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Walk 14

Walks in York
SKELTON





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Skelton via Rawcliffe Ings

Distance 5 miles
Time: 2 hours.
Stiles: 2
Gates: 6
Parking: Skelton, The Village, Brecksfield
Public Transport: Bus No. 27

Skelton is situated about 3 miles north west of York. The village is in an area formerly covered by the vast ancient Forest of Galtres and its name possibly means 'farm near the river Skell' although the river name has not survived independently to this day. Much of the village is a designated conservation area and the Church of St Giles is a Grade I listed building that dates from c1240 with 19th Century restorations. Other listed buildings occupy the historic centre of the village and the medieval pattern of Toft and Croft agriculture is still apparent in the long shape of the plot boundaries extending from The Green. Up until 1950 the village's population numbered less than 500, however modern expansion and the village's role as a commuter settlement for York have increased the population to round 1600. It is worth walking the short distance from the start and finish of this walk to investigate the historic area of the village and church.





http://www.skelton-york.gov.uk/

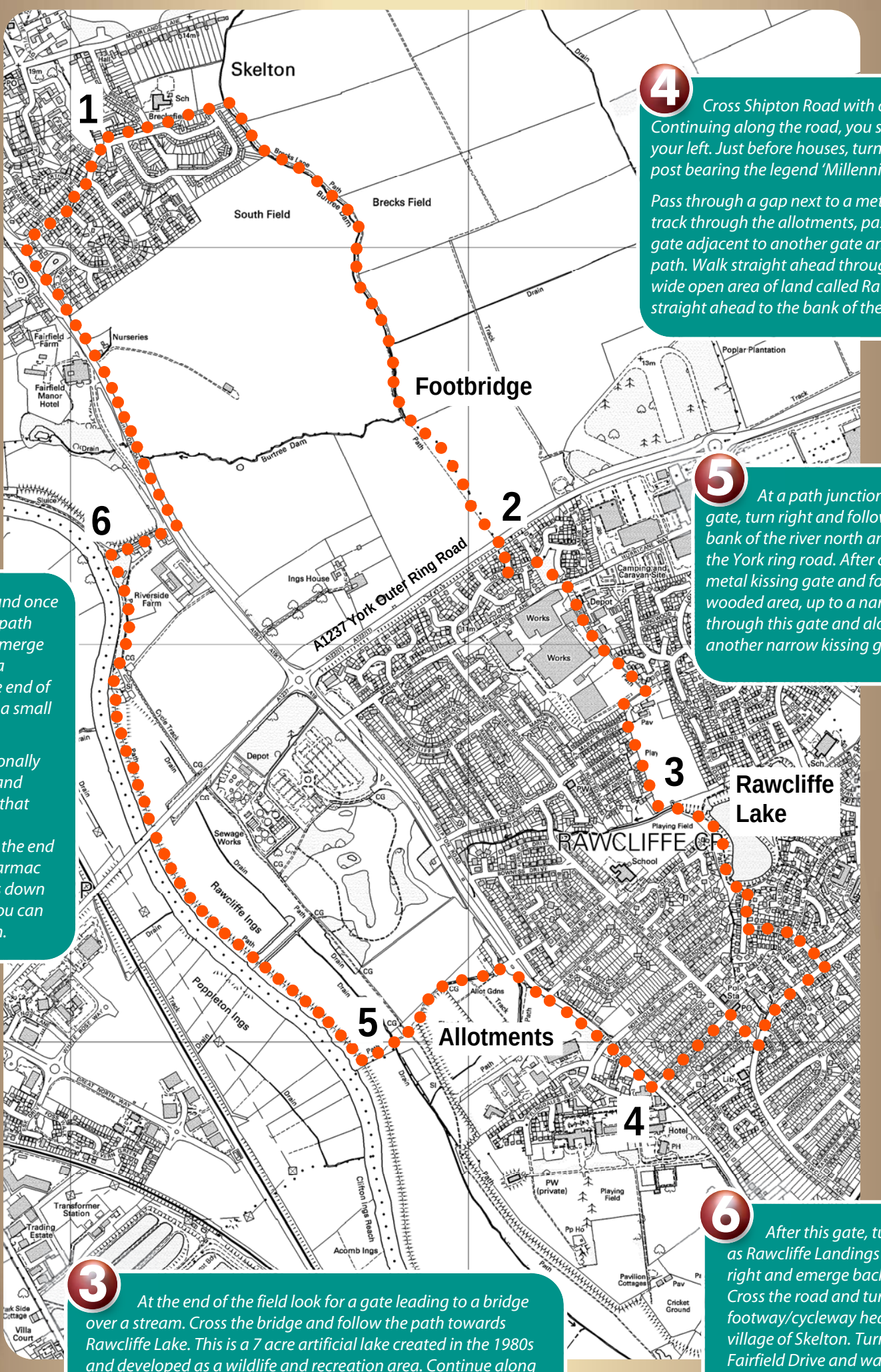


Walks in York

SKELTON

1 *The walk starts next to the primary school on Brecksfield, Skelton. Walk along a tree lined path with the school on your left. Carry on over a bridge with metal railings and turn right along a tree lined lane that heads away from the village cutting through agricultural fields.*

After half a mile the path emerges from the trees, turns right then left and then follows a field edge. Continue along the path through a metal kissing gate and across another footbridge before crossing a field to reach the stile leading onto the A1237, York Outer Ring Road.



2 *Cross the road with caution and once on the other side follow a metal footpath sign through a gap in the hedge to emerge via an old kissing gate at the end of a residential cul-de-sac. Proceed to the end of this cul-de-sac and turn left to reach a small grassed area.*

Cross this green space heading diagonally left to the far corner. Cross the road and continue ahead down another road that after a short while narrows to a path between a wall and a fence. Once at the end of this section turn right crossing a tarmac area to a playing field. The path runs down the right hand side of this field but you can roam over the whole area if you wish.

3 *At the end of the field look for a gate leading to a bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and follow the path towards Rawcliffe Lake. This is a 7 acre artificial lake created in the 1980s and developed as a wildlife and recreation area. Continue along the path with the lake on your left to the bottom corner and exit this area onto a road. Continue down this road and take the first left onto Beaverdyke and then continue to a roundabout. Here, turn right along Green Lane to another roundabout then turn left up Eastholme Drive. A short distance along this street turn left opposite a Post Office along Southolme Drive to reach a main road. This is the A19 Shipton Road.*

4 *Cross Shipton Road with care and turn right. Continuing along the road, you soon pass allotments on your left. Just before houses, turn left at wooden finger post bearing the legend 'Millennium Way'.*

Pass through a gap next to a metal gate and follow a track through the allotments, passing though a kissing gate adjacent to another gate and then crossing a cycle path. Walk straight ahead through a metal gate onto a wide open area of land called Rawcliffe Ings. Continue straight ahead to the bank of the River Ouse.

5 *At a path junction by a fence and metal kissing gate, turn right and follow the riverside path along the bank of the river north and underneath a bridge carrying the York ring road. After crossing a stile, pass thorough a metal kissing gate and follow the path through a small wooded area, up to a narrow kissing gate in a hedge. Pass through this gate and along a fenced section of path to another narrow kissing gate.*

6 *After this gate, turn right up a lane, known as Rawcliffe Landings passing houses on your right and emerge back onto the Shipton Road. Cross the road and turn left up the wide footway/cycleway heading back towards the village of Skelton. Turn right when you reach Fairfield Drive and walk along this street ignoring turnings left and right for about 400 metres to return you to the start of the walk.*

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