

# BARNSELY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This Leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along the way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharncliffe, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

## Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Planning and Transportation Service, Regeneration Section, Central Offices, Kendray Street, Barnsley S70 2TN. Telephone (01226) 772567.

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## Waymarked Walk No. 3 *Leg 2* **BRETTON HALL to OLD ROYSTON**

**Starting Point**  
 Bretton Country Park.

**Distance**  
 7.2 miles (11.7 km).

**Time**  
 Allow yourself up to four hours for exploring at a leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
 Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

**Waymarks**  
 The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
 The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Line. Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

**Additional Information**  
 The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's: **OL1 The Peak District** 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

### Over Woolley Edge ...

This section of the Barnsley Boundary Walk ventures into Wakefield District across the open farm land and along quiet lanes south of Woolley and Notton villages.

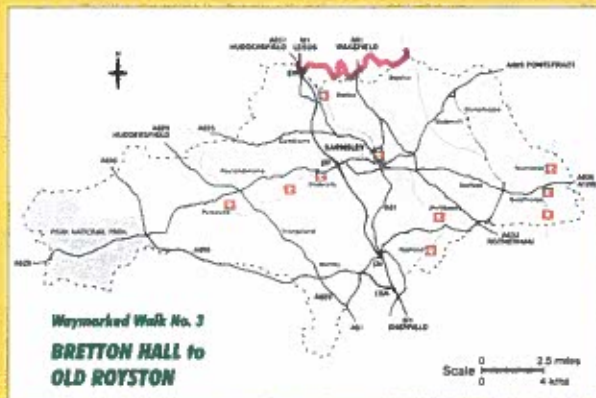
The landscape remains essentially agricultural but the influence of former coal mining is still clearly evident. The activity at the former Woolley Colliery and its part reclaimed spoil heap are prominent below Woolley Edge. Dismantled mineral railways also remain and provide our route at Old Royston.

North west of Royston the walk coincides with the Trans Pennine Trail, a national coast to coast multi-user recreational routeway. This section is on the feeder route from Wakefield to Barnsley and largely follows the Barnsley Canal now disused but formerly regionally significant for the transport of coal.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Bretton Hall



Figure by Gormley



- 1 Our walk starts from the car park at the main entrance to Bretton Country Park off the A637 Huddersfield Road, close to M1 Junction 38 at Haigh. Head for the motorway junction carefully crossing the A637 as you go, then pass under the motorway and turn left into Haigh Lane.



- 2 Turn right by the telephone kiosk in Haigh Lane on to Moorhouse Lane passing Near Moor Farm as you go. Follow the path uphill towards Woolley Edge Lane.
- 3 The footpath climbs alongside the reclaimed Woolley Colliery tip, and enters woodland before reaching Woolley Edge Lane. Turn right and follow the roadside until you reach Windhill Gate Farm. Turn left here up the lane towards Wheatley Wood.



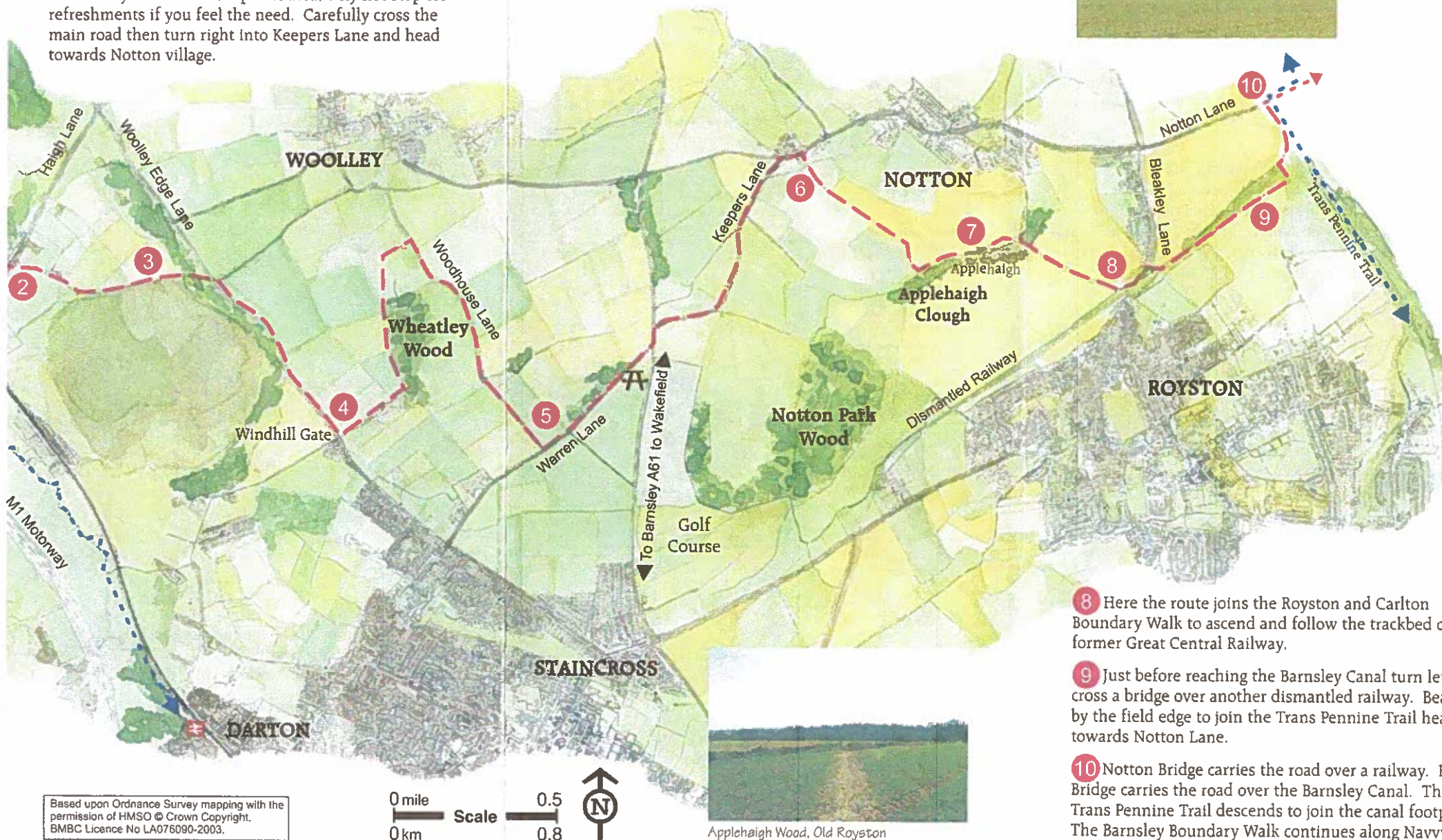
**4** After the abandoned mine workings turn left just before the entrance to Wheatley Wood. Follow the paths around the wood moving down towards Woodhouse Lane.

**5** Turn left onto Warren Lane and walk carefully along the roadside. Before you reach the busy A61 Wakefield to Barnsley road there is a picnic area; why not stop for refreshments if you feel the need. Carefully cross the main road then turn right into Keepers Lane and head towards Notton village.

**6** At Notton village turn right following the footpath crossing the farmyard as you go. Continue uphill and onward to the wooded valley of Applehaigh Clough.

**7** Turn left past Applehaigh Farm then bear right on the track before reaching Bleakley Lane, the main road on the outskirts of Royston.

Wheatley Wood/ Woolley Church



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Applehaigh Wood, Old Royston

**8** Here the route joins the Royston and Carlton Boundary Walk to ascend and follow the trackbed of the former Great Central Railway.

**9** Just before reaching the Barnsley Canal turn left and cross a bridge over another dismantled railway. Bear right by the field edge to join the Trans Pennine Trail heading towards Notton Lane.

**10** Notton Bridge carries the road over a railway. High Bridge carries the road over the Barnsley Canal. The Trans Pennine Trail descends to join the canal footpath. The Barnsley Boundary Walk continues along Navy Lane.





## Waymarked Walk No. 4 OLD ROYSTON to BRIERLEY

**Starting Point**  
High Bridge, Notton Lane,  
Royston.

**Distance**  
3.7 miles (6 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself up to three  
hours for exploring at a  
leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet,  
muddy or uneven ground.  
Choose footwear accordingly.

**Waymarks**  
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a distinctive B circled with  
arrows.

**How to get there**  
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### Landscapes Past and Present ...

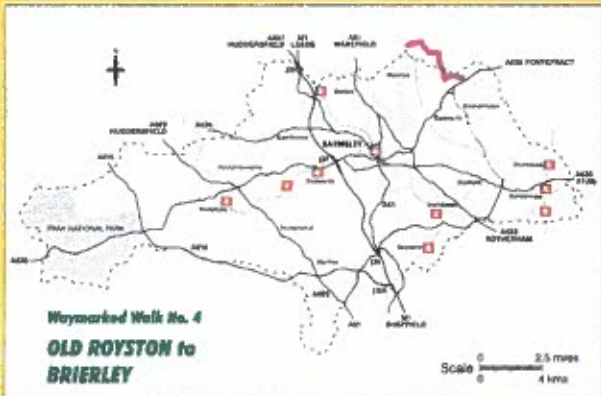
From Royston to Brierley our way continues  
through a landscape influenced by former coal  
mining.

To the north lie the canal feeder reservoirs at  
Wintersett and Gold Hindley. Coal formed the  
bulk of the cargo traffic on the Barnsley Canal.  
The relatively new lake at Anglers' Country Park  
was formed during the restoration of an opencast  
mining site.

The Rabbit Ings spoilheap dominates the scene east  
of Royston and a network of dismantled mineral  
railways and tramways criss cross the area.

Amidst all this the hamlet of Felkirk with its  
impressive church lives on as a timeless feature in  
an otherwise much changed landscape

St. Peter's Church, Felkirk



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**1** Our walk starts at High Bridge on Navy Lane. High Bridge carries the road over the Barnsley Canal at Old Royston. The route follows the road to a T junction.

**2** At the T junction turn right, then left onto the route of a former tramway that served a private coal mine at Lodge's Pit.

**3** After some 700 yds turn right onto a cross field footpath and continue until you emerge at a road junction (Ten Lands Lane/ Church Lane). Continue across into and along Church Lane north of Felkirk, crossing the busy B6428 Ryhill to Royston road as you go.

Skylark



Navy Lane, High Bridge



4 After 700 yds turn left again before you reach Felkirk, onto a dismantled tramway, then after a further 700 yds descend and turn right onto a dismantled railway. Continue southwards along the course of the dismantled railway towards Shafton.

5 The 13th Century Church of St.Peter's stands prominent in the small hamlet of Felkirk.

6 Cross over a dike and continue towards Shafton, entering The Green View, and along Hawthorne Street.

7 Turn left immediately after Holly Tree Farm, cross two sections of dismantled railway turning obliquely right across field paths, and head towards Brierley.

8 Join the hedge-lined Mackey Lane leading to the busy A628 Barnsley Road at Brierley.



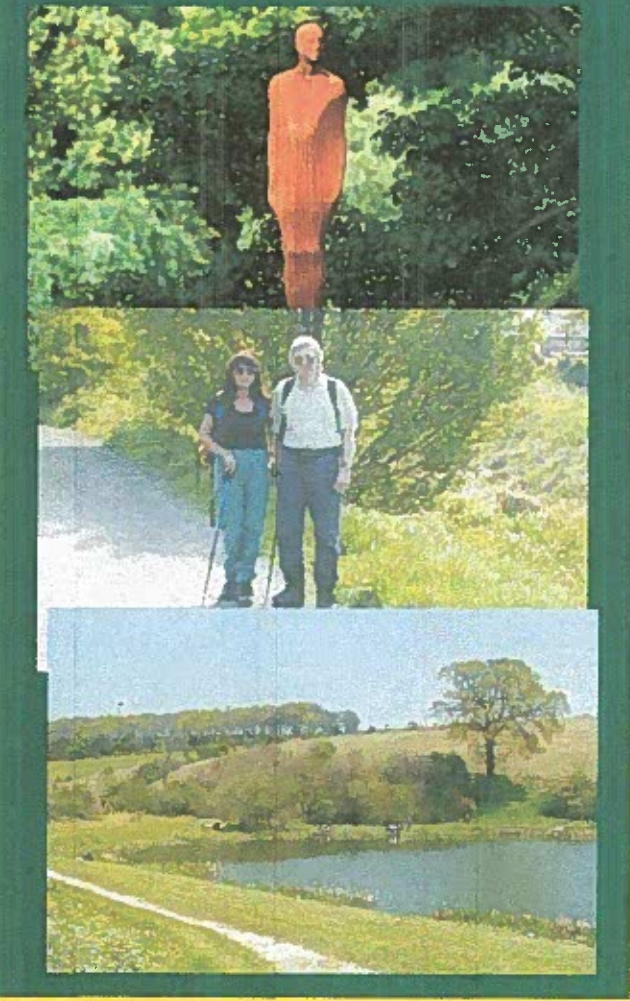
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Waymarked Walks 3 & 4  
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