



Mark's big book of local walks

Volume 1

**For staff and students
to read and enjoy**

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Foreword.

In 1982 I was 16 years old, approaching the end of my then O level and CSE exams, I decided to go 'walk about' with my sheep dog 'Jess', a direct ancestor of the dogs I have today.

I walked from my home in the village of Heighington to Walworth Castle, I took a right turn along a cart road and travelling West I walked across the fields to Denton and then Summerhouse crossroads. From there I walked across the fields to Staindrop. I had an ice cream and walked back through the village of Hilton to a village called Bolam. It was here I came across a derelict farmhouse that was signposted as being up for sale by auction. This derelict farmhouse was Pear Tree House and was later to become our first school base. From there I walked home to Heighington.

Whilst in Staindrop, the school bus went past with the year 10 students from my school who were amazed to see me walking with my dog in 'Teesdale'.

They had been on a field trip in Middleton in Teesdale and when they saw me their perception was, they were still in Teesdale. Staindrop is of course classified as Lower Teesdale but to those students from Newton Aycliffe it was not a nearby town only a few minutes' drive away, it was the middle of the wilds.

The point is this walk was hugely important to me personally as a right of passage. It would awaken me to the beauty of countryside around me and the 'find' changed the course of all our futures. These walks were entirely within walking distance of my home and used local public footpaths.

Mark Wade has been a Residential Social Care Worker and latterly an Outdoor Instructor for many years. He shares my belief that you don't have to travel far to experience interesting and beautiful countryside and that you should only go far when you've fully explored the near.

This document is a carefully considered compilation of some local walks which have been selected to A/ avoid going through farm yards. B/ not far from a metal road to ensure you can be 'rescued' if the need arises C/ the going is good so you don't need the skills of a mountaineer or outdoor instructor, you just need to know where to go.

I fully support Mark's endeavours to broaden knowledge of our local surroundings and develop an appreciation of what is on our doorstep. As time goes by, we hope to develop this document with photographs taken on route along with information as to how this walk is relevant to the Pear Tree School Curriculum.

I hope you use this valuable tool to good effect and enjoy your time walking. Remember you are making memories and please as always, take photos.

Kind regards,
David Bartlett MBE

Map Reading

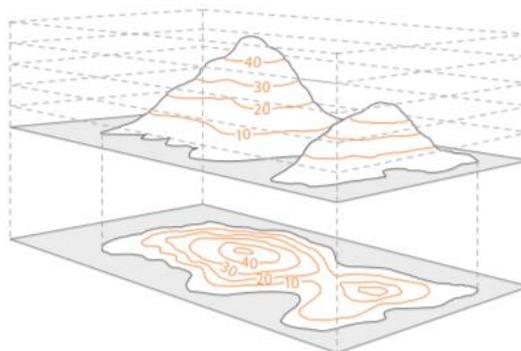
Some of the walking routes enclosed you may have already completed on Outdoor Education and will therefore be familiar to you when you revisit them.

Route description, visual prompts and a route map will aid you for the routes you have yet to try.

If you are concerned what action to take if you begin to struggle to navigate half way through the route, simply turn around and retrace your steps to the start, the day has not been lost and many positive walks are out and backs.

Below are some basic features that most maps will include and will help to build your understanding of map reading.

- Roads tend to be marked in different colours depending on the type of road depicted. Roads on a map range from thick blue lines, showing motorways, orange lines, secondary roads (B roads), yellow lines quieter minor country lanes.
- Footpaths - public rights of way are marked in green dashes.
- Woods are shown in green with a coniferous or non-coniferous tree shape printed over the top.
- Buildings are marked by small brown squares outlined in black. However, some particular buildings have their own special symbols, such as churches and pubs. Any of these buildings can be useful landmarks, helping you to check your position on the map.
- Boundaries around fields such as fences, hedges, are marked with a black line, depicting the exact shape of the field.
- Rivers and streams are shown as blue lines.
- Contours - the height and shape of the land is shown on a map using 'contour lines'. These lines appear as thin orange or brown lines with numbers on them. The number tells you the height above sea level of that line. A contour line is drawn between points of equal height, so any single contour line will be at the same height all the way along its length. The height difference between separate contour lines is 10 metres.





Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

Walk #1

Toy Top Farm, Walworth Castle Loop

Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 11km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Walworth Castle, Denton Houghton-Le-Side

Grid References:

Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2260

Walworth Gate: NZ 2342 2011

Walworth Castle: NZ 2304 1884

Denton: NZ 2179 1894

Houghton-Le-Side: NZ 2230 2177

Turning left out of Toy Top, walk along the grass verge and take your first right. Follow the country lane until it begins to bear right, at this point as shown in the picture, walk to the arrowed sign and locate the stile positioned in the corner. Enter the field, 100m ahead there will be a further stile in the hedge line to your right.



Once over the stile follow the footpath leading diagonally across the field, this will bring you to a derelict building, walk down the next field with the hedge on your left and climb the stile in the corner. You will be greeted with spectacular views that could rival those from the Cleveland hills.

Over the stile bear left, walking diagonally across the field, this will lead you to a steep downhill section following a sheep trail, you will notice in the corner a farm gate, to the left is the stile you need, this will lead to a sleepy **Houghton Le Side** with more impressive views.

Walk through Houghton-Le-Side and take the right turn, signposted Darlington, follow this road for 2km, you will arrive at the junction at Walworth Gate, join the lane signposted Darlington passing the white house, pictured right.



Follow this quiet country road for 400m, locate a footpath on your right, as marked on the picture on the right.

Follow the footpath and this will lead you to Walworth.

Entering Walworth, turn right and join the road leading down past Walworth Castle.



Walworth is the site of an 11th Century castle, in 1579 most of the castle was demolished, apart from the medieval south-west tower and the present castle was constructed. There is no evidence that the building was ever used for defence when completed around 1600, however it was a stronghold during the English Civil War. King James VI of Scotland stayed here on 14 May 1603 while travelling to his coronation as King of England.

The castle became a prisoner-of-war camp during World War II and then a girls' boarding school after the war. It has been a hotel since 1981.

Walking downhill past the castle, trees on both sides, continue until buildings come into view, take the footpath to the right, as marked on the picture on the right.

The route is easy to follow and will lead you to The Gallops from Denton Racing Yard, with the weather gallops to your right, continue through, entering Denton.



Denton is a key horse racing area. Denton Race Stables owned by Michael Dodds has facilities set in 540 acres, there are three gallops available to train the horses; a 5 furlong all weather woodchip, a 6 furlong all weather sand gallop and a 7 furlong grass gallop, the yard is capable of stabling around 70 horses.

Walking through the lane, passing the stable, at the junction, turn right, this road will lead to return to Houghton- Le-Side, from there you will return to Toy Top following the same route used at the start.

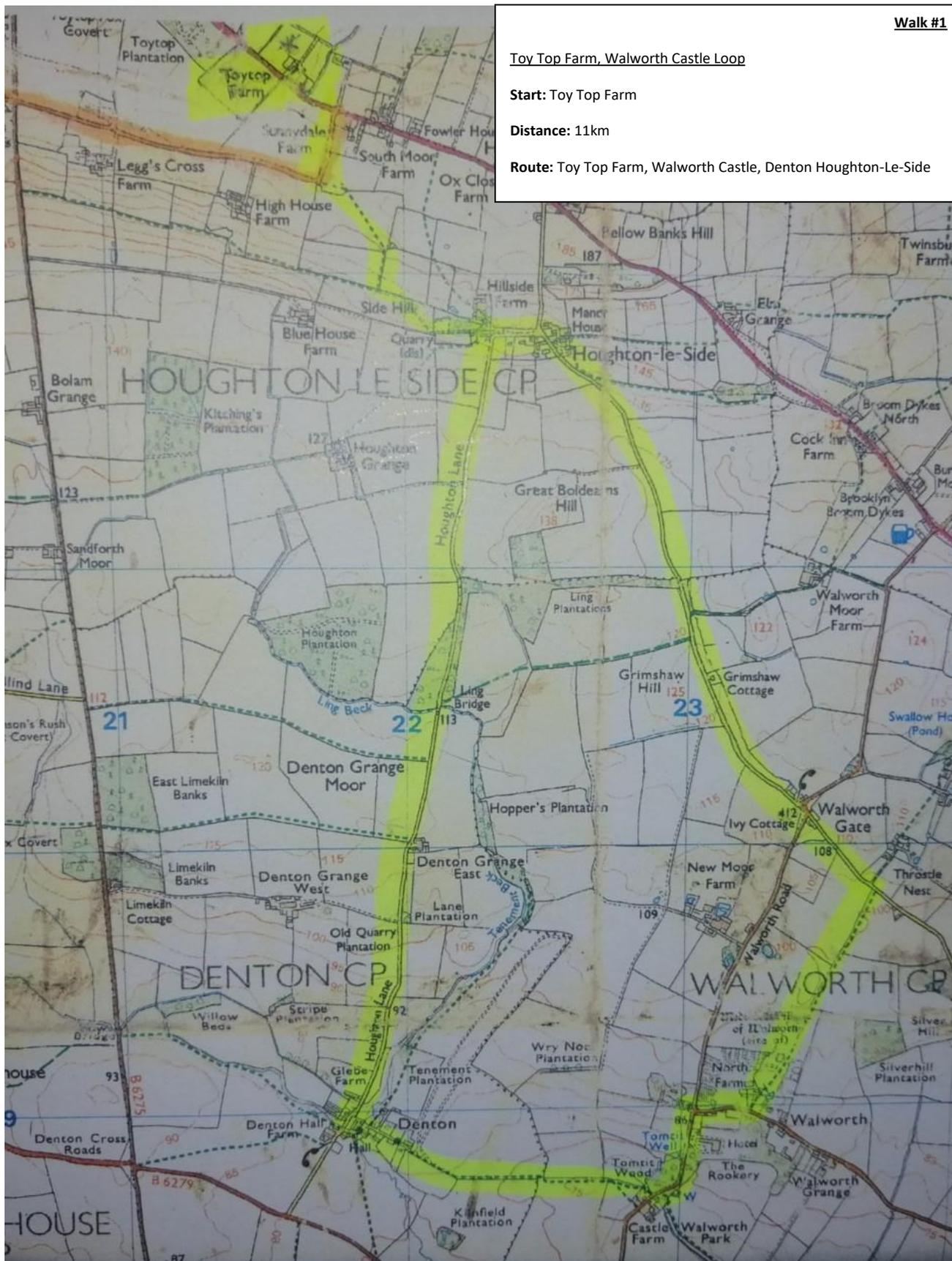
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Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 11km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Walworth Castle, Denton Houghton-Le-Side



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Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Toy Top Farm, Walworth Map number: 305
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
<p>Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points:</p> <p>Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2260</p> <p>Walworth Gate: NZ 2342 2011</p> <p>Walworth Castle: NZ 2304 1884</p> <p>Denton: NZ 2179 1894</p> <p>Houghton-Le-Side: NZ 2230 2177</p>	

Toy Top, Denton Grange, Bolam Loop

Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 12km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Houghton Le Side, Denton Grange, Killerby, Bolam

Grid References:

Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2264

Houghton Le Side: NZ 2230 2178

Denton Grange: NZ 2200 2002

Killerby: NZ 1935 1983

Bolam: NZ 1996 2249

Places of interest and route details:

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left is the stile you need, this will lead to a sleepy **Houghton Le Side**. To your right you will see a country road heading down hill, this is the route for you to follow. Pictured above.

Follow this lane which will lead you to a woodland section, shortly after leaving the woodland take the public footpath to your right.

Continue along footpath through fields until you meet the Piercebridge Roman Road. Walk straight over joining a minor road. Continue forward along, the road will then turn left. This is your trigger to locate a footpath on the edge of the woodland. Follow the footpath down, this will lead you to open fields, walk straight over the fields to join North Lane.

Continue along the lane and this will lead you to the village of **Killerby**. Turning right walking through Killerby, the road will eventually fork (pictured), at this point, follow the route right, the lane will lead to a further country lane, turn right and follow this road passing **Morton Tinmouth, Bolam** and returning to Toy Top.



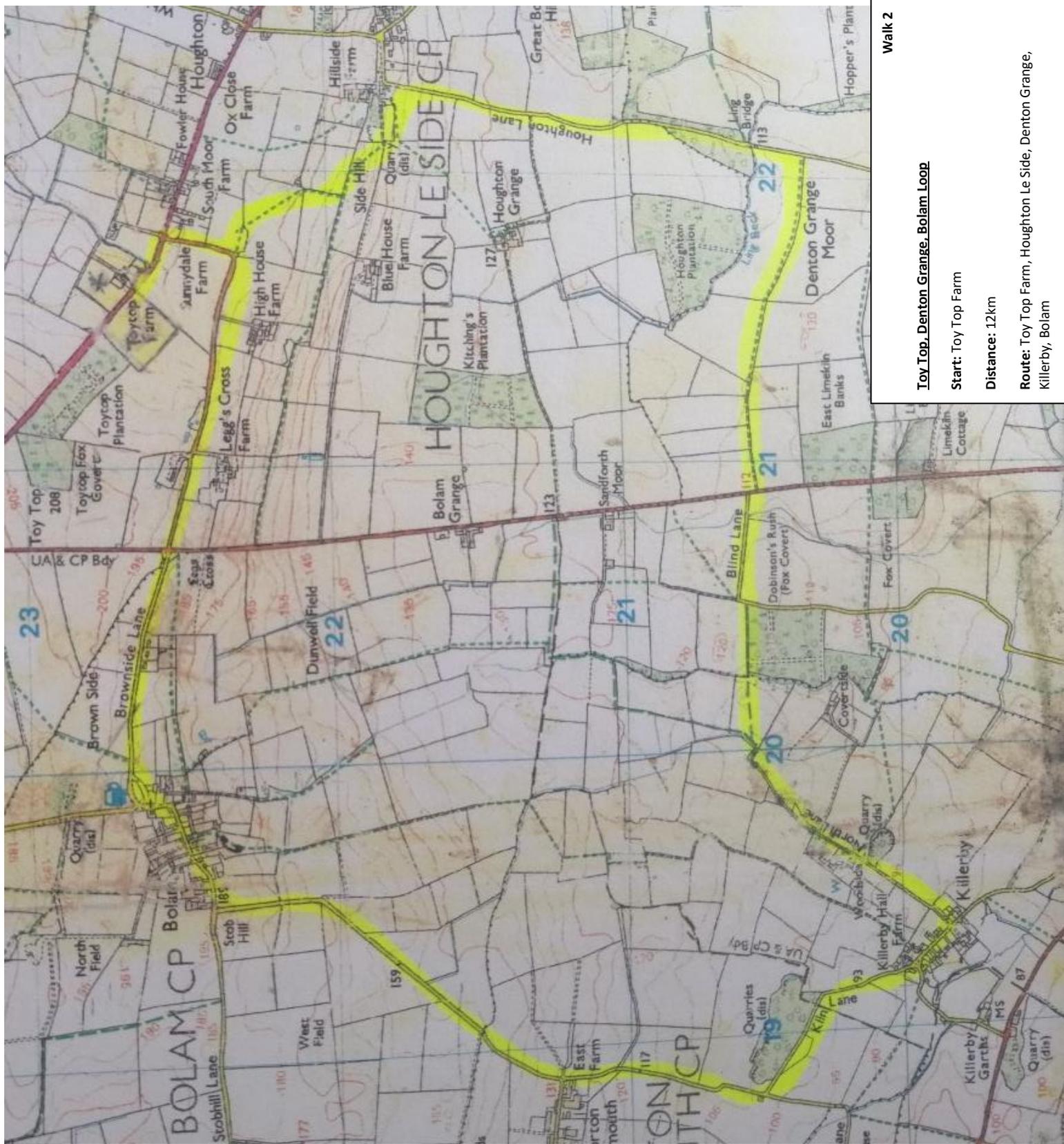
There are some notable older buildings in Kilerby, at the south end of the village is Killerby Grange, which dates back to 1683, as well as a house dating from the 17th century, once was the “Old Granary,” both are Grade II listed. At the north end, by the village green, is Killerby Hall, which dates back to the early 19th century.

When passing Morton Tinmouth, have a look around the very small hamlet, to the left is a stone plaque, made by local farmer Hilliard Dent commemorating the 2001 foot and mouth outbreak and culling of his pedigree Jomatt Herd.

Foot and Mouth is a highly infectious disease, which mainly affects cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, it plunged the agricultural industry into crisis.

The stone acknowledges the death of 230 “very high yielding” cattle – “a lifetime’s work taken away in one day”. In total 10 million animals were slaughtered in the foot and mouth cull.

Being local to the area, at 17 years old I remember working at West Farm in Morton Tinmouth for David Maughan, cleaning and sanitising everything, in an attempt to reduce infection and be ready for the “inspectors” to give the farm the all clear and help the farm move forward.



Walk 2

Toy Top, Denton Grange, Bolam Loop

Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 12km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Houghton Le Side, Denton Grange, Killerby, Bolam

Outdoor Activity Information

Date:	House:
Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Toy Top Farm, Killerby Map number: 305
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
<p>Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points:</p> <p>Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2264</p> <p>Houghton Le Side: NZ 2230 2178</p> <p>Denton Grange: NZ 2200 2002</p> <p>Killerby: NZ 1935 1983</p> <p>Bolam: NZ 1996 2249</p>	

Toy Top Farm - "Around the block"

Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 13.5km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Bolam, Morton Tinmouth, Hilton

Grid References:

Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2260

Bolam: NZ 1965 2241

Morton Tinmouth: NZ 1874 2127

Hilton: NZ 1661 2191

"Around the block" this is the term used by the equine team, when they choose to exercise the horses on this route.

Turning left out of Toy Top, walk up the grass verge and take your first right, continue along this road until you arrive at the crossroads. Walk straight over the crossroad and to your left in the field is a stone monument named Leg's Cross – go and take a look.

The monument Legs Cross lies alongside the Roman road known as Dere Street, running north from Piercebridge, a Roman milestone once laid next to the monument, however, is no longer evident.

Dating from the 9th century, the cross reuses the position of the milestone as a boundary between the parishes of Gainford and Staindrop, this is probably a subdivision of a major Anglo Saxon estate centred on Gainford Village."



Locally it is said Legion 10 built this road section (the Roman fort and bridge at Piercebridge is nearby), hence the name Leg X, 'legge' is also the Anglo-Saxon word for 'boundary'.

Return to the road, and follow the country lane leading to Bolam, passing St Andrew's Church on your left which was built in 1835.

Continue walking through Bolam, following the road downhill, until you have an option of turning right, take this turn entering Morton Tinmouth.

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Walk along this quiet country road for 2.5km, until you reach Hilton. Continue until you meet the fork in the road, (pictured below left) bear right and you will shortly meet a junction. Turn right, walking passed the house, pictured below right.

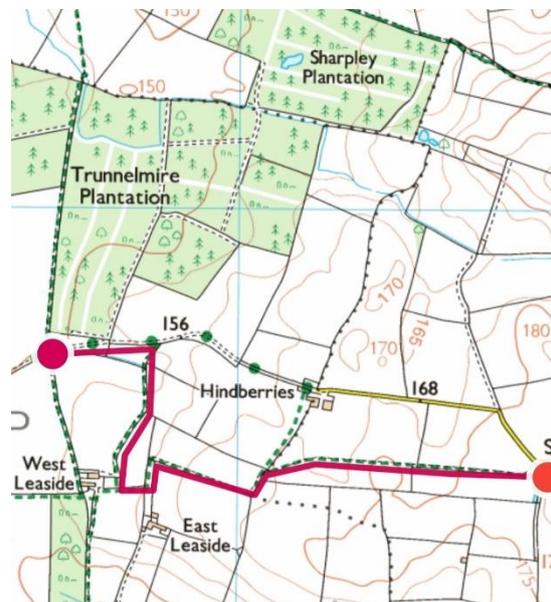


Follow Moor Lane road for 0.5km, before turning right joining the gravel track bridleyway. Pictured below.



Walk along the gravel track for 1km, this will lead you to see woodland on your left, (Trunelmire Plantation), check map for reference. Seeing the woodland is your trigger to ensure to follow map instructions, pictured right, this route choice is to avoid walking straight through Hindberries Farm, the residents are vulnerable and isolating This route will lead to Seldomn Seen, Pear Tree land.

Join Stobhill lane, follow the road, this will lead you to Bolam and onto Toy Top Farm.



Walk #3

Toy Top Farm - "Around the block"

Start: Toy Top Farm

Distance: 13.5km

Route: Toy Top Farm, Bolam, Morton Timmouth, Hilton



Date:	House:
Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Toy Top Farm, Hilton Map number: 305
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
<p>Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points:</p> <p>Toy Top Farm: NZ 2163 2260</p> <p>Bolam: NZ 1965 2241</p> <p>Morton Tinmouth: NZ 1874 2127</p> <p>Hilton: NZ 1661 2191</p>	

Tees Bridges Loop

Start: Fewster Gill

Distance: 11.5km

Route: Fewster Gill – Ovington – Whorlton Bridge – Holme Wood – Winston Bridge

Grid References:

Fewster Gill: NZ 1388 1521

Ovington: NZ 1315 1471

Whorlton Bridge: NZ 1065 1457

Holme Wood: NZ 1362 1555

Winston Bridge: NZ 1428 1625

Places of interest and route details:

The start of the walk takes you to Ovington Village, known as The Maypole Village, Ovington has had a Maypole on the green since the 17th Century.

Continue to follow the road through the village, once you begin to walk out of Ovington, the last house on the left is a trigger point for you to locate a stile on the right, the stile is inline from where house garden ends.



Go over the stile, follow the footpath for two fields, turn left, passing woodland on your left and then in the next field passing woodland to your right.

Leaving the field, turn right and follow the country road, on route you will pass Wycliffe Hall (pictured below, with its distinctively perfect hedge), continue down this road until you see a right turn signposted Wycliffe, take this turn to Wycliffe, this road will lead you to a dead end, however continue through and you are now on The Teesdale Way, heading to Whorlton Bridge.



Whorlton Bridge was constructed in 1831, it is believed to be the oldest of its type in Britain still to be supported on its original chains.



The bridge and the toll house that stands at the north end were built to serve the turnpike road that allowed coal from local pits to be profitably transported into Yorkshire. Before this a ford had existed some way downstream opposite Wycliffe whilst a pre-established ferry service continued to operate for 20 years after the bridge was built. To prevent non-payers from using the bridge, heavy iron gates were installed between the piers next to the toll house.

Walk over the bridge, up the road hill entering the village of Whorlton, continue walking through the village until you see the right turn, pictured below.

Turn right, following a gravel track for 1km, you will see a farm in the distance (**Map reference Low Barn Farm**), there is an option to continue walking straight on heading to the farm or turn right to join another route, leading near to **Grants Farm**. At this point turn right, to ensure you avoid the Low Barn Farm, you will then link up with the Teesdale Way which is clearly marked all the way to Winston Bridge.

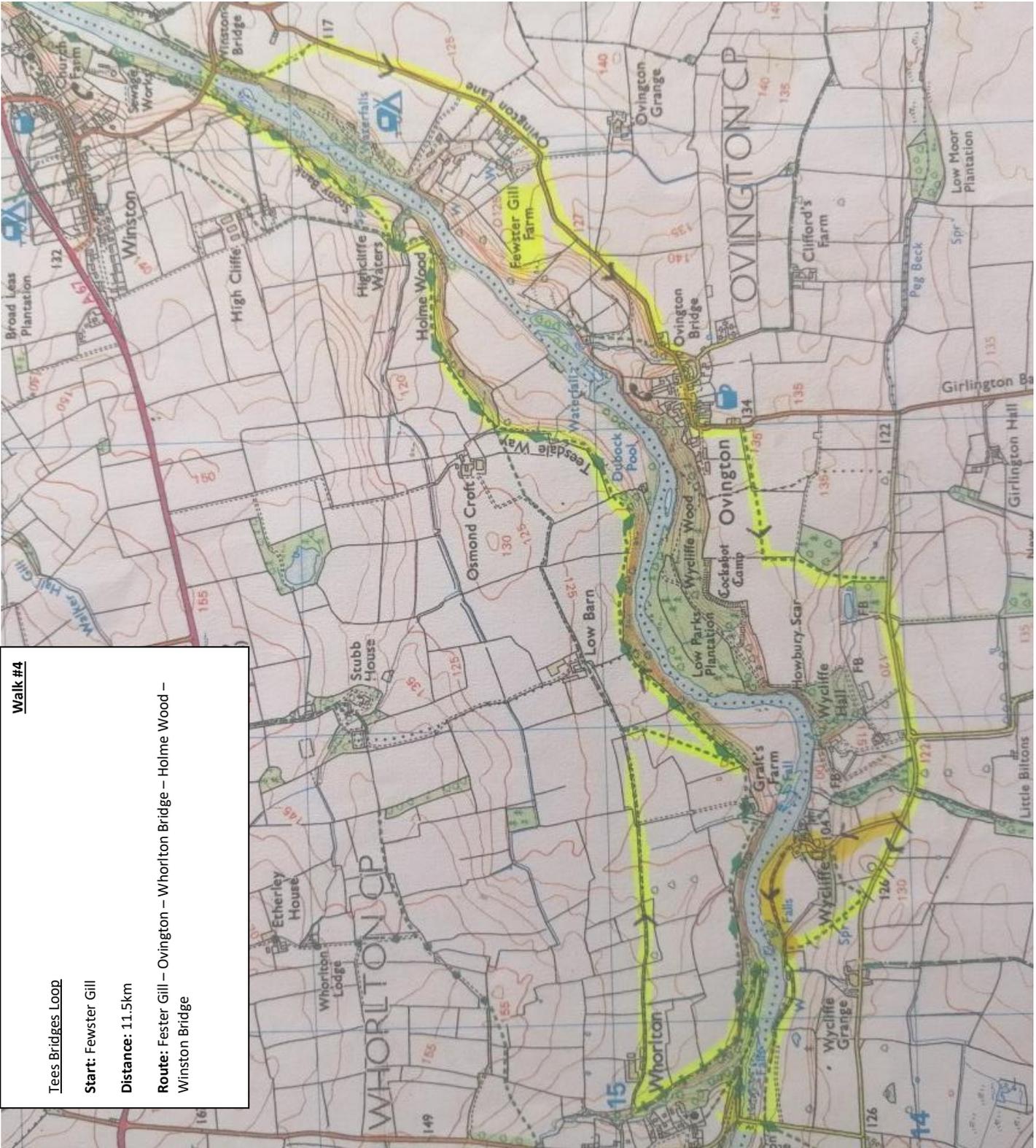


Winston Bridge, you will notice on the bridge there is a bronze sculpture of a Spitfire, the statue was unveiled in 2018 to mark 30 years since a Second World War 2 Spitfire, flew underneath Winston Bridge travelling at 250mph only a few feet above the River Tees.

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Winston was presumably chosen for the width of its single span arch: 111ft (34 metres). When it opened in September 1763, having taken five years to build, the bridge was hailed as the widest span anywhere in Europe.





Walk #4

Tees Bridges Loop

Start: Fewster Gill

Distance: 11.5km

Route: Fester Gill – Whorlton Bridge – Holme Wood – Winston Bridge

Outdoor Activity Information	
Date:	House:
Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Whorlton, Winston Map number: 304
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points: Fewster Gill: NZ 1388 1521 Ovington: NZ 1315 1471 Whorlton Bridge: NZ 1065 1457 Holme Wood: NZ 1362 1555 Winston Bridge: NZ 1428 1625	

Selaby Hall Loop

Start: Fewster Gill

Distance: 13km

Route: Fewster Gill – Winston Bridge – Selaby Park – Westholme Bridge – Winston Village

Grid References:

Fewster Gill: NZ 1388 1521

Winston Bridge: NZ 1434 1625

Selaby Hall Park: NZ 1545 1800

Westholme Bridge: NZ 1407 1781

Winston Village: NZ 1411 1670

Places of interest and route details:

The start of the walk leads you to Winston Bridge, you will notice on the bridge there is a bronze sculpture of a Spitfire, the statue was unveiled in 2018 to mark 30 years since a Second World War 2 Spitfire flew underneath Winston Bridge, travelling at 250mph only a few feet above the River Tees.

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Once over the bridge you join The Teesdale Way heading towards Gainford. This is a really picturesque section and particularly quiet, the majority of cars you will see parked near Winston Bridge will be for a river retreat hotspot in the opposite direction.

West Tees Bridge

You will follow this river section until you arrive at West Tees Bridge.

Upon arrival at the bridge, walk up the steep steps that leads you to the top of the bridge, continue along footpath you will reach the A67 road, turning right (heading to Gainford) you follow the A67 for 400m. At the top of the hill, you will notice a sign post for Selaby, turn left and follow this quiet country lane.



South Lodge



Walking along Selaby lane, you approach South Lodge, the official footpath leads you through the back garden of this property, however continue walking past the house for several metres walking over a cattle grid, turn left and this allows you to re-join the footpath.

You are now in the grounds of Selaby Hall.



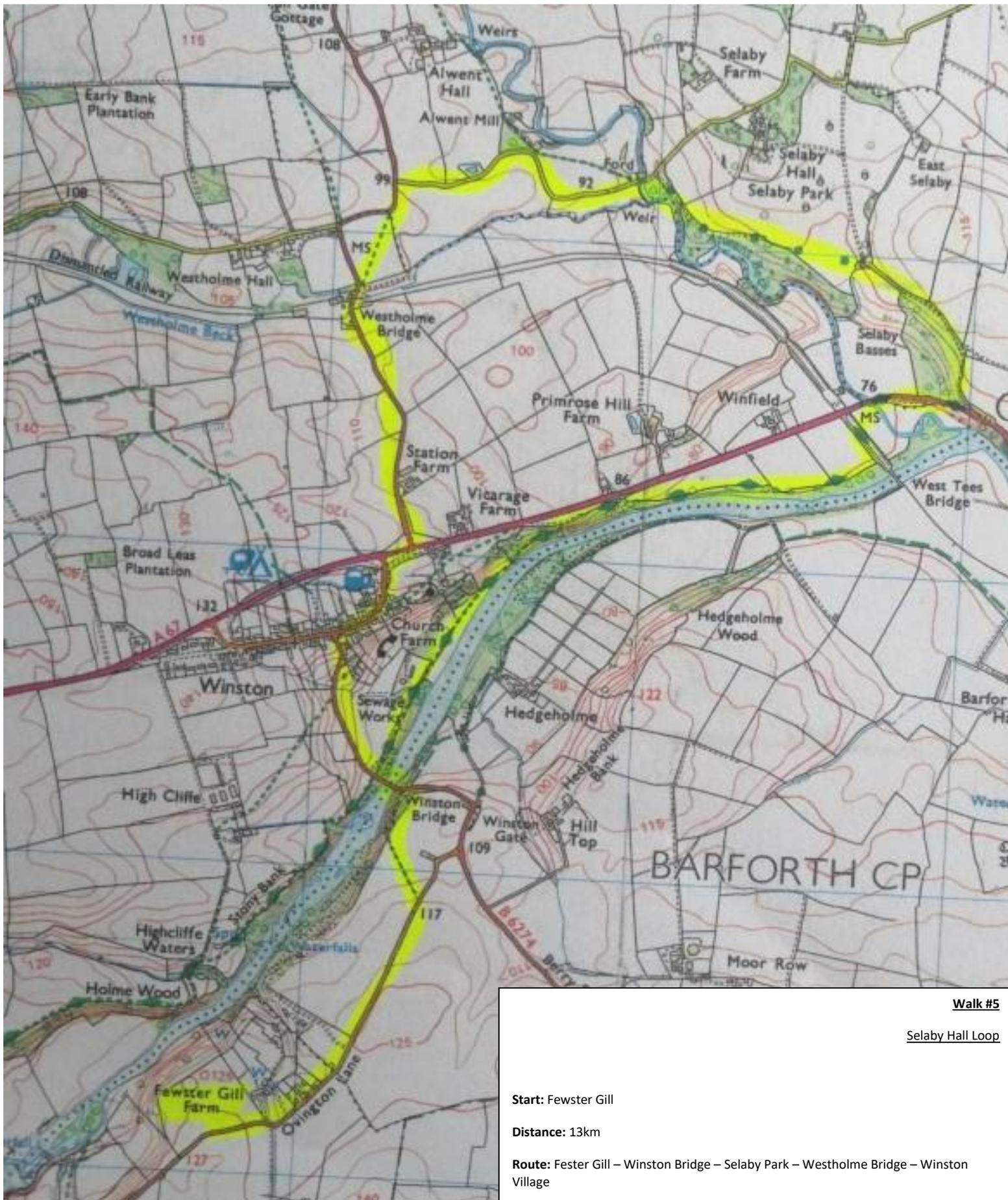
Selaby hall is the residence of Lord Barnard who owns The Raby Estate. Also known as Baron Barnard. Lord Barnard's Raby Estates cover a colossal 55,000 acres of England, putting him in the top league of private landowners (for comparison, the Queen's huge personal estate at Sandringham runs at 20,000 acres).

The Raby Estate owns land starting very near to Toy Top Farm, including Raby Castle and stretches all the way To Upper Teesdale, passing High Force (which is Raby Estate) and continues just past Cow Green Reservoir, Raby Estate also own 6,500 acres in Shropshire.

During your walk today, any white washed farms you see are usually a sign they are owned by Raby Estate.

Walking through the grounds you will see ahead a woodland to the left, aim for the gate, walk through and this leads you along a downhill woodland walk that brings you out at a ford, I have had the pleasure of cycling through the ford with many children and staff over the years some have made it through, many have fallen in!

You will now follow country lanes, which will lead you to Winston village and you will then return to Fewster Gill.



Walk #5

Selaby Hall Loop

Start: Fewster Gill

Distance: 13km

Route: Fester Gill – Winston Bridge – Selaby Park – Westholme Bridge – Winston Village

Outdoor Activity Information	
Date:	House:
Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Fewster Gill, Selaby Map number: 304
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
<p>Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points:</p> <p>Fewster Gill: NZ 1388 1521</p> <p>Winston Bridge: NZ 1434 1625</p> <p>Selaby Hall Park: NZ 1545 1800</p> <p>Westholme Bridge: NZ 1407 1781</p> <p>Winston Village: NZ 1411 1670</p>	

Piercebridge, Aldbrough St John Loop

Start: Piercebridge, The George overflow Car Park

Distance: 14km

Route: Piercebridge – Aldbrough St John – Eppleby – Cliff Hall

Grid References:

Piercebridge: NZ 2116 1551

Aldbrough St John: NZ 2043 1161

Eppleby: NZ 1781 1322

Burnthouse Plantation: NZ 1906 1469

Places of interest and route details:

Piercebridge was once the site of a Roman fort from AD 260–270, it was built at the point where Dere Street crossed the River Tees. Dere Street was the main road north that would lead you to Hadrian's Wall

Part of the fort has been excavated and is open to the public, it is located behind the Church in the village, there are also remains of the Roman Bridge, the path to this is located next to The George overflow car park, both are worth a visit.



Walk from The George overflow car park to the road bridge, take the footpath to the left, as pictured below. This will take you through Kathleen Wood and onto open fields. You are greeted with a Cricket pitch to your right, this is used by Cliffe Cricket Club.

The walk is very easy to navigate all the way to Aldbrough St John, there is a clearly identified footpath all the way, with the aid of arrow signs.



Upon arrival at Aldbrough St John, you will walk through the attractive quaint village, passing the village green to your right and walk over a bridge, pictured below.



Once over the bridge, follow the gravel track, bear left passing the property and head through the gate, arrowed below.



Walk through a gate entering fields, following the stream to your right, this will lead you to a small ford with the option of a footbridge, walk over the bridge and enter the field.

Entering the field, bear left, keep your eyes peeled for a stile ahead, you will walk through three fields before meeting a country lane, continue along the lane and take your first right, walking to Carlton, passing Carlton Hall, heading to Oak Wood. (Check the map for reference)

Upon arrival at Oakwood, turn left joining the footpath, this will take you to Eppleby, once in the village, Eppleby Café will be ahead of you, turn right, and continue to follow the county road for out of the village for 900m and then take a left turn, this will take you past Burnthouse Plantation, continue to the end of the road and turn right.

This is will lead you to pass the impressive Cliffe Hall, passing the cricket pitch you saw at the start and then at the top of the bank use the stile to lead you back into the field you started this walk on and return to Piercebridge.



Cliff Hall

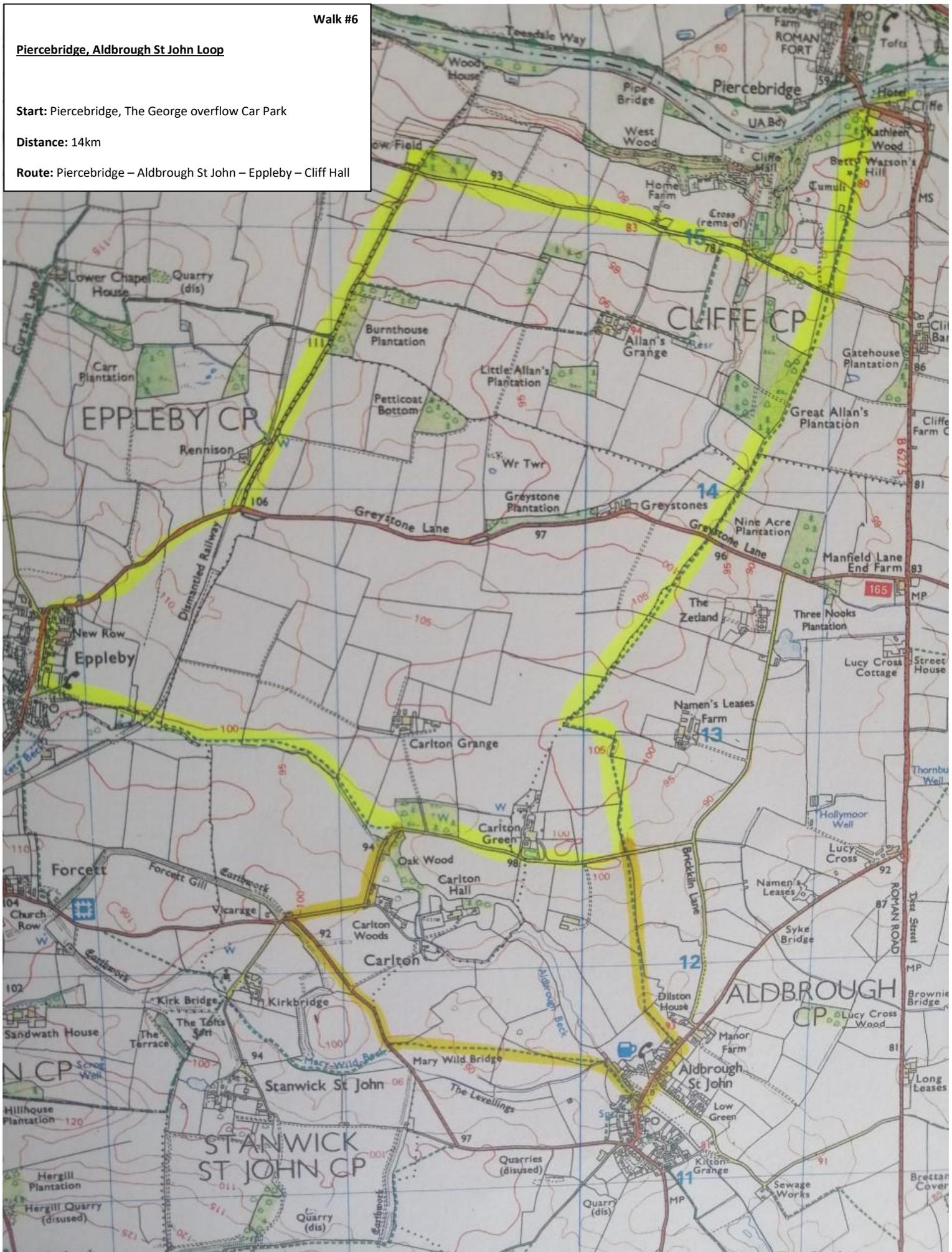
Walk #6

Piercebridge, Aldbrough St John Loop

Start: Piercebridge, The George overflow Car Park

Distance: 14km

Route: Piercebridge – Aldbrough St John – Eppleby – Cliff Hall



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Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Piercebridge, Aldbrough St John Map number: 304
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
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The Manor, Low Hall Bridge out & back

Start: The Manor

Distance: 12.5km

Route: The Manor, Croft-on-Tees, Low Hall Bridge, same route return

Grid References:

Stapleton Manor: NZ 2643 1178

Monk End Wood: NZ 2765 1067

Croft Bridge: NZ 2898 0984

Low Hall Bridge: NZ 3110 1006

Places of interest and route details:

This route is very simple to navigate, following the River Tees from The Manor to Croft-on-Tees, arriving at Low Bridge Hall.

Join the country lane situated behind The Manor, using the new inputted road located at the back of the stack yard, turn right and follow the lane, you will shortly pass Stapleton Grange, keep left, joining The Teesdale Way. The route from here is well marked and easy to follow. Upon arrival at Croft, you will firstly see the local Church and in the distance Croft bridge.



The Church of St Peter dates back to the 12th century. Between 1843 and 1868, Lewis Carroll (Author of Alice in Wonderland) his father was the cleric at the church. The family arrived in the village when Carroll was 11-years' old, and he stayed until he was 19 before he left for Oxford. Many items inside the church have been cited as inspiration for a varying number of characters from Carroll's work, the grinning cat on the Sedilla (stone seats) is believed to have inspired the Cheshire Cat.

Croft road bridge, floods destroyed an early timber bridge in 1356, rebuilding of the stone bridge we see today was completed in the 15th century.

The bridge over the Tees between Croft and Hurworth marks the boundary between North Yorkshire and County Durham. Seven stone arches carry the A167 road between Hurworth-on-Tees in County Durham and Croft in North Yorkshire.



Once over the bridge, The Comet pub will be in front of you, take the right turn heading to Hurworth, walk along the footpath, this will lead you to walk over the railway bridge, once over the bridge, turn right, joining the bridleway (**map reference Blind Lane**) continue along the bridleway which will lead you to **Low Hall Bridge**, pictured below.



Same route return.

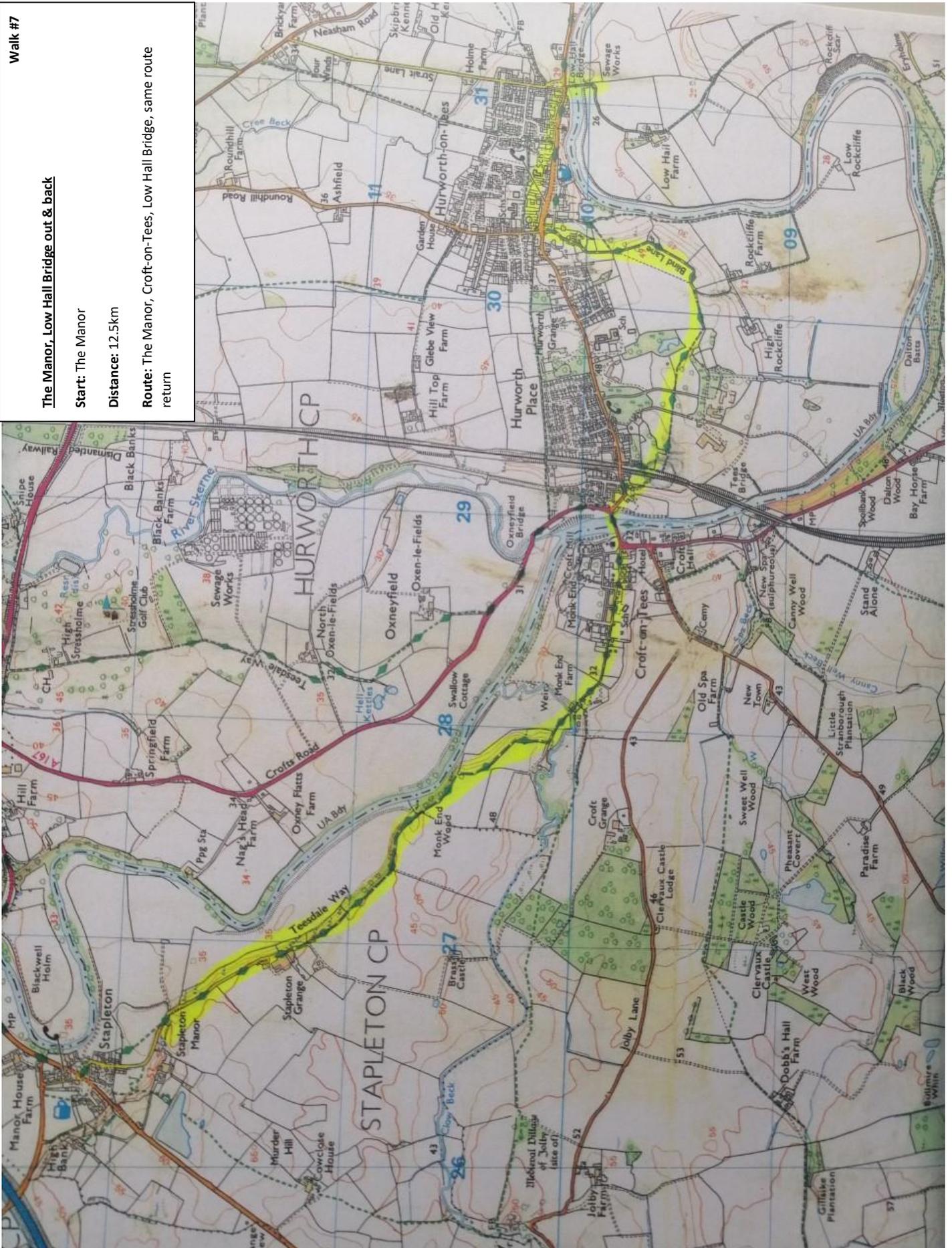
Walk #7

The Manor, Low Hall Bridge out & back

Start: The Manor

Distance: 12.5km

Route: The Manor, Croft-on-Tees, Low Hall Bridge, same route return



Outdoor Activity Information	
Date:	House:
Office informed:	Duty Manager informed:
Young people:	Staff :
Vehicle in use:	Area of operation: Stapleon, Hurworth Map number: 304
Time of departure:	Estimated time of return:
Panic time:	
<p>Details of route, including six-figure grid references and way points:</p> <p>Stapleton Manor: NZ 2643 1178</p> <p>Monk End Wood: NZ 2765 1067</p> <p>Croft Bridge: NZ 2898 0984</p> <p>Low Hall Bridge: NZ 3110 1006</p>	