

BOROUGHBRIDGE WALKS: THE "SOUTH RIPON ROWEL 16"

Summary

The South Ripon Rowel 16 is a straightforward, very varied walk, mainly on paths (including three sections of the much longer Ripon Rowel Walk), taking in a number of points of historical and cultural interest and with great views

1. Start in Bishop Monkton at the Masons Arms, not far from St John's church, and head east on Ings Lane
2. Cross the Boroughbridge road (offset path/road junction, so turn left when you reach the river) and head for the river. Follow the river/canal along the Ripon Rowel path until you get to the outskirts of Ripon around 3 on the map
3. Use the underpass at the roundabout near the head of the Ripon canal. Either visit the city centre with its magnificent cathedral or walk along the B6265 until, having crossed a minor bridge, you take a path (at 4) to Studley Park (Studley Roger, 5)
6. Walk through the Park until you reach St Mary's Church and the Obelisk; pass through the gate and turn left on a path that would take you into the main entrance of Fountains Abbey; carry on beyond the roundabout at the entrance, heading downhill on a side path until you join the road
7. There is a short section of road-walking past the car park at the SW entrance to Fountains Abbey, after which, having walked up a steep hill and round a bend, you take a path left, along the south side of the Abbey estate
8. It's often very muddy round the farm at 8, en route to the junction at 9 where the path joins the Ripon Rowel track, heading south, past Markenfield Hall at 10. Leave the RR at 11 and follow the path to The George at Wormald Green (12) on the A61
12. Walk up the hill on a path, looking out for a path on the right (just beyond the bend – dangerous road crossing!) which runs past Monkton Mains, heading towards the finish of the walk in Bishop Monkton

