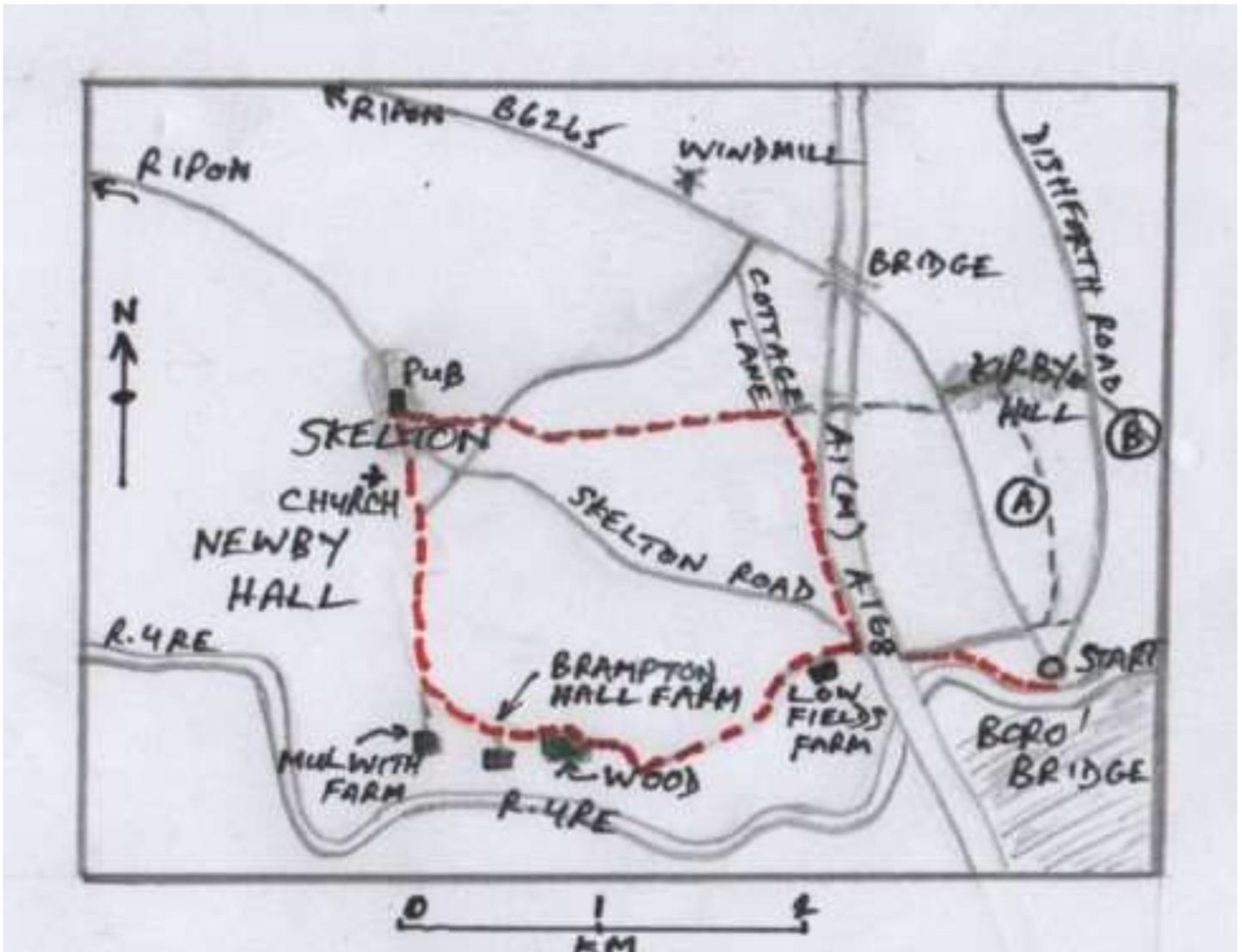


Boroughbridge Local Walks (7)

Dog Kennel Lane Walk (with extensions)



NB The above informal map should be used in conjunction with OS map 299 (Outdoor Leisure) or 99 (Landranger)

Comment on the route as a whole

This is a very pleasant, varied route which is rated “easy” by most walkers as the terrain is generally flat and there are no navigational difficulties. It also has considerable social and historical interest, details of which are to be found in the **Walkers are Welcome** leaflet which is available locally: at Tourist Information and the Library

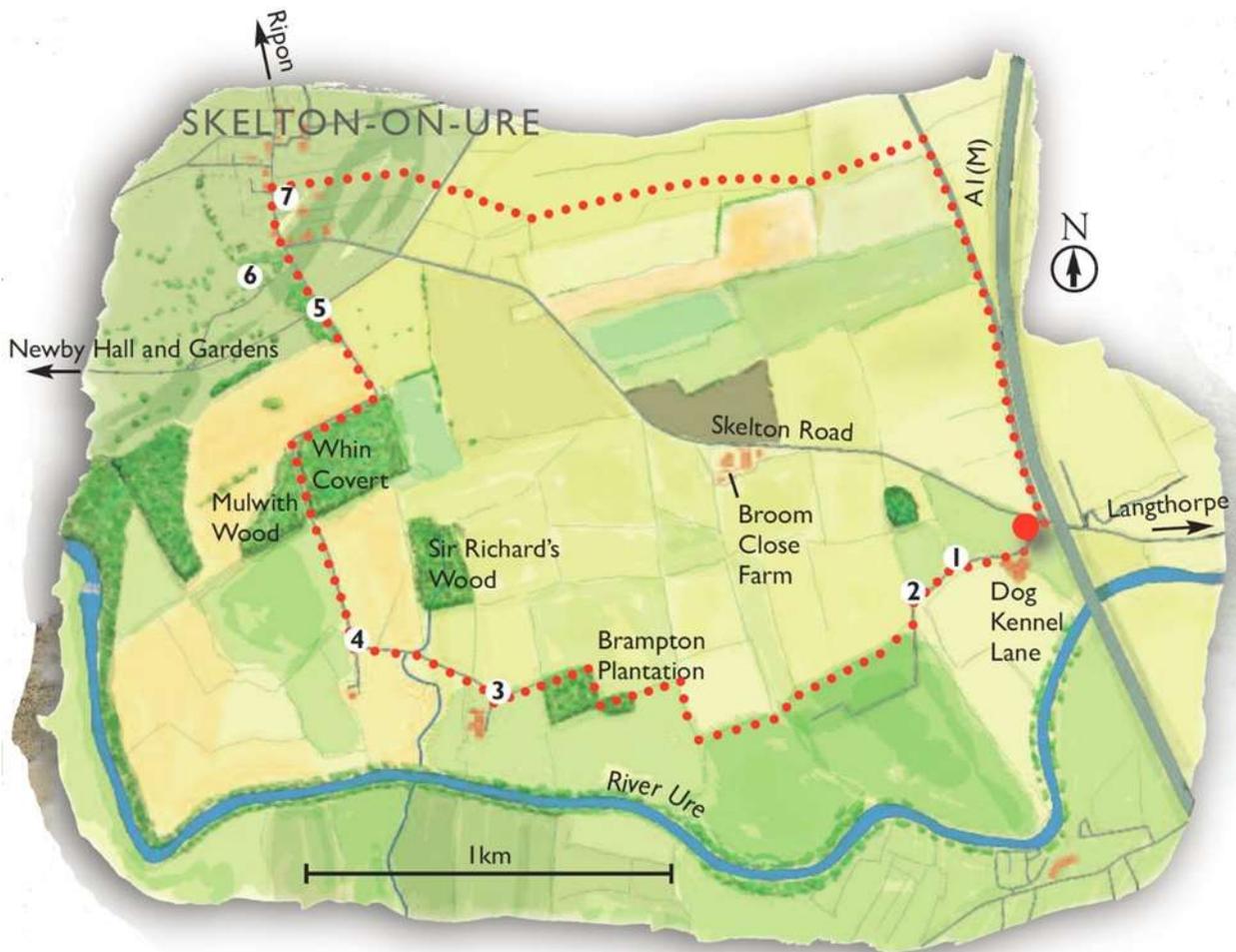
Detailed Route Description

- The start of the walk can be anywhere in Boroughbridge (e.g. the Langthorpe Picnic Site car park) or on Skelton Road, just beyond the A1 (M) flyover. If you start at the picnic site, take the towpath route until you reach Skelton Road; turn left; pass under the flyover, then turn left again at Lowfield Lane where there is an information board for the walk (pic below). Proceed along the lane, past the farm and, after the bend, find a clear signpost that points the way, west, over farmland. Although there is frequently no path or track as such, this section, which runs along field boundaries is very clear as far as Brampton Plantation, marked on the map as “wood”
- It’s important that you take the path on the north side of the wood and head for Brampton Hall Farm by that route. At the western, far end of the wood, cross (per stile; pic below) into the adjacent field for the final leg before reaching the farm, after which you walk along the farm road, past Mulwith Farm, eventually reaching the village of Skelton and the Black Lion pub
- The signpost immediately beyond the pub building is clear, as is the route through the mini-campsite, across the field, sometimes occupied by horses, then around a field boundary to the crossing of the minor road which links Skelton Road with the B6265 to Ripon
- From the road crossing the route is simplicity itself: follow the field boundary (pic below) for perhaps 250m before turning up what might be called a “hill” which leads to Cottage Lane. The farmer has left ample space for walkers along the field edge but, nevertheless, there can be problems while walking in the summer at the height of the rape-growing season! There is a waymark at the “dog-leg” in the walk route, about 250m west of Cottage Lane, which is a help to first-timers on this particular walk
- On reaching Cottage Lane, you have a number of options: a) carry on down the lane until you reach Skelton Road, turn left and walk back to Boroughbridge, either on the road or via the towpath (or pick up your car, if you parked under or near the flyover); b) at Manor Farm, make use of the stile (pic below) and head east, over the motorway until you get to Kirby Hill, at which point you can choose to c) walk down the B6265 to Boroughbridge or d) at The Blue Bell, turn right down Church Lane and, when you reach the church itself, follow Extension A, across the fields to Boroughbridge; or e) walk past the church and join the Langthorpe Loop route by turning, briefly, right on Dishforth Road, then left down the “green lane” to Milby, returning to Boroughbridge via Milby Lock

DISTANCES AND TIMING

The basic **Walkers are Welcome** Dog Kennel Lane Circuit, which starts and finishes at the information board at the Skelton Road/Lowfield Lane junction, is 8km (5 miles). If you start and finish at the picnic site, the distance is more like 10km. Add at least another 1km, should you opt for Extension A (Kirby Hill Saunter); and possibly an additional 2-3 km, via Extension B (Langthorpe Loop)

Regarding timing, the information board suggests **2h 30m** for the basic route at a “steady pace”; but fit, exercise walkers will do it in **1h 30m**, without stops



Walkers are Welcome (Boroughbridge and Lower Ure Valley) map, included in the leaflet on the wall



Lowfield Lane, with info board



Stile on approach to Brampton Hall Farm, at end of wood



Field boundary path en route to Cottage Lane

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Stile at start of Extension A, on Cottage Lane