

# Leeds Country Way



## Part 2 Barwick-in-Elmet to Carlton

**LEEDS COUNTRY WAY** is a 62 mile circular route that can be started at any point along the way and could be walked in either direction. However, for the purpose of these leaflets, the route description starts at Golden Acre Park in north Leeds and goes in a clockwise direction. Each leaflet in this series covers approximately one quarter of the circle, and each is sub-divided into three sections of about 5 miles.



If you are walking sections of a Way like this, one big problem can be how to get to your starting point, and then how to get home again at the end. This problem is relatively easily solved on the Leeds Country Way by using public transport that is available at many points along the route.

**M** For bus and train information contact Metro on: 0113 245 7676, between 7am and 10pm or [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

Parking	Start point	Boating	LCW
Bus stop	Danger	Pond	Motorway
Telephone	Summit	Bird garden	Roundabout
Toilets	Trig Point	Nature area	Main 'A' road
Cafe	Golf course	Wild Birds	Main 'B' road
(summer only)	Historic house	Sports ground	Paved road
Eatery	Church	Housing	Other paths
Pub	Wood	Green Space	Recreational routes
Railway Station	Bridge	Water	Stream / River

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Starting from the Maypole at Barwick-in-Elmet walk down Main Street and turn right into Carrfield Road.

**1** Initially this is between houses and has a metallated surface but soon becomes a dirt track and finally a path across the fields towards Scholes. Note that the path moves from one side of the hedge line to the other at certain points along the route.

**2** At the houses and surfaced road in Scholes turn left to the road junction and go virtually straight across into a dirt road (Bog Lane). This continues for over a mile becoming Barnbow Lane and finally becomes a surfaced road.

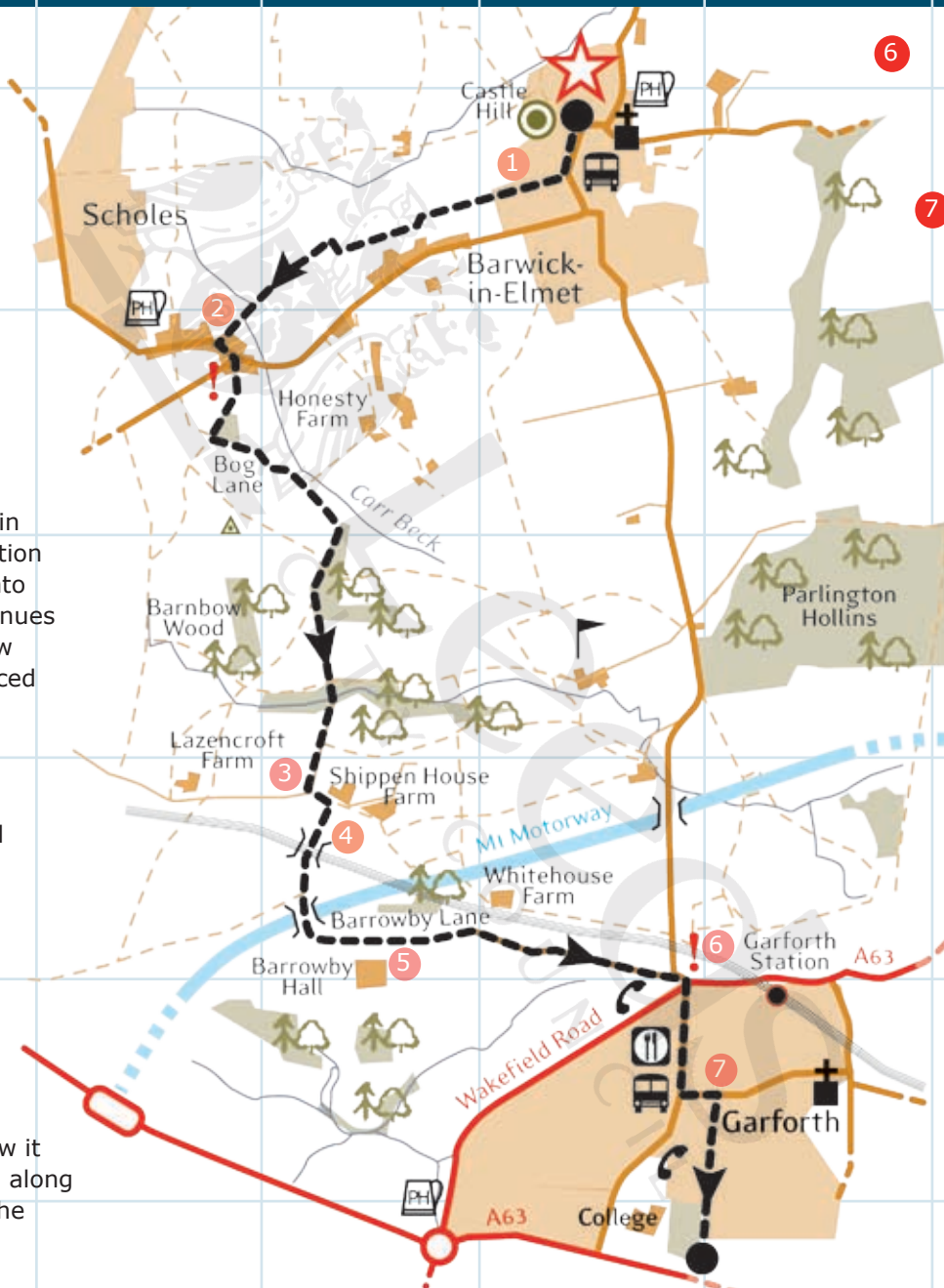
**3** Go up the slope to where the road turns right. Turn left there towards Shippen House Farm and then right onto a farm track up the field (level with the farm buildings).

**4** This track goes over the railway line and along the side of two more fields over the M1 motorway to Barrowby Lane.

**5** Turn left along the Lane and follow it between the large trees and then along the tarmac road for one mile to the northern edge of Garforth.

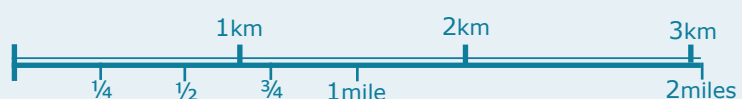
**6** Turn right here down Main Street then turn left into Church Lane at the Library. Walk along the pavement until you come level with the start of the cricket ground on the left-hand side.

**7** Look for a path on the right between No.32 and 34 and turn into it. This goes down behind the houses for almost a mile to school playing fields near Selby Road. Bear left just before the road onto the old railway line which leads to a bridge beneath the A63.



### Leeds Country Way: Part 2 Section 1 Barwick-in-Elmet to Garforth (5½ miles)

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From the A63 at Garforth, go under Selby Road on the old railway line (now called the "Linesway") and continue along it for over half a mile to where a major track crosses the route with Brecks Wood on the right.

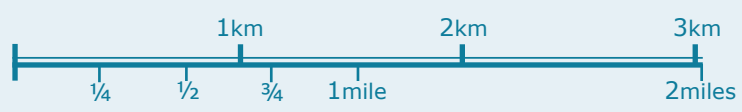
- 1 Turn right off the Linesway here onto Brecks Lane and walk along it for half a mile to the farm. Immediately after the farm and the first house, turn left onto a path which goes forward between hedges for about 150 yards to White House Lane. Turn right along the lane to Mount Pleasant Picnic Site, which is entered on the left alongside the first large gateway.
- 2 Cross the picnic site on the marked path to the stile on the opposite side, turn left down the pavement alongside the main Wakefield Road for approximately 300 yds. And bear left there onto a path along the edge of two fields to Goody Cross Lane. Cross straight over the lane, go down the metalled road into Little Preston and up the rise to Little Preston Hall.
- 3 Bear right across the front of the Hall and then left into a dirt lane for approximately half a mile to the point where this meets a wide "bridleway" at a 'T' junction. Turn right here along the track to Astley Lane go straight across and follow the permissive bridleway to the line of the old road, turn right along that briefly and then left into a wide lane "The Coach Road". Walk along for 2/3rds of a mile to Wakefield Road, cross over the road and turn left down the pavement to the River Bridge.
- 4 Immediately over the metal footbridge cross the road into the entrance of the former university Boat Club. Walk along the track past the old building and cross the stile onto the riverbank. Walk forward along the riverbank for 2/3rds of a mile to Fleet Cut and the fuel depot nearby. Join the road here and follow it round two sides of the depot to Fleet Bridge.



River Aire near Swillington Bridge

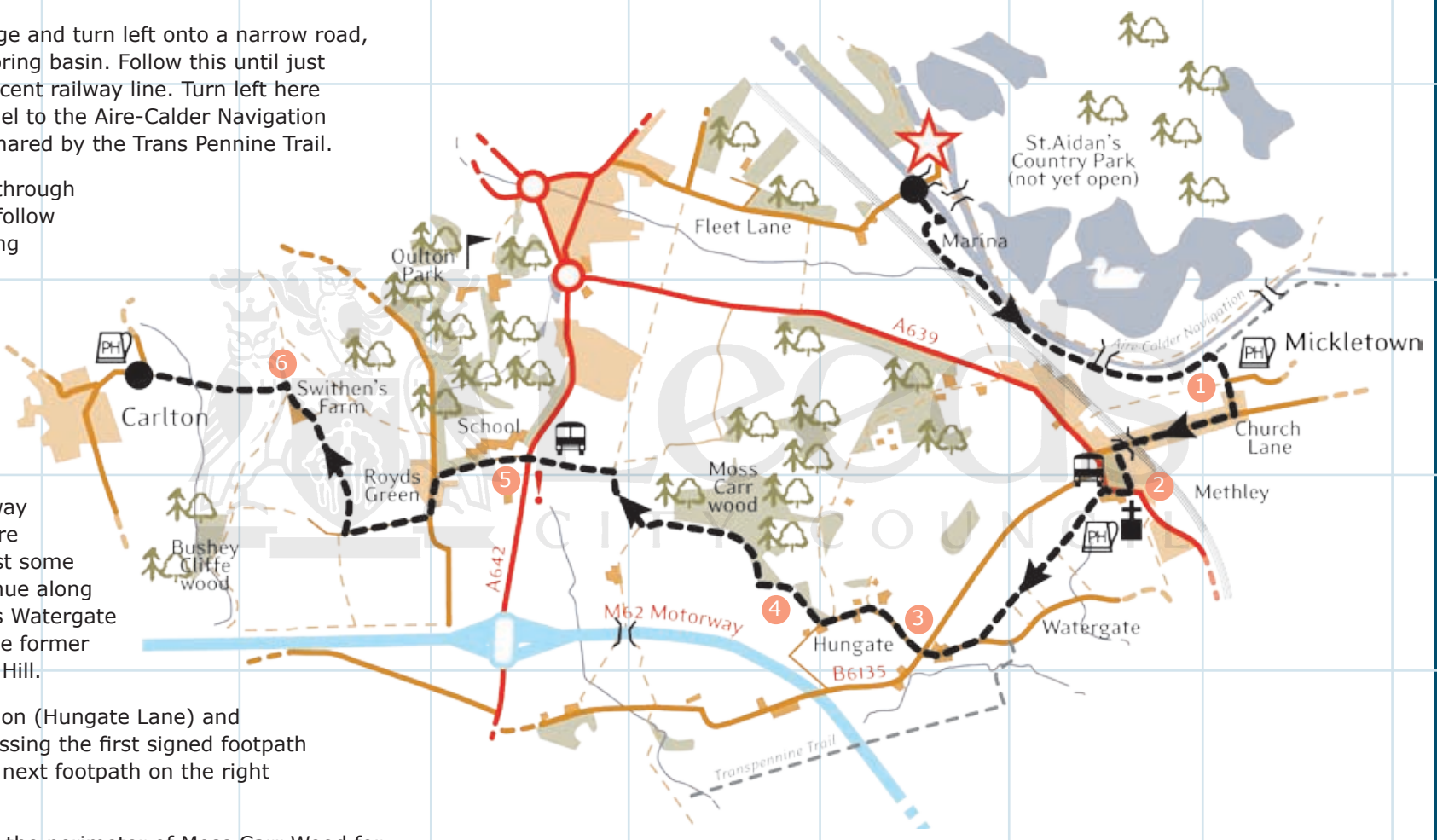
## Leeds Country Way: Part 2 Section 2 Garforth to the River Aire (5½ miles)

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Cross over the canal by Fleet Bridge and turn left onto a narrow road, which leads around the canal-mooring basin. Follow this until just before a subway beneath the adjacent railway line. Turn left here onto a bridleway which runs parallel to the Aire-Calder Navigation for approximately 1 mile, and is shared by the Trans Pennine Trail.

- 1 Turn right off the canal-side path through a gateway onto Station Lane and follow this left towards Mickletown passing a mini roundabout to a T-junction. Turn right here and follow Church Lane passing beneath a railway bridge to Methley village green. Turn left here on to Little Church Lane which leads to the main Castleford Road (A639).
- 2 Cross this via the zebra crossing and continue right along the footway to a bend in the road. Turn left here along a bridleway, which leads past some new housing to open fields. Continue along this path to its end where it meets Watergate (B6135) and follow this right to the former Mexborough Arms pub at Scholey Hill.
- 3 Take the second right at the junction (Hungate Lane) and follow this for a third of a mile, passing the first signed footpath through Methley Park, to take the next footpath on the right by some cottages.
- 4 Follow the grassy footpath around the perimeter of Moss Carr Wood for approximately 1/2 mile, passing a right angled bend about 1/3 of the way along. At the end of the wood continue forward for a few hundred yards to a path junction. Turn right here and follow this for 300 yards to another path junction just past a field corner. Turn left over a stile here into a long narrow field, which leads onto the A642.
- 5 Cross this busy road with great care into Pennington Lane opposite, passing Royds School on the right. At the next junction turn left down



Sanderson Lane and after 100 yards turn right along a track called Dungeon Lane. After a third of a mile turn right again on a track which leads towards Swithen's Farm.

- 6 Pass this and take the next footpath on the left going over a couple of stiles before following the edge of a big field downhill. At the bottom of the hill cross a stile diagonally right across a horse paddock to reach a track (Carr Lane) which leads right to exit on to Main Street, Carlton.

## Leeds Country Way: Part 2 Section 3 River Aire to Carlton (6¼ miles)

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