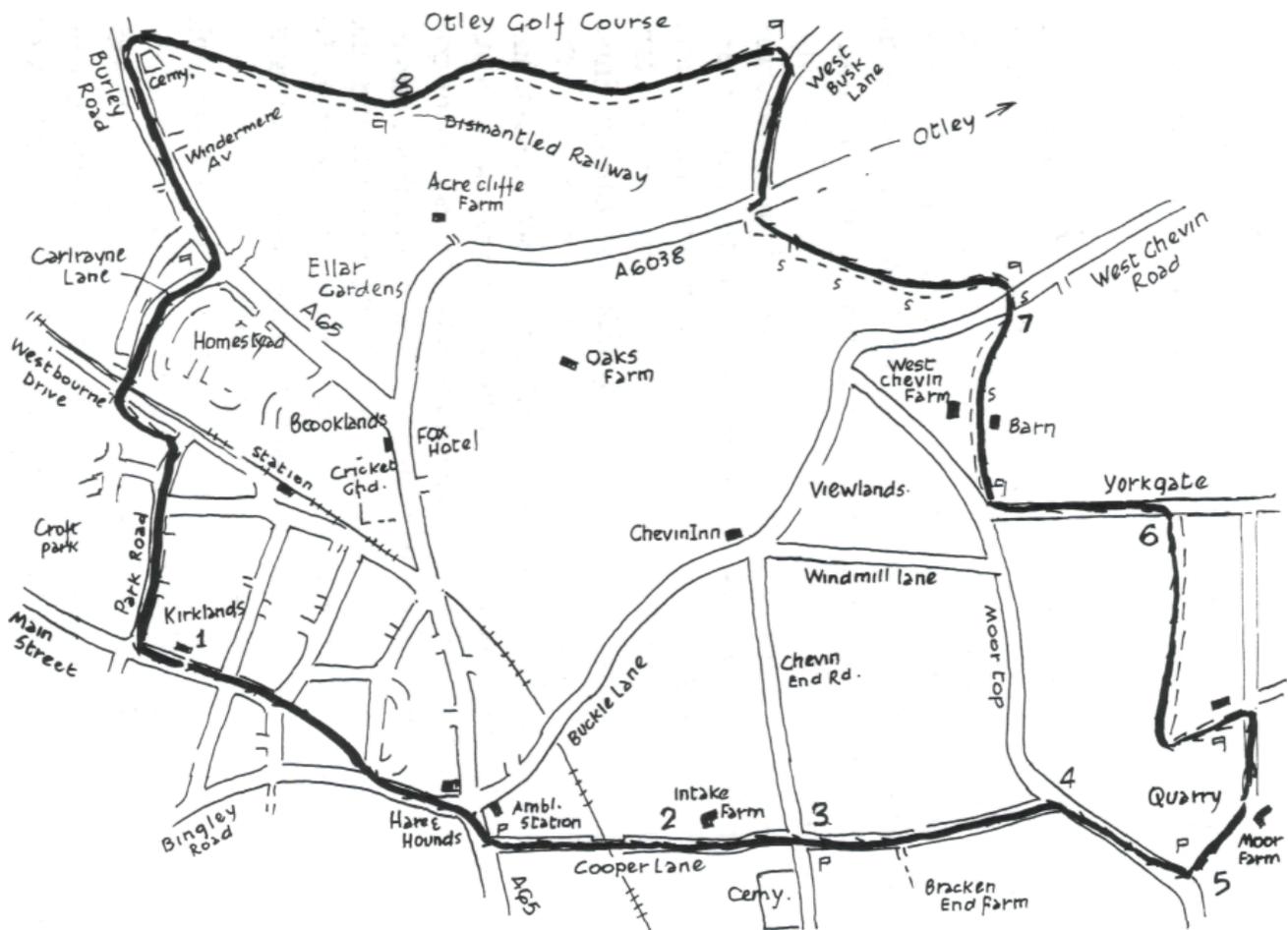


Walk No 1: Guiseley Moor — Otley Golf Course

This walk is approximately 6 miles and walking boots/wellies are recommended.



(1) From Kirklands walk along Main Street towards the park, which you then cross to reach Bingley Road. Go along Bingley Road to the traffic lights at the Hare & Hounds. Cross the A65. Turn right to Guiseley and take first left at the footpath sign just past the Ambulance Station. This is Cooper Lane [so called because Cooper who occupied Intake Farm built the lane to enable him to transport stone from his quarry to the site of the new Menston Asylum (High Royds Hospital)].

After crossing the railway line, the lane becomes a narrow path (muddy at times) climbing steadily and passing Intake Farm on the left (2) to meet the Chevin End-Guiseley road. Cross the road to the bridleway (3) directly opposite. Continue upwards, ignoring any signs to left or right passing through an old shallow quarry (known as Whale Jaws Hill).

To the left of the quarry is a plantation of trees reputed to be a memorial. Continue forward to meet a metalled road (Moor Road) opposite the old Yeadon Waterworks buildings. (4) At this point turn right for approximately quarter of a mile passing a quarry on the left (good views over towards Hawksworth and beyond).

At a footpath sign (5) turn left along a cart track to Moor Farm (quarry on left) at which point

the track swings to the left. Continue uphill to a further footpath sign on the left, cross the stile and follow this ill-defined path for about 60-100 yards before turning sharp right to cross a field to a stile, keeping the farm well to the right. Keep straight ahead crossing two further stiles after which a metalled road (Yorkgate) comes into view. Another stile takes you on to this road.

At Yorkgate (6) turn left going downhill to a footpath sign on the right, by a gate just before the junction with Moor Road. Take the track to the farm (West Chevin Farm) until a barn is reached. The track then goes down the left hand side of the barn to a stile followed almost immediately by a further one. At this point, the field which you just entered falls steeply, it is here that outstanding views both up and down Wharfedale are to be observed. There is no clearly defined path at this point, carefully move down the grass slope bearing to the right and eventually arriving at the bottom right hand corner of the field where you will find a stile (7).

From this stile cross the road (West Chevin Road) to a further stile by the side of a metal gate (Footpath Sign). The footpath moves downhill past a house to a stile. Follow the clearly defined footpath crossing a further stile to arrive at a third stile by a stone bridge (Crossing the old railway line).

The footpath continues downwards to meet the Otley-Menston road (A6038) cross this road and turn right towards West Busk Lane at which point turn left, following the edge of the golf course. After about 200 yards there is a sharp turn left along a paved road which leads to the golf club. Proceed along this road until a blue marker post appears on the left just before the car park.

The footpath passes between the group of trees to a further blue post and as you emerge from the trees an additional post can be seen diagonally ahead leading to the fourth tee on the golf course (Note if golfers are teeing off at the time of your arrival please remain quiet otherwise you will engage their wrath). Two further posts come into view one on the edge of the fairway, the other at the edge of a wood (Milner Wood) across the fairway, be careful to look for any golfers who may be approaching from the right. Climb the wood to reach the track of the old Otley-Ilkley railway line (8).



Turn right along the old track until a cemetery appears on the left hand side, at this point the track goes left down a flight of stone steps, turning right at the bottom, the path then continues forward to meet the Menston-Burley road (A65). Turn left here walking back towards Menston. A little way past the end of Windermere Avenue on the right hand side of the A65 is a bridleway marked Carlayne Lane. Take this path which climbs gently to a railway bridge, which you cross, turning sharp left along Westbourne Drive. After approximately 100 yards turn right up Park Road which climbs up to Main Street where a left turn will bring you back to Kirklands.