

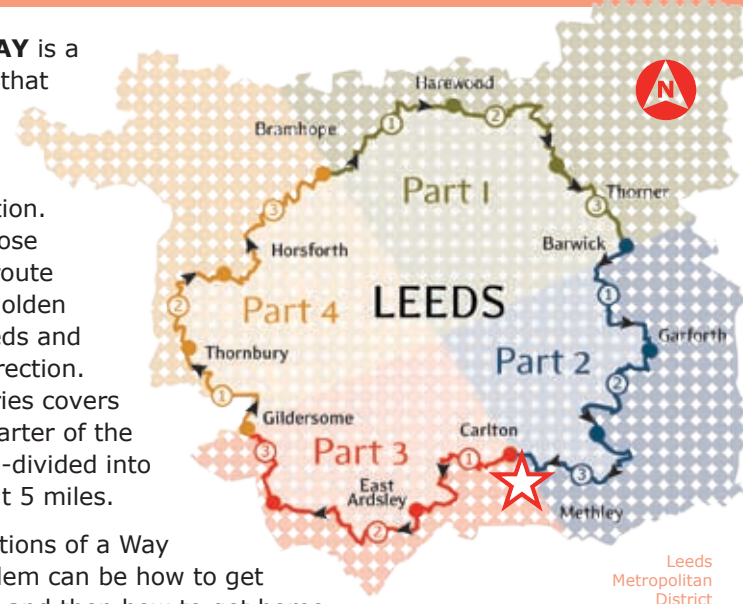
Leeds Country Way



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Part 3
Carlton
to Cockersdale

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.



For bus and train information contact Metro on: 0113 245 7676, between 7am and 10pm or 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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From the junction of Carr Lane and Main Street, Carlton cross the road and turn left along the footway leading through the village. Pass the school then turn next right at the post office along Queen Street until a field edge footpath can be followed in the same line for a further 200 yards to an electricity pylon.

1 The next section across a cultivated field is indistinct, so head for the next pylon diagonally right across this field to reach the embankment of a disused railway line. Follow this rightwards for 200 yards to a triangular junction then left on a surfaced track (The Rothwell Greenway) to climb up to the A61 opposite the Gardeners Arms pub. Cross the main road at this point taking care, and follow the footway rightwards towards Robin Hood.

2 Just before the school in 150 yards turn left down a stone track known as Milner Lane. Continue along this to meet the A654 adjacent to the M1 Motorway. Cross the road here and turn left along the footway beneath the fly-over to take the next bridleway on the right.

3 Follow this surfaced track alongside fields and a woodland to meet a cross-track where a left turn leads along another bridleway towards Thorpe Hall. At its end turn right and follow the footway alongside the main road again for about 200 yards, at a footpath sign on the left cross the road and head south on this field edge path to exit onto Linton Avenue via a short "ginnel".

4 Turn right and cross the M62 Motorway via a footbridge leading onto Dolphin Lane. Then continue south along its continuation, Stanhope Road, for 300 hundred yards towards East Ardsley to fork left down an access road and public bridleway.

5 At the bottom turn left again through some horse paddocks via three bridle gates and continue on this bridleway alongside Dolphin Beck, coming out onto Lingwell Gate Lane. Turn right here along the road passing The Nook pub. Then beneath a railway bridge to turn right past a gateway by a horse stile and "A" frame.



6 After 40 yards turn left off the roadway onto a footpath through some trees then through a kissing gate into a field. Go alongside a hedgerow for 40 yards, then turn right to cross another hedge via a kissing gate onto a bridleway by a pond. Follow this bridleway to the left for 400 yards to enter Cave Lane. Go up the tarmac lane for a few hundred yards passing four houses on the left, but before the first house on the right turn left along a track.

7 After just 30 yards fork right onto a farm track across a field, and follow this through a 90 degree bend to pass some houses (Lawns Terrace) and out onto Main Street, East Ardsley. Turn left here and follow the footway for 150 yards to a junction with the A650.

Leeds Country Way: Part 3 Section 1 Carlton to East Ardsley (5 miles)

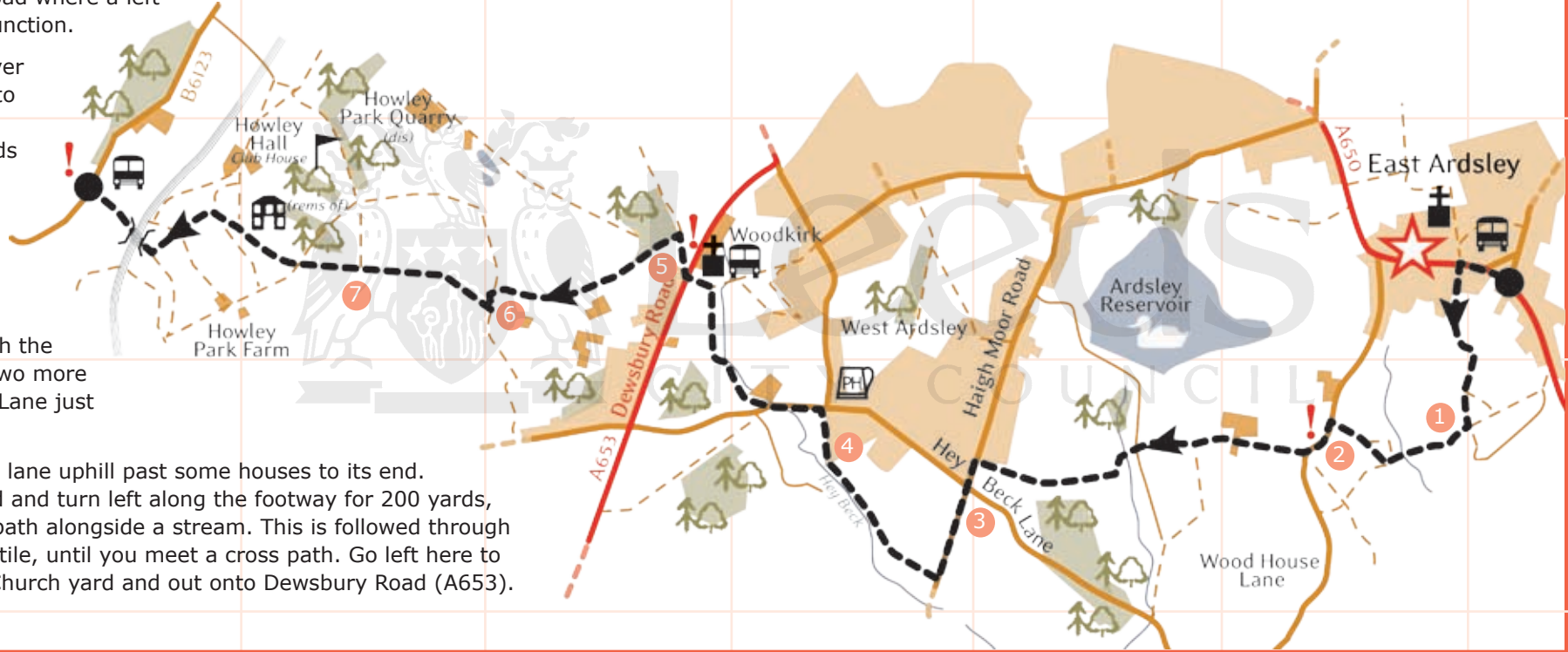




From the junction of Main Street and Bradford Road, East Ardsley cross the A650 by a zebra crossing and turn right (West) along the footway for 100 yards. Then turn left along Pilden Lane heading south along a farm track and footpath between hedges going downhill through two horse pasture fields.

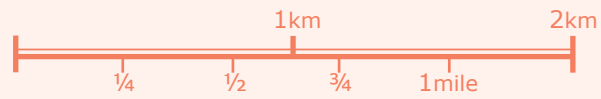
- 1 At the second stile turn 90 degrees right across the field to another stile and continue on via a surfaced track through some metal gates. Follow the track around a bend until a footpath leads diagonally left across the field heading just to the right of some houses to come out onto Woodhouse Lane.
- 2 Turn left along this road for 50 yards then turn right into Blind Lane. At the end of this farm track turn left over a stone stile and follow the hedgerow down through a field to another stile and stone steps which cross a walled track. Continue straight on to a footbridge over a small beck and a narrow path, which leads leftwards for 50 yards before climbing up right to follow the left-hand side of a hedgerow. After crossing three more stiles, the path exits onto Haigh Moor Road where a left turn leads down to a T-junction.
- 3 Cross the road and go over a stone stile opposite onto a surfaced track. Follow this downhill for 400 yards then turn right over a wooden stile into a field. Head straight across towards a line of trees and pass through the next fence by another stile. Continue ahead with the trees on your left, over two more stiles to reach Hey Beck Lane just above a footbridge.
- 4 Turn right and follow this lane uphill past some houses to its end. Cross over the main road and turn left along the footway for 200 yards, turning right onto a footpath alongside a stream. This is followed through fields and over another stile, until you meet a cross path. Go left here to pass through Woodkirk Church yard and out onto Dewsbury Road (A653).

- 5 Cross this busy dual carriageway taking great care, and bear right to the entrance to Woodkirk Cricket Club following a track. Turn left on a footpath around the left side of the cricket pitch and continue on a narrowing path with a deep railway cutting on the left, to exit onto a quarry access road.
- 6 Turn left for 30 yards then right again before a bend in the road. Go through the fields then alongside a small plantation keeping the trees to your left. At the end pass through a gateway bearing left into another field.
- 7 Follow the right edge of this at first, and then bear straight across it towards the ruins of Howley Hall at the top of the hill. Pass to the left of these on a stone track, then after 120 yards fork diagonally left heading downhill for a further 80 yards to the corner of a cultivated field. Turn left here and head steeply downhill to a stile, which leads onto Howley Mill Lane. Turn right here and follow this tarmac lane through a tunnel beneath the railway line and on to meet Scotchman Lane (B6123).



Leeds Country Way: Part 3 Section 2 East Ardsley to Scotchman Lane (5½ miles)

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Cross Scotchman Lane and turn right up the pavement for a little distance and then left into a wide track. Follow this track up the gentle slope into Birkby Brow Wood and go forward through the trees. Watch for the sign indicating a path turning off to the right about three-quarters of the way up the wood.

- 1 Follow that path diagonally up the right-hand hillside and along the top edge of the wood. Eventually the path turns right out of the wood and along a headland between arable fields to a wide farm track. Turn left and follow this track out onto Howden Clough Road near a row of houses. Walk up the road, over the M62 bridge and forward to the traffic lights at the junction with the Wakefield/Bradford Road (A650).
- 2 Turn left along Wakefield Road, over the M621 Bridge and forward to the major interchange at Gildersome. Turn right here into the top of Gelderd Road; walk down about 100 yds and cross over to the far side, level with the top of the recreation ground. Go down the steps from the pavement and along the extreme left-hand edge of the recreation ground to the far corner. Turn right there and walk along to the end of the field.
- 3 Cross leftwards through a gap in the boundary wall to join the pavement of Street Lane and turn right along it to No.51. Turn left (near the post office) into Woodhouse Lane and walk along past all the houses.
- 4 Beyond the last house on the right turn right and follow a path round the top edge of the fields just outside the houses and gardens. At the far field corner turn left onto a path running down the slope alongside the hedge. At the bottom of the field, bear left slightly, cross the head of a stream and immediately beyond the first group of bushes turn half right and walk diagonally across the field to a marker post at the stile.
- 5 Cross over this and continue rightwards alongside the fence. Cross through to the other side of it at the next stile, then go diagonally leftwards and up the track to a stile into the yard leading past Shay farm to come out on Old Lane. Turn right briefly to a stile on the left and follow the doubled fenced path down the edge of a short field to Whitehall Road (A58). Turn right along the pavement to the Valley Inn, Cockersdale.



Bluebells in Birkby Brow Wood

Leeds Country Way: Part 3 Section 3 Scotchman Lane to Cockersdale (4 miles)

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