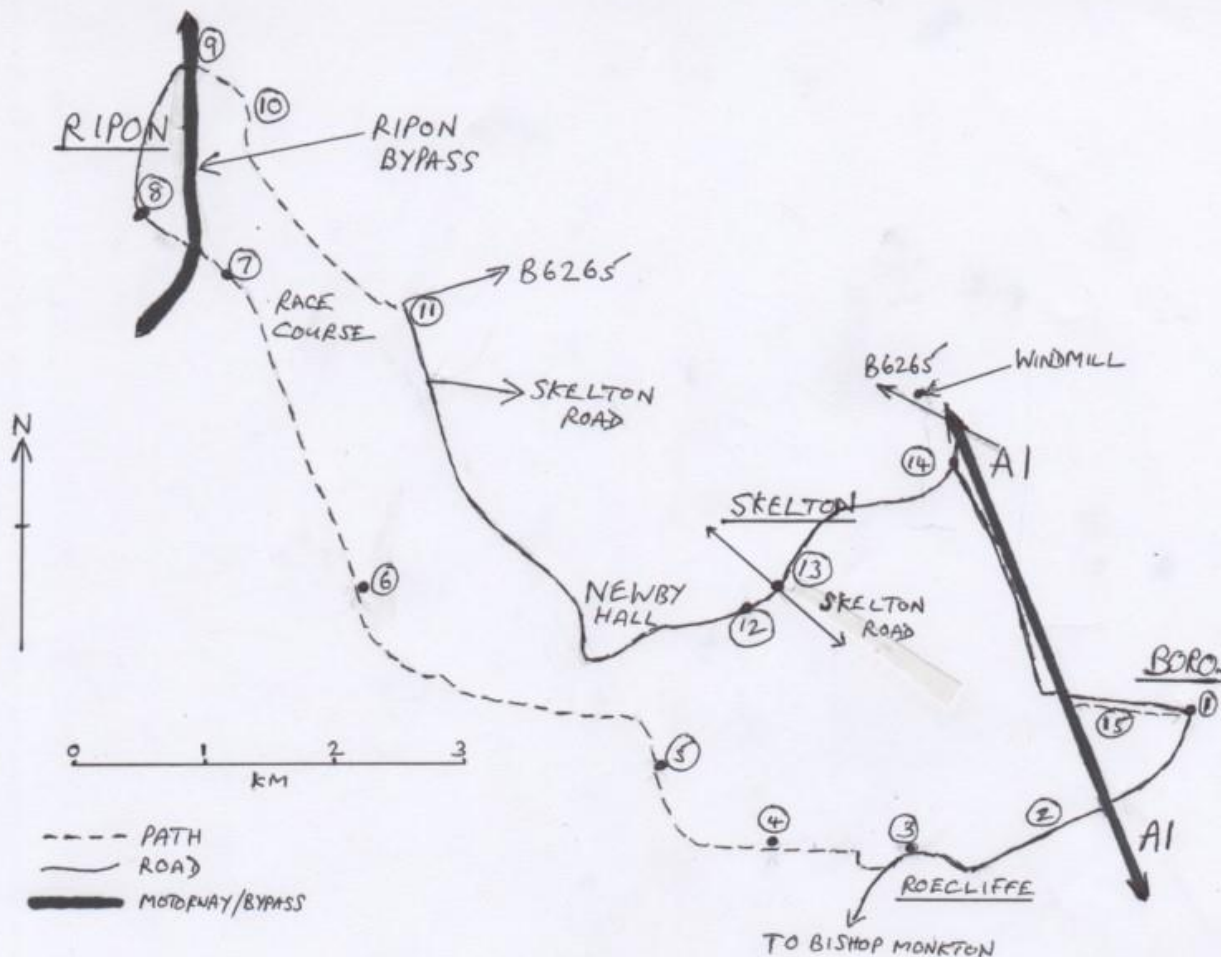


Boroughbridge Walks: The Ripon Round (25 km/15.5m)



Summary: this is an easy hike for those who are up to walking 24 km. The terrain is flat; the route is on rights-of-way and minor roads; and there are no navigational difficulties. Please note that the map supplied is NOT intended for use as an aid to route finding. If you are unfamiliar with the area, the local OS map is strongly recommended

Notes:

1. Start at Langthorpe picnic site, next to the Grantham Arms roundabout. 2. Walk along Roecliffe Lane (footpath)
3. In Roeclyffe, walk a short distance beyond the pub and then turn right on Sheaflands Lane
4. Roeclyffe Grange Farm. 5. Westwick Lock. 6. Ox Close Lock. 7. Lock next to Ripon Racecourse
8. Ripon Cathedral – lunch stop? 9. North Bridge – cross it and pick up the riverside path on the Sharow side of the river
10. There has been some undermining of the river bank here; take the left-hand track, up the steps, to avoid it
11. Road bridge. **EXTREME CARE NEEDED (TRAFFIC DANGER) WHILE WALKING FROM THE BRIDGE TO THE SKELTON ROAD RIGHT TURN.** 500 metres from the right turn, carry on straight ahead to Newby Hall (do not take the road to Skelton at this point)
12. Having walked through Newby Hall and reached the main gate, walk down the drive to Skelton Road
13. Cross the road and walk, up a gentle hill, on the minor road which leads to the B6256 (If you want to take a short cut at this point, turn right and walk along Skelton Road, through Langthorpe, to the finish)
14. Right turn along Cottage Lane which eventually runs alongside the A1
15. Having turned left under the A1, you can, after a short distance take a right turn and walk to the finish along the riverside path