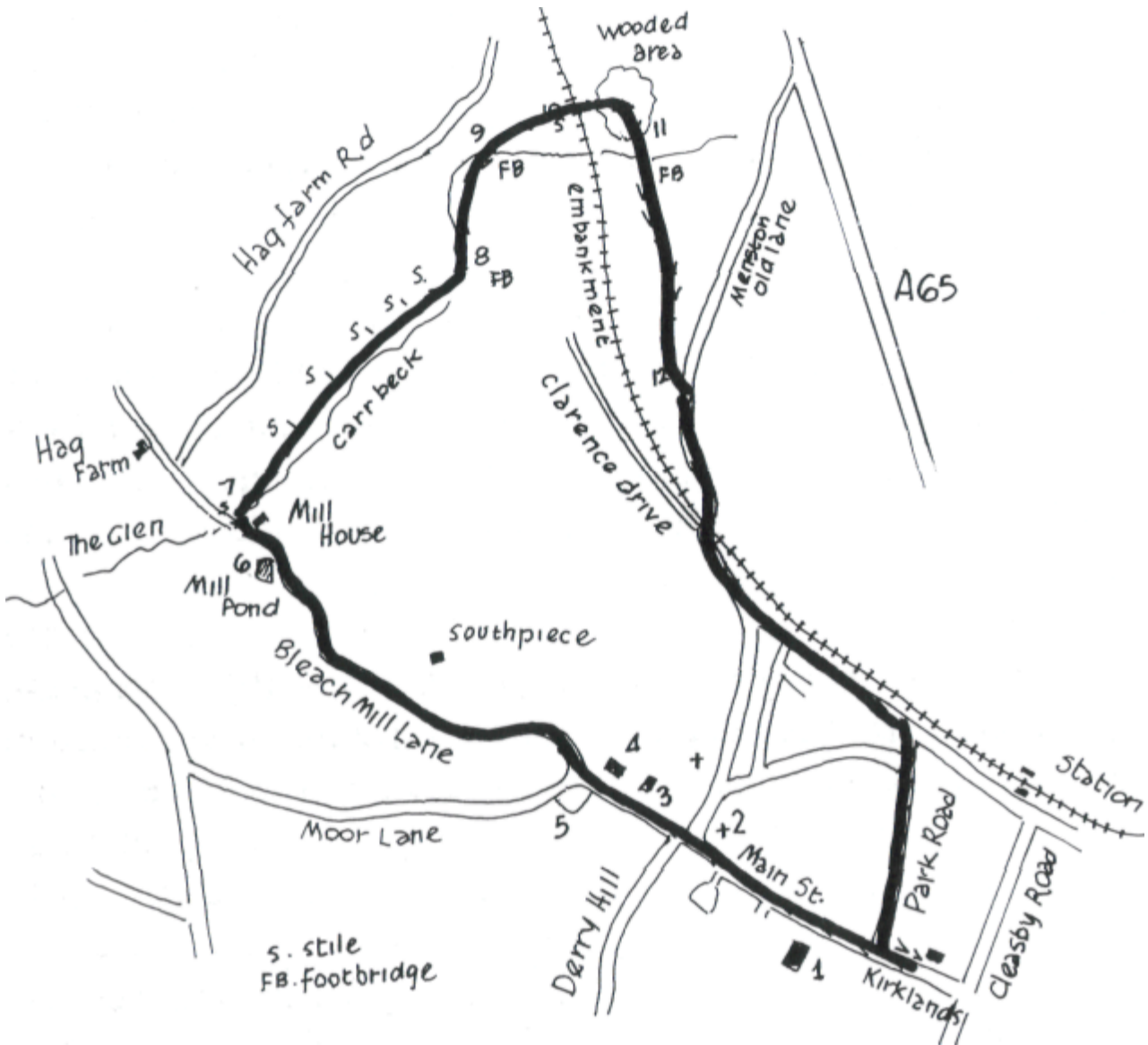


Walk No 5: Bleach Mill Lane — Menston Old Lane

This walk is approximately 2.5 miles.- walking boots/wellies are strongly recommended.



Starting from Kirklands move along Main Street in the direction of the village centre, passing the school (1) the Methodist Church (2) and the two pubs at Four Lane Ends. Continue forward on Moor Lane, noticing first Fairfax Hall (3) on the right then Grange Farm also on right (4), with its hanging stone. As the road bends left round Butterfield Park (5) turn right on Bleach Mill Lane.

Follow Bleach Mill Lane as far as Bleach Mill House. As you walk down the lane look out over

lovely views and spot Almscliffe Cragg, Burley Parish Church, Otley and the edge of Burley Moor. Watch for herons and moorhens as you pass the mill pond (6).

At Bleach Mill House fork left along the narrow footpath indicated by a Ramblers Association yellow arrow this path is always muddy unless it has been a prolonged dry period. At the end of the footpath cross a stile and you will see a post beside a gap in the wall with yellow arrows pointing in every direction (7).

Turn right through the gap in the wall the track roughly following the stream on your right passing through three fields with stiles located in stone walls, at the third stile is a waymark. Two further stiles, the second one being very close to the stream the track continues forward, bearing slightly to the left to a footbridge, which is made less slippery by chicken wire (8). At this point the path moves diagonally to the left, across the next field, at the far side of which is a marked stile.

Once over this continue along the bottom, left-hand edge of the field until you find a wooden bridge with waymarked post (9). Cross the stream and over stile at the other side. A few yards across the corner of the field, you climb a fairly high stile to go up the railway embankment (10). At the top is a good view along the track in both directions, but heed the warning and cross with extreme care!

After crossing the railway and descending the embankment via a stile, you join a narrow path winding its way through a slightly overgrown wooded area to arrive at a stile. Over the stile into the open bearing right and aiming for a pair of large trees in front of which is a stream with a plank crossing (11).



At this point continue forward climbing up the field, with a hedge on your immediate left just after the crest of the hill the track turns left to a final stile (12) into Menston Old Lane.

Turn right along the road, going up over the railway bridge and on until you come to Well House on your left (sketch) bear left on Westbourne Drive. Go along Westbourne Drive, past the end

of St. John's Park (built around 1910) where it becomes an unmade road and carry on until you come to a made up road on your right (Park Road). Turn right up Park Road until you meet Main Street once again. Kirklands is a few yards to your left.