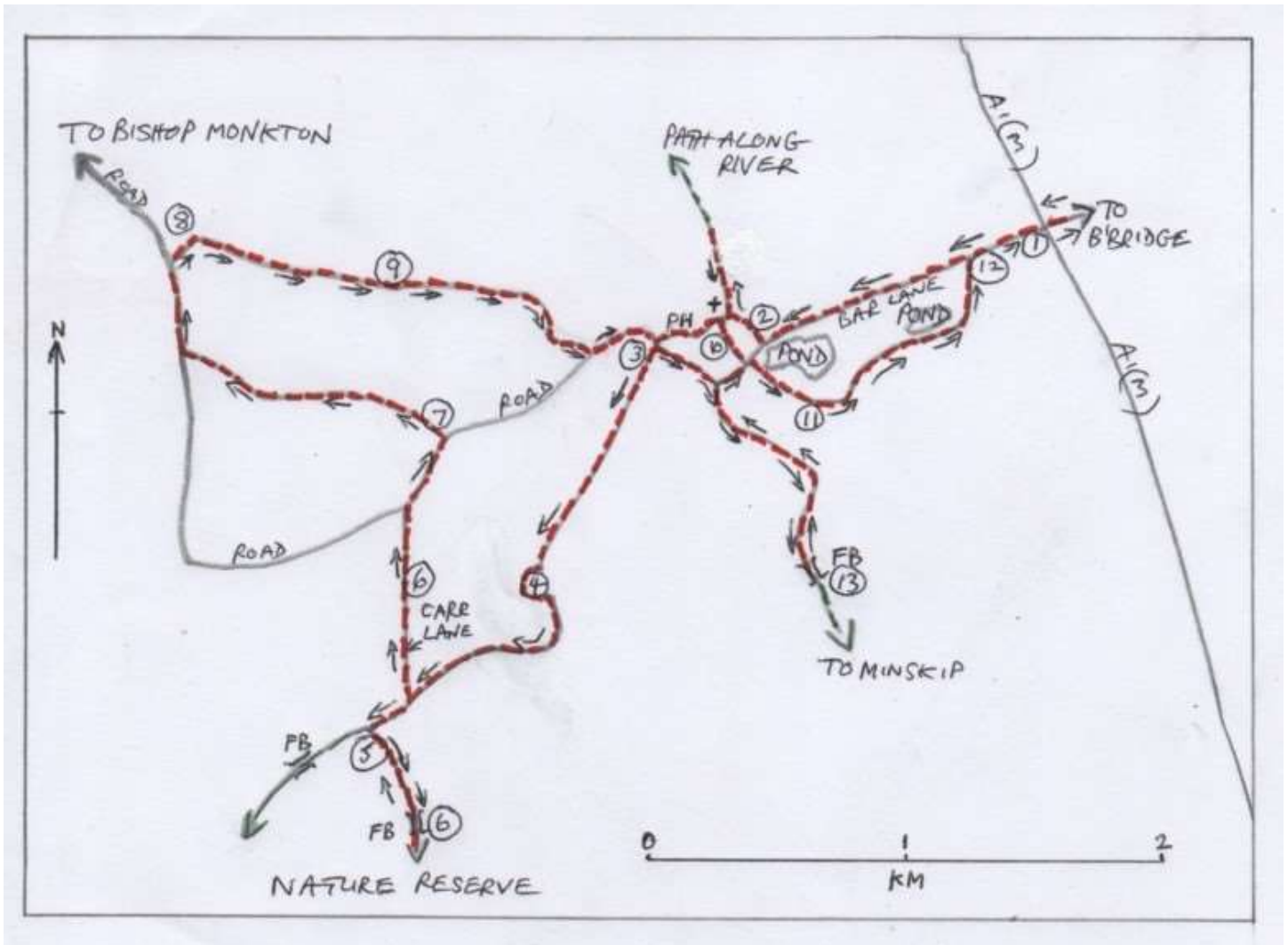


Boroughbridge Striders Walks: Exploring Walking Routes around Roecliffe



KEY TO MAP (NB The map above is hand-drawn and for illustrative purposes only; it is not suitable for navigation)

FB – foot bridge; PH – public house (The Crown Hotel); + - church

The walk starts in **Boroughbridge** but the first point on the map is:

1. Road from Boroughbridge to Roecliffe (Bar Lane) passes under the A1 (M)
2. On entering Roecliffe village, take path down to start of the river bank before returning to village, passing church and pub on right
3. Take path SSW heading for Waingates Farm (on OS map)
4. Waingates Farm (path is diverted round the property)
5. Newfields Farm (on OS map)
6. Carr Top Farm (on OS map) – note route into Staveley Nature Reserve, over foot bridge, then return to Newfields Farm and take Carr Lane to Bishop Monkton road
7. Take Wheatlands Lane (the stile beyond the house is in poor condition but access down the lane is usually not a problem) and head west until the Bishop Monkton road is reached
8. At 8, head down a muddy (winter) track to the path back to Roecliffe via Roecliffe Grange Farm
9. Roecliffe Grange Farm

At 3, find the path which runs SE across the field. If you turn left, having crossed the field and surmounted the stile, you find an "engineering"(?) business. From here, head for home on the track marked 11 around the back of Roecliffe Ponds (fishing) and alongside Reed-Bordall before joining Bar Lane at 12. HOWEVER, if time allows, we walk along the old railway line route; find our way to the footbridge at 13 (not immediately obvious in the summer); and make a note of the way to Minskip before doubling back and joining the 11/12 path. This adds 2 km to the total distance

DISTANCE AND TIMING

The full walk, including the section out to 13 and back, is around 16 km (10 miles). It's likely to be a 3 hour hike for someone who is totally familiar with the route. Otherwise allow 4 hours at a comfortable pace

CAUTION

You will almost certainly need the 1:25 000 OS map (Explorer, 299) on your first attempt.

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