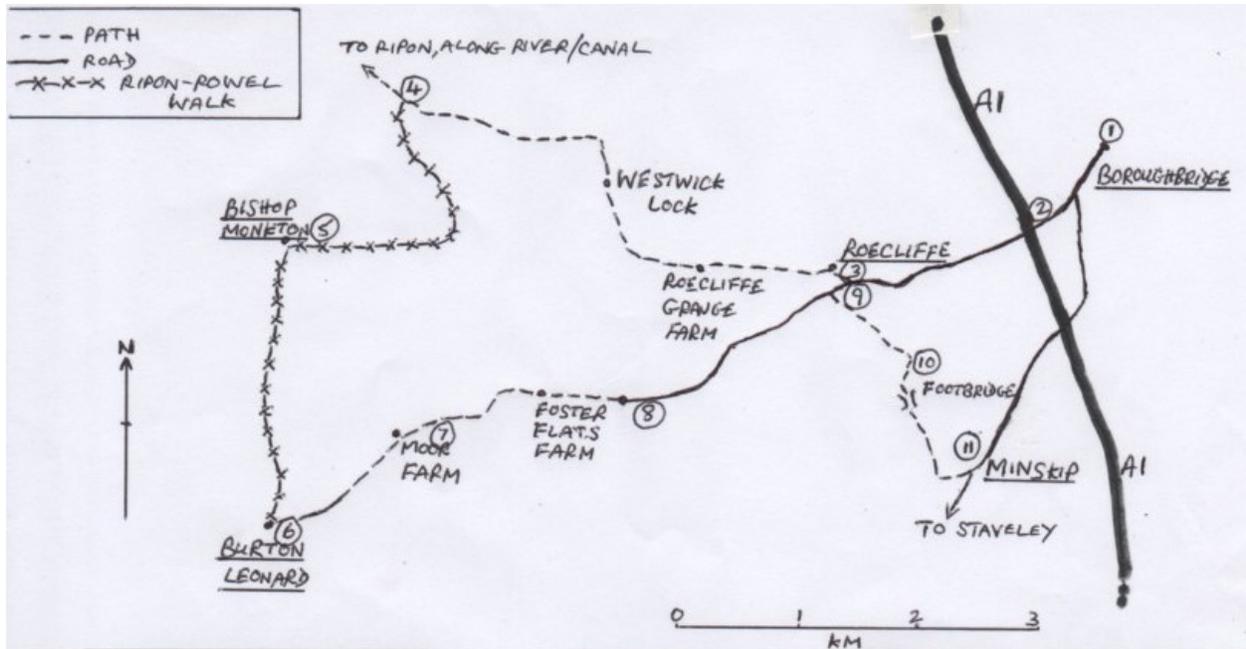


Boroughbridge Striders: Rural Round (24 km)

Summary: this is an easy hike for those who are up to walking the distance. The terrain is flat; the route is entirely on rights-of-way except where, of necessity, there is some road walking; and there are few navigational challenges. 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 1:25000 map is strongly recommended though one might get away with the 1:50000 alternative. Allow 6 hours for the walk



Notes:

1. Start in Boroughbridge and, heading out along Wetherby Road, turn right on Rocliffe Lane – you're on your way!
2. Cross the A168 and then pass under the A1
3. In Rocliffe, walk a short distance beyond the pub then turn right on Sheaflands Lane
4. 2 km on from Westwick Lock, turn left on the Ripon Rowell Walk (the turn-off is clearly waymarked)
5. Follow the signs through the village of Bishop Monkton. The Burton Leonard path is just to the right of the church as you approach it (it takes walkers through a small camp site)
6. Where the Ripon Rowel route meets the road in Burton Leonard, turn left and head east, crossing the road which joins Bishop Monkton with Copgrove and Staveley; you'll see Moor Farm ahead of you, slightly downslope
7. At Moor Farm, the path runs through the middle of the farm and becomes a well-made farm road
8. Point 8 on the sketch map is where the path joins the Boroughbridge-Bishop Monkton road
9. Point 9 starts what for people unfamiliar with the area may find slightly tricky. As you enter Rocliffe, turn hard right opposite the pub then, after a short distance, take the well-marked path to the left, heading SE. Watch out for a "dog-leg" (offset path junction) on the outskirts of the village
10. The footbridge is the key navigational feature. It's not obvious at first glance but, keep looking; you'll find it! Once you've crossed the tiny River Tutt, it's plain sailing to Minskip and home to Boroughbridge
11. Where the path joins the main road in Minskip turn left and walk on the pavement through the village; then follow the road signs, past Morrisons, into Boroughbridge.