

WALKING BOOKLET



Rotherham Rotary Roundwalk

Various Circular Walks on the
Footpaths Round Rotherham



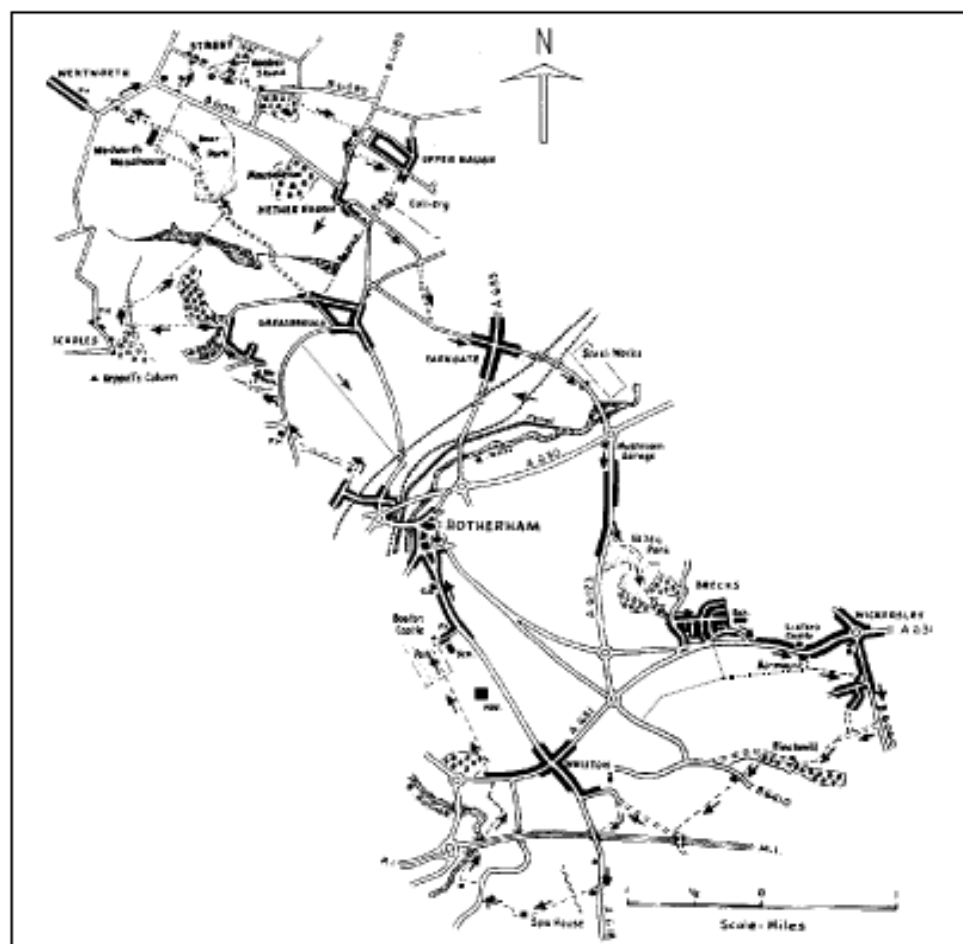
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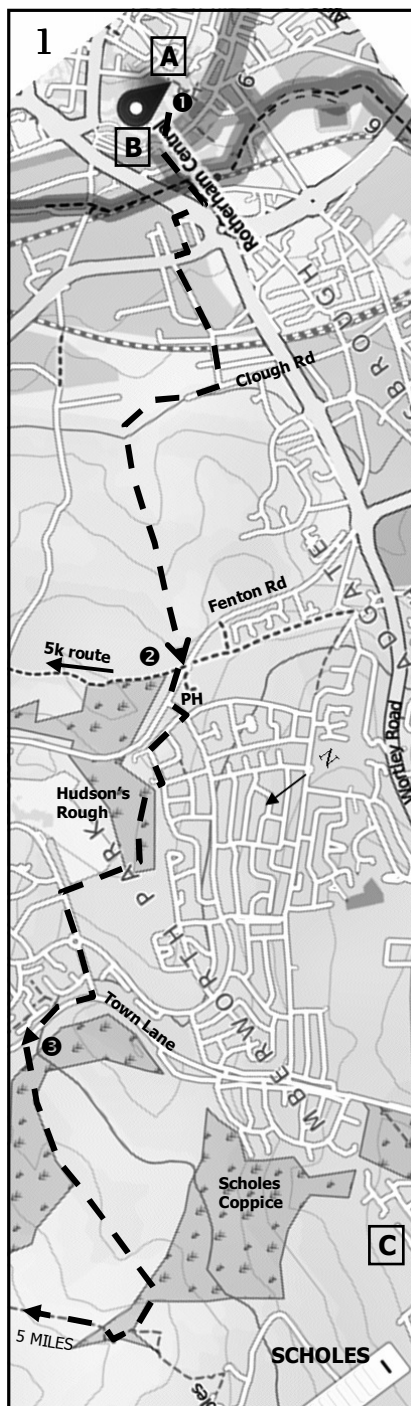


ROTHERHAM ROUNDWALK

❶ The starting point of the walk is All Saints' Square, Rotherham. Leave the square by Bridgegate and at the bottom turn left over Chantry Bridge. Continue over the canal and railway bridges, turn immediately right to go through a subway under the bypass. Turn left and go down Thames Street along the front of factory buildings to reach Greasbrough Street. Cross this street, turn right then first left to go up Tenter Street. Go over the railway bridge to the top of Rodger Street then turn right along Clough Road. At the end proceed on a footpath with a wall on the left and allotments on the right, and after 130 yards bear* left keeping alongside the wall. This path continues to follow a wooded clough or valley, and slowly climbs for over ½ mile until it finally emerges on Fenton Road.

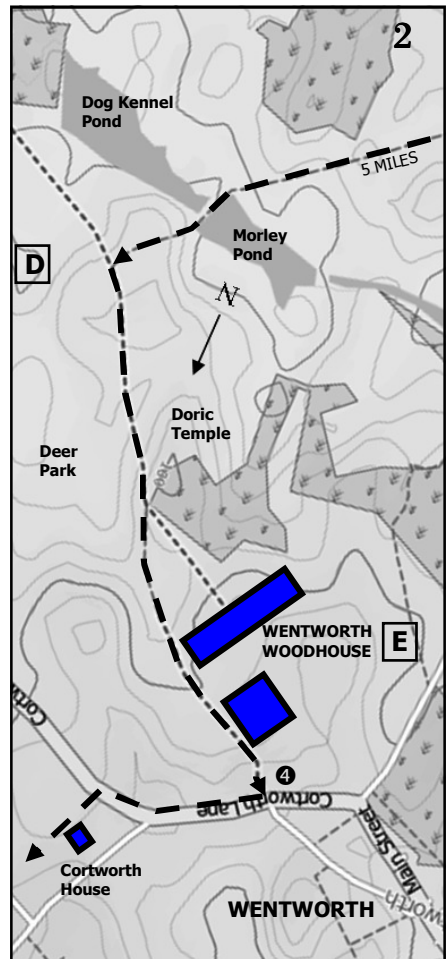
❷ At Fenton Road cross over at the Ring O' Bells Inn, then first left into Roughwood Road. Immediately turn right into Simmonite Road and after 350 yards turn right on footpath between Nos. 141 and 143. After 20 yards turn left into Hudson's Rough. Cross rough ground, then on entering woods turn right on an asphalt path. This rises between playing fields; continue on it via a gate to Wingfield Road. Turn left and go straight ahead at the roundabout then right along Town Lane. After 400 yards cross Town Lane at a lay-by on the left.

*NB Bear left means turn slightly left.

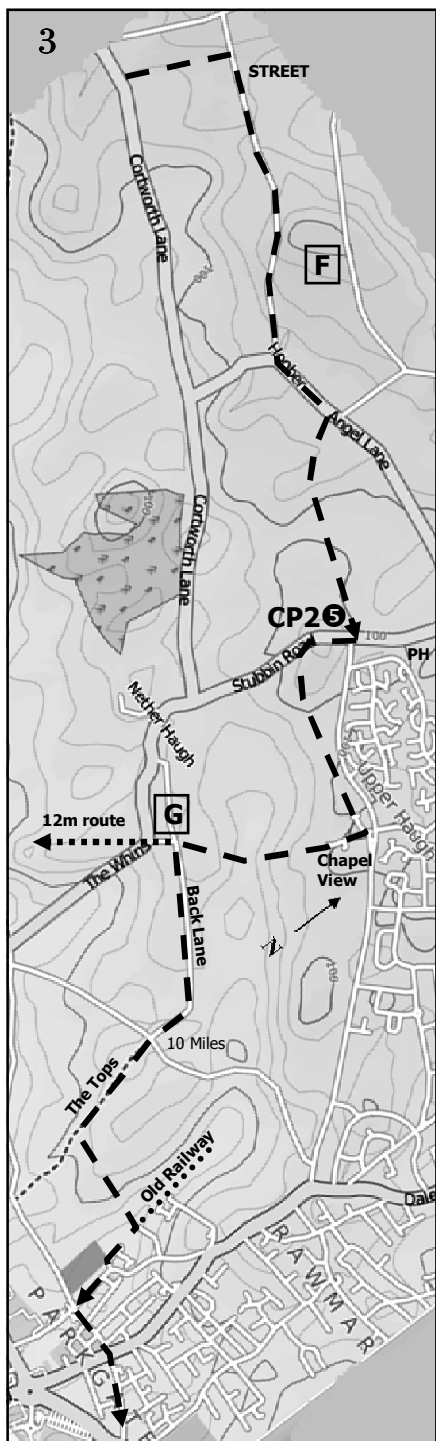


③ Through a gap in the wall at the lay-by take a footpath keeping a straight line through a short wood across a track into a field. At the end of the woods Wentworth House and Church come into view on the right, and on a fine day the next four miles are beautiful walking through the estate. The path crosses the field on the same line for ½ mile before descending to barriers at the edge of Scholes Cop-pice. Turn right to cross a bridge, through a gate, and keep on the path which runs alongside a stream for 190 yards to a small bridge. Turn right over the bridge into a field. Climb directly to the brow of the hill and follow the path across more fields for ½ mile, descending to the bridge between Morley Pond and Dog Kennel Pond - a good stopping point on the 12 mile Ramble. Crossing the bridge carry on up a wide track to join the main Estate road at a T-junction. Turn left, cross a cattle grid, then continue to the brow of the hill to bear right on a footpath through the deer park round a fence in front of the mansion. Continue on the road over a cattle grid then 500 yds to the 1st CHECKPOINT through the gates on Cortworth Lane.

④ Turn right along the road, crossing over when safe, ignore the Coaley Lane turn off, and after 350 yards turn left opposite a gate in the Estate wall. This footpath goes past Cortworth House on its left



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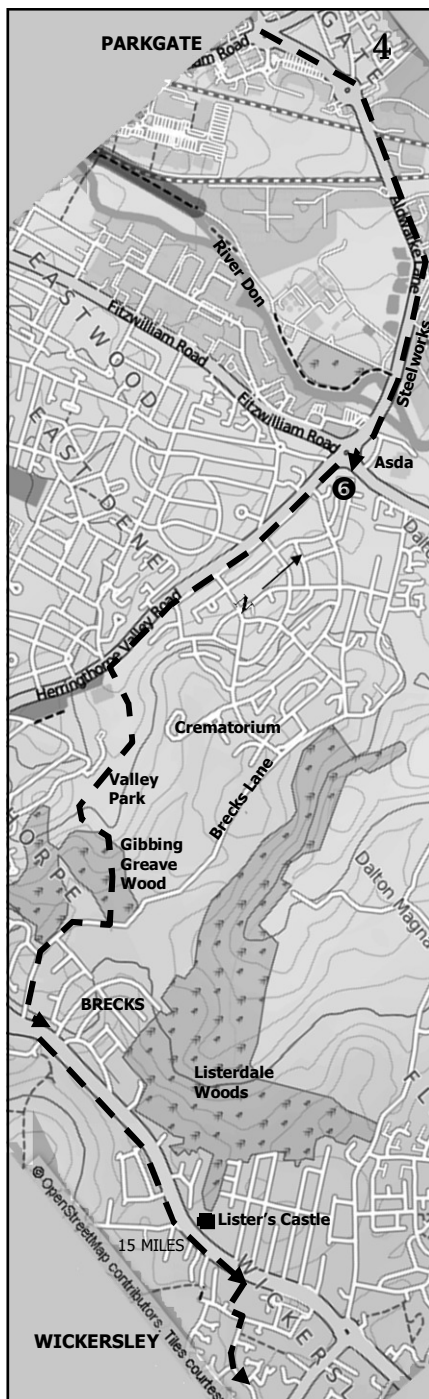


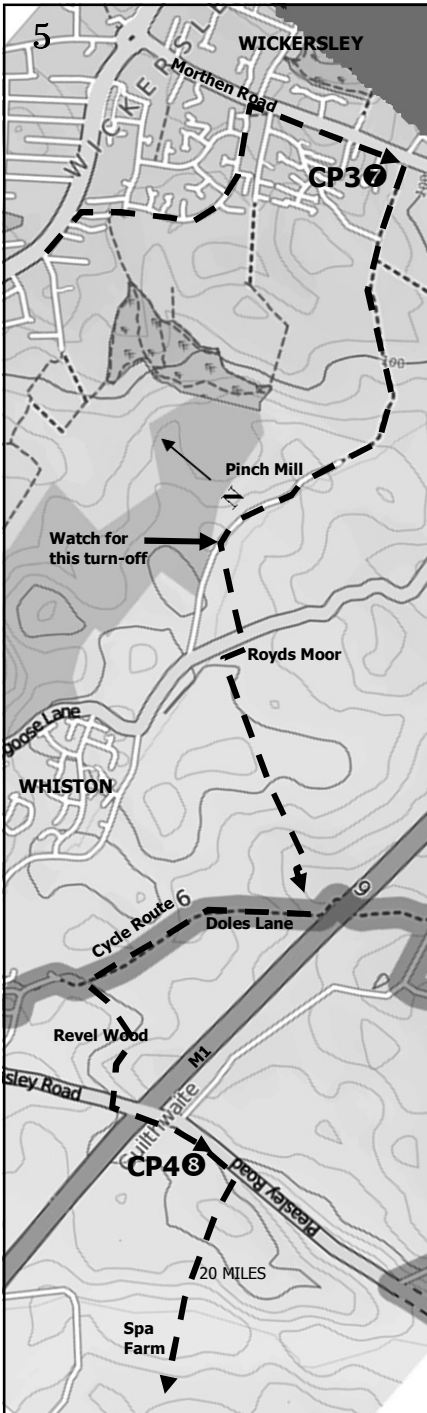
side, through a kissing gate and along the edge of fields to Street hamlet. Here turn right on a wide track which passes on the south side of Hooper Stand. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile the track comes out on to a road by some cottages. Continue left along this road for 300 yards crossing over it and look for a footpath gate on the right going through a wood. After another gate go across the field to a 3rd gate at two stone posts, then along the left edge of more fields to CHECKPOINT 2 at Stubbin Road (B6089).

⑤ Turn right and cross over the road well before the brow of the hill, after which descend for 75 yards. Here look for and take a narrow public footpath to the left for 100 yds. Proceed straight forward across a field to Chapel View. Turn right on a road between houses and through a gate down a cobbled path. Continue down the cobbles, cross a stream bed, then climb up to join a road called Back Lane. At this point the 12 mile ramble continues straight ahead towards Greasbrough (see Map 3a), but the Roundwalk route is left along Back Lane. Proceed straight across at the cross roads down a wide track which is called the Tops. Before this long road joins Greasbrough Road turn left at an old stile by a telegraph post on to a path which becomes cobbled. Turn right at the bottom onto a broad path off which you bear left then right on Westfield Rd. At the end turn left along

Greasbrough Rd. to go through Parkgate, going straight across at the traffic lights along Aldwarke Road. At the roundabout head straight on past the Station Inn on the right and then all the Aldwarke steelworks on the left. After crossing the canal and River Don, negotiate the pedestrian crossings at the roundabout near Asda to head in the same direction up Herringthorpe Valley Road.

⑥ Head in the same direction up Herringthorpe Valley Road, crossing to the left side at the lights. After 3/4 mile turn left into Valley Park. Keep on the path, with a stream on the left, cross a bridge and bear left on the footpath that goes up through Gibbing Greave Wood. Take the centre path which climbs up the right side of the valley forking right at the top to join Brecks Lane. Turn right and continue straight up to the Bawtry Road. Turn left and cross the dual carriageway at the lights before the garage. Continue up the right hand side (views down to Whiston) towards Wickersley and after 3/4 mile turn right up Air Mount Close. Follow straight along the metalled footpath at its end and make a short left and right turn into Sorby Way. Continue along Sorby Way through the housing estate to Morthen Road. Turn right along Morthen Road and at the bottom of the slight hill look for a wide footpath on the right (Sandy Flat Lane). This is the **THIRD CHECKPOINT**.





⑦ Keep straight ahead on this wide track through a gate, go over a cattle grid and then carry on down passing Pinchmill Ponds at the bottom. Go through the riding stables and continue along the track. In 750 yds bear left off the track crossing a bridge, then follow the stream down to a stile and another bridge in the hedgerow. The field on the other side is crossed diagonally via a pylon to the far corner to come out on Royds Moor Hill road. Cross this road to go along a drive past a house and stables. Turn left from the drive and then bear right past the back of the converted farm and barn. Now keep to the right hand edge of four fields for ½ mile with views to Whiston on your right. At the top of the hill the path bears right down a wide track between hedges for 150 yards to a T-junction where you turn sharp right down Doles Lane. Keep on this cycle-route track for about half a mile, then look to turn left over stone steps in a wall just after a hedge at the end of a long field. The path keeps to the top edge of a field (that slopes down to Whiston) for 100 yards to reach a stile to go into Revel Wood. At the bottom of the descent turn right to cross a stream and a stile. Then keep straight ahead up the hill to reach another stile at the top left hand corner of the field. Turn right down a track and then left along Pleasley Road, crossing over as soon as possible.

③ Ignore the first footpath after the checkpoint and continue downhill to a second footpath on the right before the speed de-restriction signs which follows a hedge on the right opposite buildings at Guilthwaite Hall Farm. Go through a gateway, past a barn down to a stile and fenced off path. Cross the stream at the bottom then in 100yds bear right over a stile up another field towards Spa Farm. Aim to go round the left side of the barn over a stile then right to a stone stile by a gate. Turn up left through a metal gate (please close carefully). At an old tree turn right to cross a stile at the top of the hill. Keep the hedge on your right for 120 yards, then turn left on a footpath between fields and descend to the bus terminus at Treeton. Turn right up the road and cross over to the left side before the bends sign. Just after this a public footpath across a stile leads down between fields. At the bottom cross another stile near a farm and turn right on to a farm track. Follow this track for half a mile with the River Rother on your left, and go via a kissing gate under the bridge carrying the M1 motorway. Immediately climb right through a gateway and bear left onto a long straight path reaching two footbridges and the 5th CHECKPOINT almost at Long Lane.



HISTORICAL NOTES BY J. L. FEARNES:

A. ALL SAINTS' SQUARE. This is a splendid starting point for the Roundwalk because here one can see an impressive intermingling of the old and the new. The beautiful spire reminds one of the monks of Rufford Abbey who built the present Church in the 15th Century, but the present Church was preceded by a Norman Church, and this in turn was preceded by a Saxon church. The great age and sanctity of the site is therefore unquestionable. The square itself was not created until modern times. It was pedestrianised and made into a scenic focal point in 1972. On the east side of the square is the Old College Inn which stands on the site of the College of Jesus. This College was built in 1481 by Archbishop Thomas Rotherham. Thomas Rotherham, who was born in Rotherham, is a unique person because he is the only man who has held the highest state rank and the highest Church rank in England.

B. CHANTRY BRIDGE. On the north side of Chantry Bridge is a remnant of the mediaeval Rotherham Bridge built about 1250 A.D. Adjacent to this bridge remnant is the unique Chantry, or Chapel-on-the Bridge. It is unique because it is the only Bridge Chantry still in existence in Great Britain where services are regularly held. In 1983 the Chantry became 500 years old.

C. KEPPEL'S COLUMN. This was built in 1779 to honour Admiral Keppel (a relation of the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham of Wentworth Woodhouse). He was C-in-C of the British Navy and he had been unjustly court-martialled by political enemies, but he was fully acquitted and his accusers disgraced.

D. THE MAUSOLEUM. This landmark was built in 1788 by the 3rd Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse to honour his predecessors.

F. HOOBER STAND was built in 1748 by the 1st Marquess of Rockingham. Its purpose was to honour King George II for suppressing the rebellion of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

G. ROMAN RIG. The footpath from Chapel View is part of the Roman Rig - Rotherham's famous Celtic relic. For many years it has been suggested that the twelve miles long Roman Rig (Rig is a diminutive of Ridge) was either a Brigantian boundary or defence line. But it was recently proved by a local historian that it was a system of three tracks radiating from Hill Top, Greasbrough, along which iron ore was conveyed to furnaces on Hill Top. The Roman Rig shows that Rotherham has been connected with the iron trade far longer than most people imagine.

H. BOSTON CASTLE was built in 1773 by the 3rd Earl of Efingham as a shooting lodge. It gained the name "Castle" because its walls are crenellated. It was coupled with the contemporary Boston Tea Party incident because the Earl was strongly opposed to the disastrous policy of King George III which lost us the American Colony. A later Earl transferred the Castle and the surrounding land to the Rotherham Corporation so as to enable Rotherham's very first Public Park to be made. Now open to the public - check times.

⑨ Here turn sharp left by the stream to a kissing gate on to the bridleway. Follow this alongside the stream crossing over at one point. On reaching a gate bear right to join a lane passing stables on the left. This goes up to the Bawtry Road near the Rotherway roundabout. Keep round to the right and cross over carefully. Climb the steps going up into Canklow Woods. To the left is the start of a waymarked path up through the woods. After 80 yds bear left up a gully then keep ahead through silver birches. All upward paths on this final climb lead to the same point at the top. After which, keep on past a radio mast and then a sports field both on the right until Boston Castle is reached. Turn right to leave the park and go along Boston Castle Grove with Thomas Rotherham College on the right to join Moorgate Road at Tesco Express. Turn left and keep along the right side of Moorgate Road to descend the last half mile into the town passing in front of the Town Hall. Cross High Street through a passage into the Churchyard then bear right to descend the steps into All Saints' Square and the FINAL CHECKPOINT at the end of the walk.

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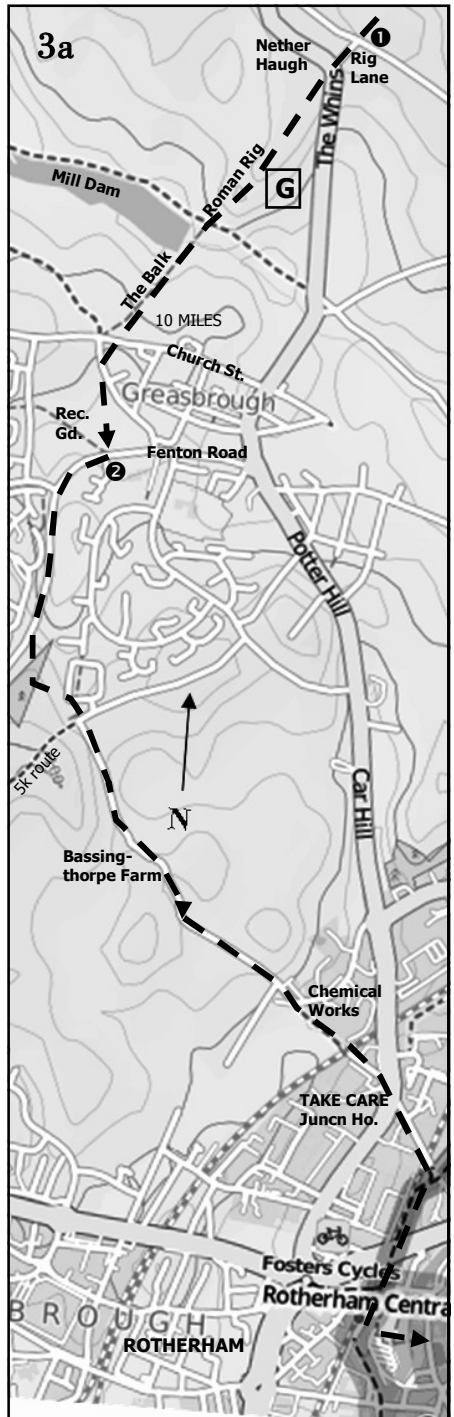
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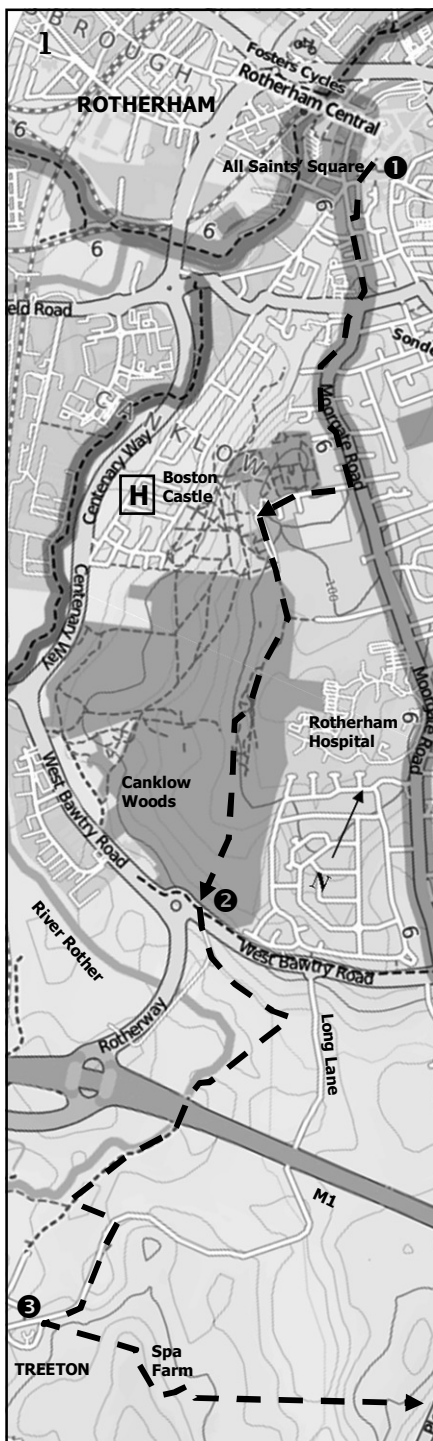
ROUNDWALK 12 mile RAMBLE FINISH

(not waymarked)

❶ After Chapel View do not turn left at Back Lane, but keep straight on down Rig Lane to cross Stubbin Road, heading on towards the dam at the end of Wentworth ponds. Go through an iron gate, cross the dam overflow and carry on up "The Balk" to GREASBROUGH. Emerge between houses on to Church Street, cross straight over through a snicket leading to Coach Rd. Cross over and go down the recreation ground to cross the busy Fenton Road near a children's play area.

❷ Turn right along the broad grass verge for 600 yds where the second path crosses, after a school sign. In a further 60 yds bear left on a path sloping up through woods. Cross over a path then bend left to the top of the climb. Continue away from the road through a spinney, bearing left round a tall wooden fence to a metal squeezer gate. Turn right and continue in the same direction along a country lane with a view of Barbot Hall to the left, past Bassingthorpe Farm. All Saints' Church, the end of the walk, now comes into view. Descend past Gin House Farm and at the bottom follow a fenced off path past the chemical works. This crosses the railway line to Primrose Hill, coming out at Junction House. Take great care crossing Greasbrough Road and go down the road to the left of Beatson Clark's glassworks. Turn right on the canal side path (blue signs) as far as the railway station, then left to cross the canal. Turn right on the riverside path by Tesco for 100yds then left via the covered river bridge back to the Church and ALL SAINTS' SQUARE.





ROTHERHAM ROUNDWALK

Anticlockwise Route.

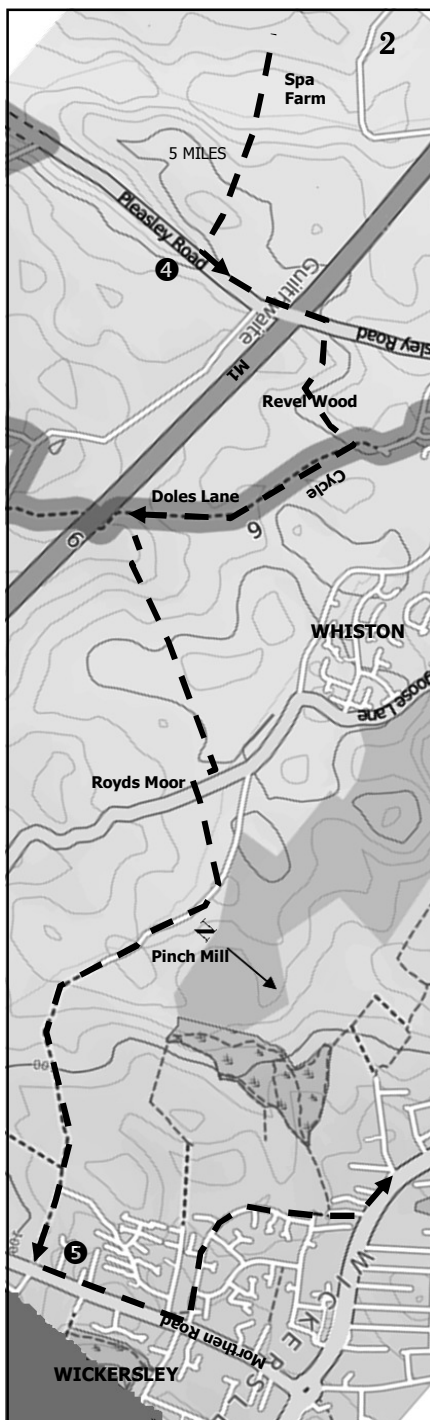
❶ The starting point of the walk is All Saints' Square, Rotherham. Leave the square by the Church Steps, cross the Churchyard to a passage. Continue R & L up Moorgate Street passing the Town Hall on your left. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile find Tesco on the right, and turn immediately right up Boston Castle Grove to the viewpoint at its end. Turn left past radio masts and eventually enter Canklow Woods. Continue through the woods on the main path (with information signs). Eventually the path descends and bears right at a waymark to reach steps down to West Bawtry Road.

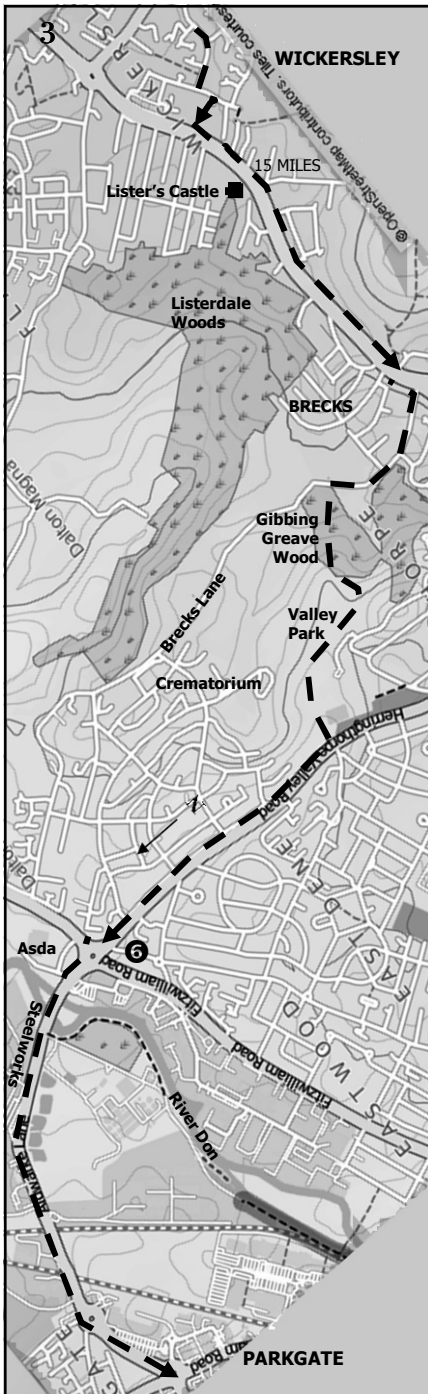
❷ Cross this busy road and go down the lane opposite past a riding school. At the bottom keep left through a gateway on to a bridle path that follows the stream, crossing it at one point until two kissing gates are reached. Go through the one on the right to follow the stream until a sharp right turn over a bridge is reached. This leads on to a long straight path that eventually reaches a tunnel under the M1 motorway at the side of the River Rother. Continue via a kissing gate on the river side path that leads into a farm track. After half a mile, and before the farm is reached, find a stile in the hedge on the left with a footpath sign leading the way up between two fields to another stile at Bole Hill lane. Watch-

ing out for traffic, turn right along this lane until you reach a bus terminus on the left entering Treeton.

③ Take the track leading up Bole Hill from the terminus. At the top continue between fields, then turn right at the hedge to a stile. Descend towards Spa Farm, turning left at an old tree to the farmyard gateway. Close the gate carefully and turn right over a stone stile past a barn on the left. At the end of the barn a stile leads you down a long field to cross a stile and the stream at the bottom. Go up an enclosed path, over a stile, then continue with the hedge on your left past a barn, through a gate, with Guilthwaite Hall on your right. A stile in the hedge leads on to Pleasley Road .

④ Turn left past the nursery at Guilthwaite Cottage, then cross over when it is safe. Immediately after the M1 bridge turn right up a track then left over a stile at its end. Descend the field (watch out for horses) over a stile and bridge into Revel Wood. Bear left up to a stile, then across the top of the field overlooking Whiston to stone steps in the wall. Turn right along Doles Lane (cycle route 6) for about half a mile, and at the top of the hill turn sharp left off the track on a path between hedgerows. This continues along the left boundary of four fields to reach converted farm buildings at Royds Moor. Make a left and right turn past stables to the road. Cross the road to a diago-





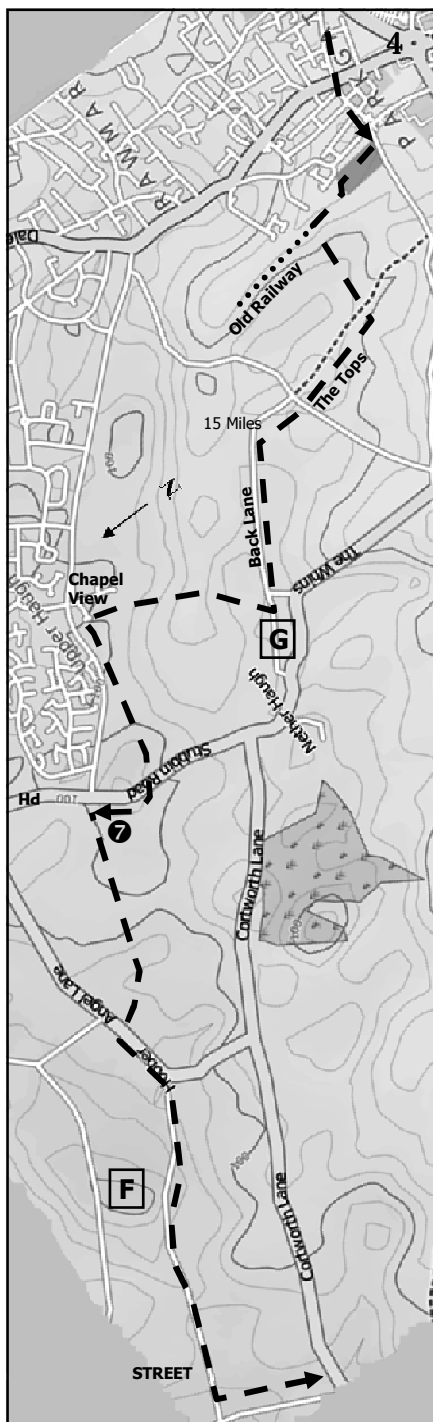
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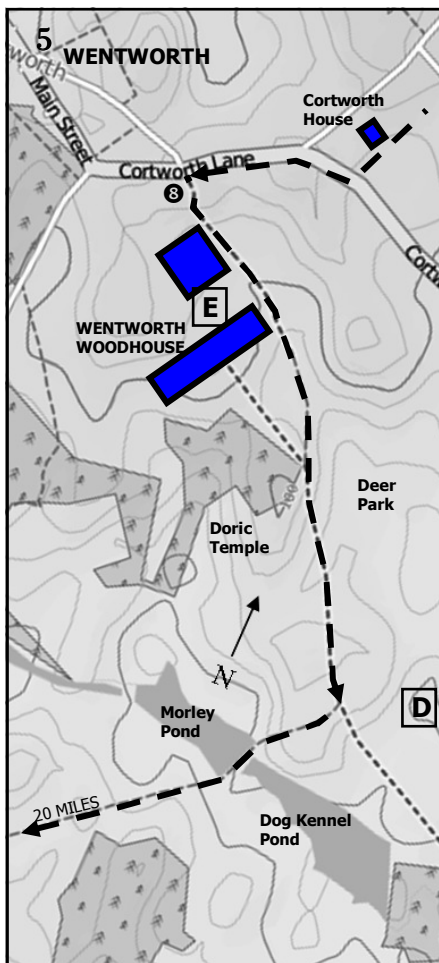
⑤ Turn left up this road and after 500yds look for Sorby Way on the left. On reaching the end of Sorby Way make a short left and right turn on a path past a substation into Airmount Close and Bawtry Road. Turn left alongside this busy dual carriageway for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a light controlled crossing before a petrol station. Continue down the other side and turn right down Brecks Lane. 200 yds past the end of the houses turn left into Gibbing Greave Wood. The path descends to a metalled path by a stream. Turn right across a bridge into Valley Park. Continue by the stream with tennis courts on the left to Herringthorpe Valley Road. Turn right and after $\frac{3}{4}$ mile negotiate the pedestrian crossings at the roundabout near Asda to head in the same direction on Aldwarke Lane.

⑥ Cross the River Don, go past steelworks then under the railway, **straight over** another roundabout into Aldwarke Road and Parkgate. Head straight across the traffic lights into Greasbrough Road, and as the houses end turn right into Westfield Road (**Ramble route joins here**), then left into Newbiggin Drive. You will find an old rail-

way track bed on your left which you follow for a short way then turn left up an old cobbled path. At the top go right on a wide track known locally as the Tops. Proceed straight across at cross roads along Back Lane, then where Rig Lane goes down left (this is the Family Ramble route back) you turn right down a bridleway. This crosses a stream bed, becomes cobbled, and climbs up to a gateway at Chapel View. Continue up the road for 90 yds and find a footpath sign to the left leading into a field. Cross this field into a narrow path for 100yds past Glebe House to Stubbin Road.

⑦ Turn right up the road and cross over when it is safe after the brow of the hill. After the Haugh Road junction on the right and just past a house on the left find a signed path that goes across fields reaching a gate through two stone posts to reach a small wood via a gate. Exit the wood via a 3rd gate and turn left along the road for 300 yds. At the bend you keep straight on along a track by some cottages with Hooper Stand "F" up on the right. Continue on this track for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to Street hamlet. Opposite the old Estate cottages and on the left, a path goes down a field edge to Cortworth House which you pass on the right through a kissing gate to Cortworth Lane. Turn right to enter Wentworth village, ignore tea-rooms and craft shops, until you reach the gates to the Wentworth





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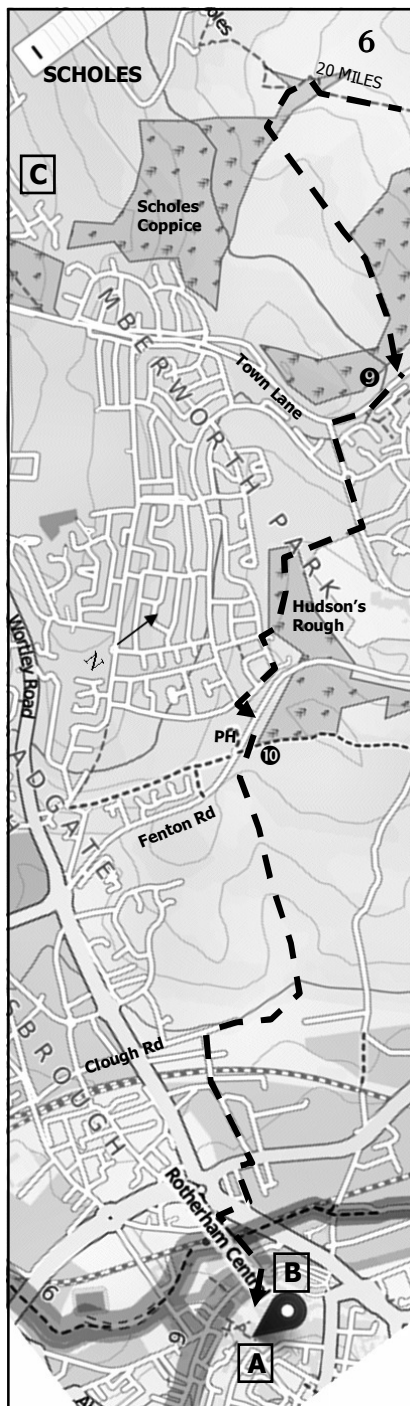
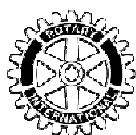
⑧ Go through the gates and keep to the road as far as a cattle grid. The way becomes a fenced off path round the front of the mansion "E", then re-joins the estate road. Descend and after the cattle grid take the second right turn, which heads to the bridge between Morley Pond and Dog Kennel Pond. Bear right after crossing the bridge, and follow the path straight across fields for ½ mile in the direction of Scholes village until you come to a short descent into woods. The path crosses a bridge, then turns left following the stream, through a gate and over another bridge across the stream coming down through Scholes Coppice. Don't go into the Coppice, but turn left through barriers ascending on a path with a field boundary on the left. This continues straight for ½ mile with fine views over Wentworth, then enters another wood. Follow the same line through the wood across a track to come out on to Town Lane over a stile at a lay-by.

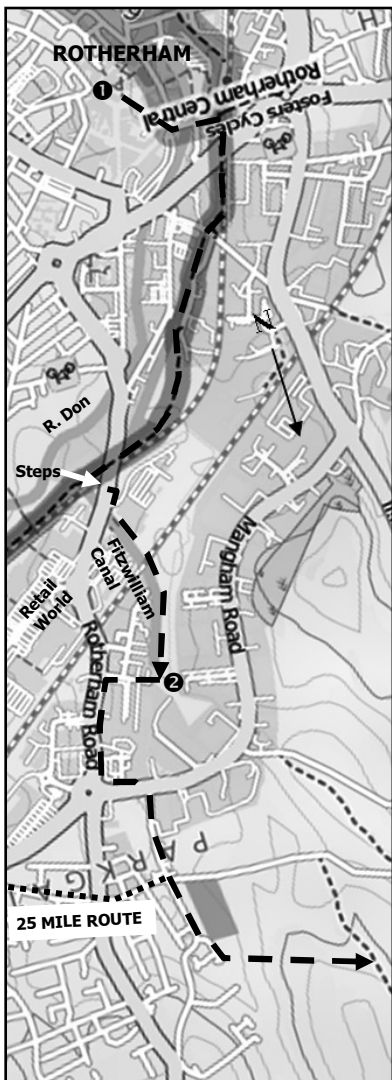
⑨ Turn right up Town Lane for 400 yards crossing over when safe and turn left into Wingfield Road. Go straight ahead at the roundabout then find a footpath on the right between playing fields. This descends to enter Hudson's Rough wood for 50 yds. Go left over rough ground and come to a path between houses on the right. Turn left along Simmonite Road which bends right

on to Roughwood Road, then go left to come out on to Fenton Road at the Ring O'Bells inn.

⑩ Turn right and cross over in front of the pub, then gradually bear left down a public footpath (ignore the bridleway) that follows a wooded clough or valley. Continue to the bottom then follow the path round a wall on the right to come out at the end of Clough Road. Half way along take a left turn down Rodger Street over a railway bridge and continue straight down Tenter Street on to Greasbrough Street. Here do a right and left into Thames Street (crossing carefully) and walk to the end of this in front of factory buildings. A subway on the right leads into George Street, then turn left to cross Chantry Bridge over the River Don. At the bus station entrance cross over into Bridgegate towards the Minster and the end of the walk back in All Saints' Square.

Please note that this anti-clockwise guide assumes that the walker has some familiarity with the clockwise route, as there are generally no waymarks to assist.





1 THE FITZWILLIAM CANAL is a stretch of canal about a quarter of a mile long which runs from Parkgate to the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation. A mineral railway ran down from the pits at Stubbin and Newbiggin to massive coke ovens built alongside the canal. Coke and coal were loaded into barges here for transportation all over the country. The railway continued down the side of the canal to join the Midland Railway and later into the Parkgate Iron Works.

The railway and the ovens are gone, as are the Iron Works but the canal is a pleasant spot, a little haven of quiet between the railways and the present areas of light industry. It is very popular with fishermen. There are many species of plant and types of bird to be found there.

REVERSE RAMBLE START

**(Anticlockwise Route) 15½ miles,
4½ hours**

❶ Leave All Saints' Square by Bridgegate and at the bottom turn left over Chantry Bridge. After crossing the Canal Bridge turn immediately right by a warehouse with the canal on your right. Keep alongside the canal under a road bridge, and then join Northfield Road with a boatyard on the right. The way continues on a path between the railway and canal until you go under the A633 and then immediately climb up steps to cross this busy road. Turn right along it for 120 yards until you see a sign on the left for the Fitzwilliam Canal. Follow the towpath under the railway, the path goes left and right and continues to the end of the canal coming out at the Gateway Industrial Estate.

❷ Unfortunately you now have to make a detour on the A633, which you see ahead. Turn left along it to the roundabout, then left again on Taylors Lane. Just after the Fitzwilliam Arms Hotel turn right on School Lane with a playing field on the right, heading towards Rawmarsh Church. Cross over Greasbrough Road into Westfield Road to join the 25-mile Roundwalk anti-clockwise route (see bottom of page 11).

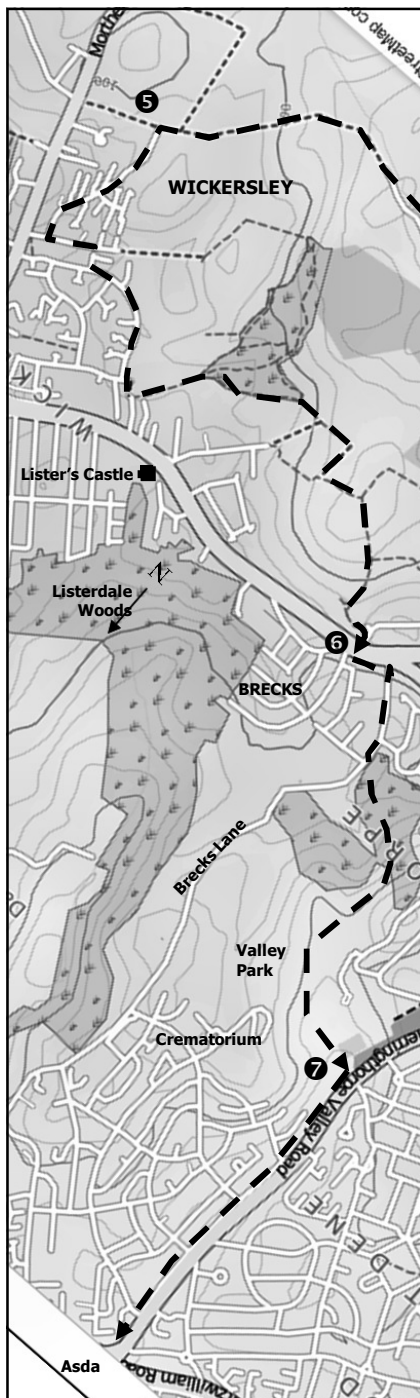
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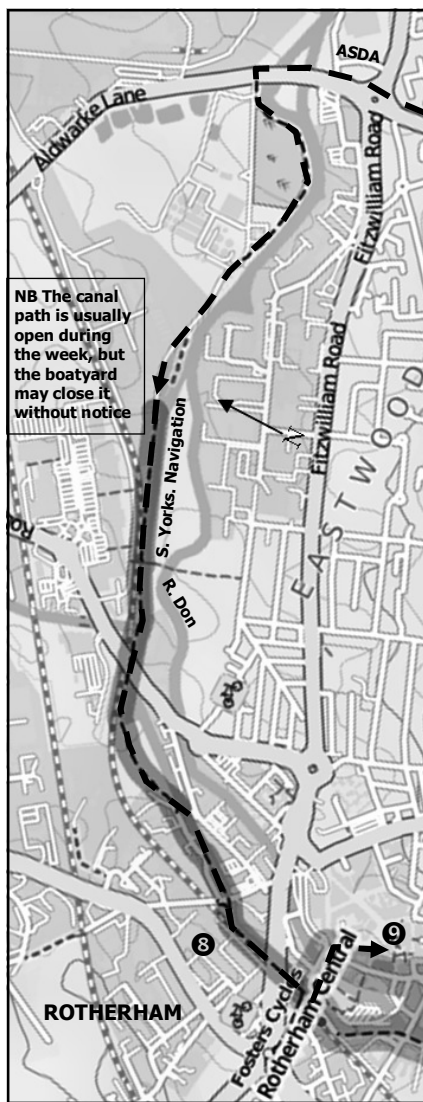
Follow the Anticlockwise Roundwalk to the top of page 11 (Royds Moor on Map 2)

Cross the road uphill to a diagonal path across a field via a pylon to a bridge across a stream. The path follows and shortly re-crosses the stream to join a metalled track. Go right to reach Pinchmill Farm and stables. Continue up the track for over ½ mile (Sandy Flatt Lane) to a gate and turn left.

⑤ This track becomes a road (Quarry Field Lane) and you continue past cottages to its end then turn left down Gillott Lane. 100 yds before the tarmac ends look for a snicket right into Bramble Close. Turn left into Sorby Way and at its end make a short left and right turn into a snicket. Turn left down a field path, and as it enters the woods turn right over a bridge. Follow the path to a viewpoint, and continue along the right side of one field then the left side of the next. Go right up a track to a farm gate and turn left down the right side of another field to a copse*. Cross the bridge and turn right on a permissive path up the right side of two fields to emerge on a short road. Turn right to the pelican crossing, cross and go left.

* see page 19 to return to Whiston





**CHANTRY BRIDGE. On the north side of Chantry Bridge is a remnant of the mediaeval Rotherham Bridge built about 1250 A.D. Adjacent to this bridge remnant is the unique Chantry, or Chapel-on-the Bridge. It is unique because it is the only Bridge Chantry still in existence in Great Britain where services are regularly held. In 1983 the Chantry became 500 years old.*

⑥ Continue down the other side of the dual carriageway and turn right down Brecks Lane. Past the scout hut turn left into Herringthorpe Wood. Follow your nose through the wood down steps, eventually descend steeply, and turn right before a bridge. Go by a stream to join a metalled path and after 100 yds cross a bridge left into Valley Park. Continue by the stream with tennis courts on the left to Herringthorpe Valley Road.

⑦ Turn right and after $\frac{3}{4}$ mile negotiate the crossings at the roundabout near Asda. Keep direction to cross straight over into Aldwarke Lane crossing the South Yorkshire Navigation canal and River Don. Turn left through railings on a path to follow the river. A road section past houses (permissive path) then leads back to the canal at the Waddington's lock basin. Follow the towpath alongside the canal at the back of Retail World.

⑧ Eventually the path leaves the canal with more boat yards on the left and enters Northfield Road. Near the end keep left re-joining the canal, following the blue signs under the main road till you reach a warehouse on the left. Come out on to Bridge Street, turn left over the canal and Chantry Bridge* then cross over to Bridgegate which leads back towards the Minster and All Saints' Square ⑨.

GREASBROUGH WENTWORTH CIRCULAR WALK

6.5 MILES (2½ hours)

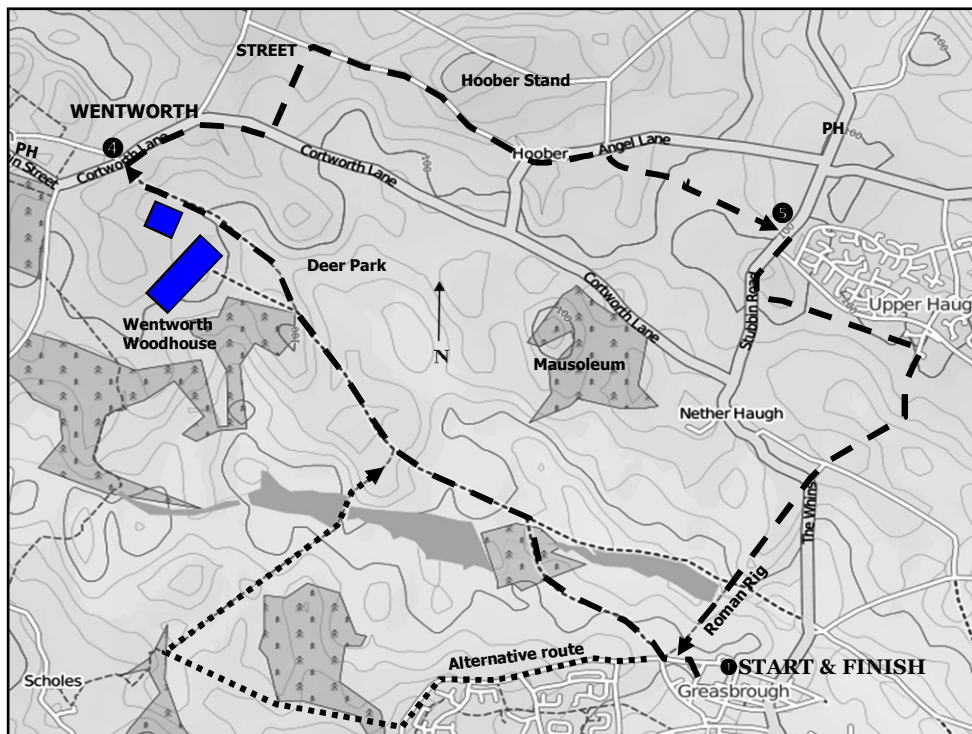
❶ This walk starts near Greasbrough Church. Continue up Church Street until the entrance to the Wentworth Estate is seen on the right. Take this road through the estate with Mill Dam on the right then Dog Kennel Pond on the left. You then join the main Roundwalk route through the park towards Wentworth Woodhouse.

Turn to Page 2 and follow the route from near the bottom "cross a cattle grid". On reaching Back Lane on Page 3, don't turn left but continue straight ahead back to Greasbrough as described in the "Family Ramble Finish" on Page 7.

On reaching Church Street turn left back to the Church.

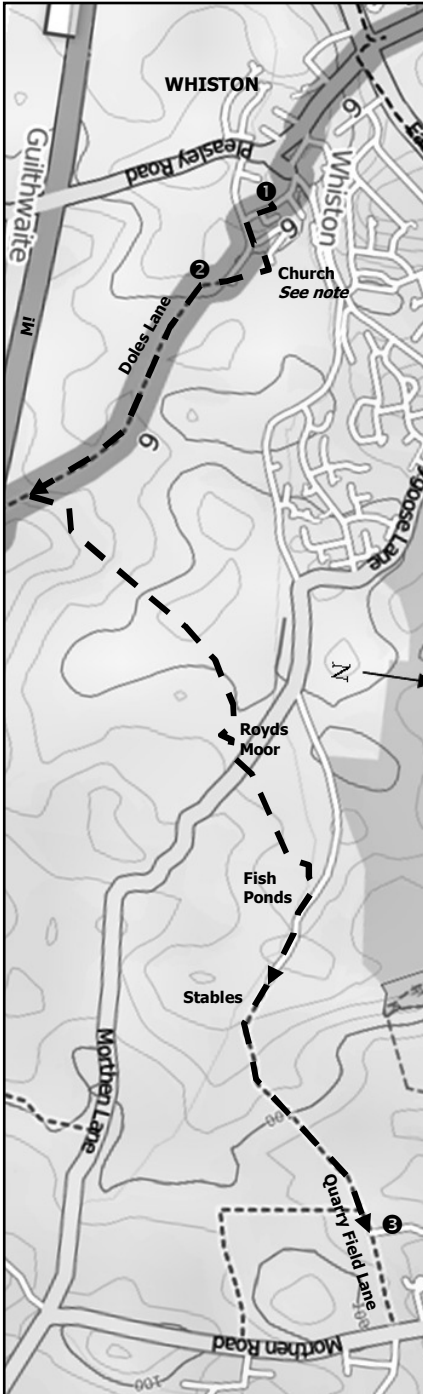
GREASBROUGH CHURCH: The Gothic style church, St Mary's, which replaced the former Chapel of ease (i.e. it was not licensed to perform marriages), was completed in 1828. An ecclesiastical district was then formed from the parish of Rotherham. In 1846 St Mary's was granted a license to perform marriages so the folk of Greasbrough did not have to tramp into Rotherham to get wed. Administration of Greasbrough became the responsibility of Rotherham after 1936. A school is attached to the church.

A longer alternative is to join the Roundwalk route one mile further up Town Lane (see map below). Look for a lay-by on the right with a stile, then go to the top of page 2. This walk is about 8 miles.



WHISTON & WICKERSLEY CIRCULAR WALK

5½ MILES (2½ hours)



❶ This walk starts from the Golden Ball car park in Whiston (Grid Ref. SK449900). Leaving the car park turn right up Turner Lane then left up The Green. Facing you is a wood, and if you go round to the left of it you will find some steps which lead up to the Church. Pass to the right of the lych gate by the stocks and bear right across the churchyard and right along the drive past the front of the Old Rectory. At its end continue on a track (Doles Lane) that shortly joins the reverse Roundwalk route where a foot-path comes in from the right.

❷ Continue along Doles Lane (cycle route 6) for about half a mile, and at the top of the hill turn sharp left off the track on a path between hedgerows. This continues along the left boundary of four fields to reach converted farm buildings at Royds Moor. Make a left and right turn past stables to the road. Cross the road uphill to a diagonal path across a field via a pylon to a bridge across a stream. The path follows and in 40 yds re-crosses the stream to join a metalled track right to Pinchmill Farm and stables. Continue up the track for over ½ mile (Sandy Flatt Lane) to a gate and turn left.

❸ This track becomes a road (Quarry Field Lane) and you continue past cottages to its end then turn left down Gillott Lane. 100 yds before the tarmac ends look for a snicket right into Bramble Close. Turn left into Sorby Way and at its end make a short left and right

turn into a snicket. Turn left down a field edge path, and as it enters the woods turn right over a bridge. Follow the path to a viewpoint, and continue along the right side of one field then the left side of the next. Go right up a track to a farm gate and turn left down the right side of another field to a copse.

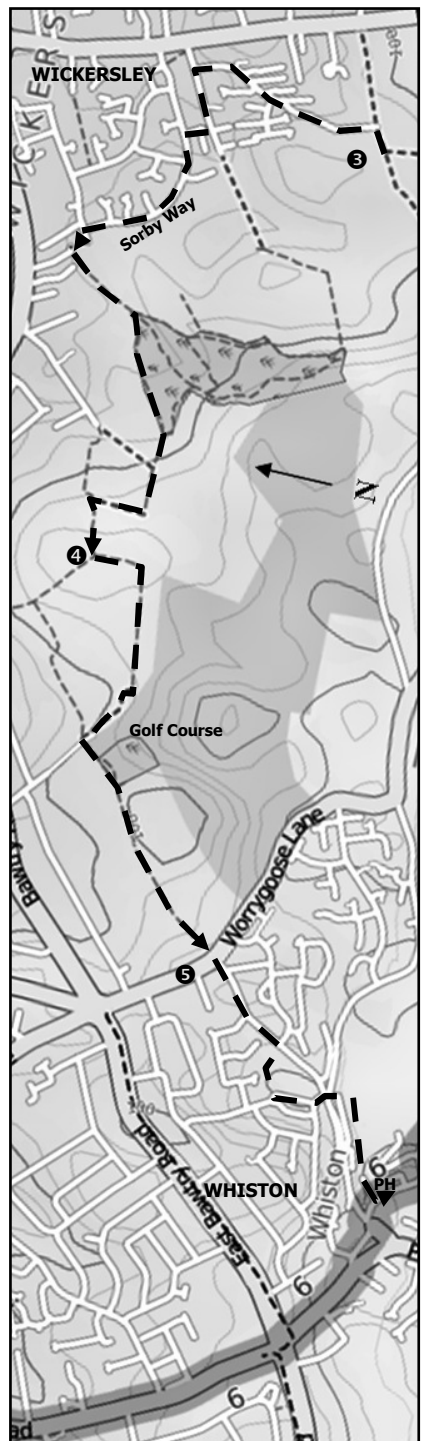
④ After crossing the bridge turn right, but follow round the field boundary to Shrogs Wood Road near Sitwell Golf Club. Cross over on a path which skirts Shrogs Wood then descends a right hand field boundary for nearly ½ mile to Worry Goose Lane.

⑤ Cross over along Cowrakes Lane, then half way down the hill go right across a recreation field. Turn left past shops on Hunger Hill Lane. Turn left and right, crossing the street right to find a sloping path that descends to Whiston Brook. Cross over the brook on a path (Hollowgate) that bends to the right leading up past a cottage on to Well Lane at the old village well and the Parish Hall. At the end of Well Lane turn left to the Golden Ball and a well earned drink.

WHISTON PARISH CHURCH (St Mary Magdalene): Most of Whiston lies in a hollow, but churches were often sited on a commanding eminence and Whiston Parish Church is one example. It is reached by a fine oak War Memorial Lychgate erected in 1919 alongside which stand the village stocks with accommodation for three miscreants bearing the date 1786.

Most of the old work is 15th century, although the tower has a Norman base with a 13th century lancet, and a low pointed arch breaking into a Norman window. Three of the eight bells are said to be 15th century and an inlaid chest was 18th. The monks of the Norman Abbey of St. Wandrille, in 1188, claimed that Whiston was one of their chapelries.

In 1837 the Church underwent extensive alterations at a cost of £400, but unfortunately the original Norman pillars and arches were removed. Further alterations in 1883 added a new roof and altar.





Approaching Upper Haugh from Hoover



Decending Doles Lane towards Whiston

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