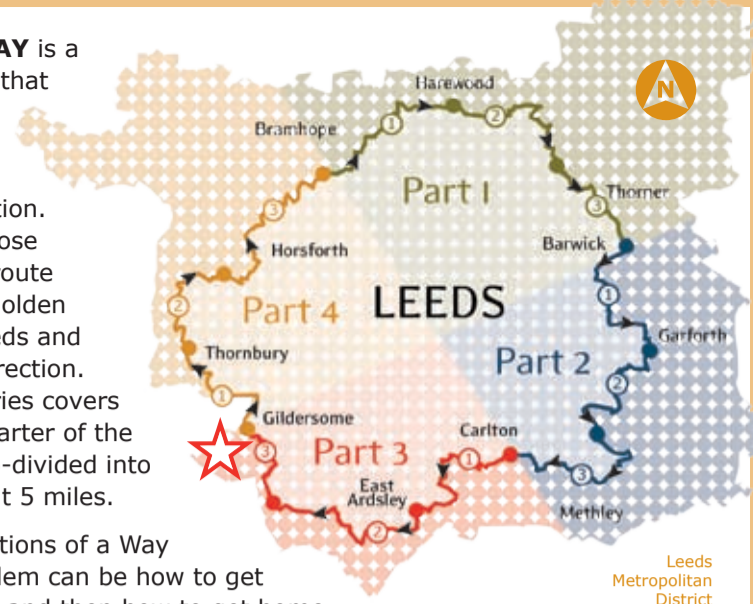


Leeds Country Way



Part 4
Cockersdale to Golden Acre Park

LEEDS COUNTRY WAY is a 62 mile circular route that can be started at any point along the way and could be walked in either direction. However, for the purpose of these leaflets, the route description starts at Golden Acre Park in north Leeds and goes in a clockwise direction. Each leaflet in this series covers approximately one quarter of the circle, and each is sub-divided into three sections of about 5 miles.



If you are walking sections of a Way like this, one big problem can be how to get to your starting point, and then how to get home again at the end. This problem is relatively easily solved on the Leeds Country Way by using public transport that is available at many points along the route.

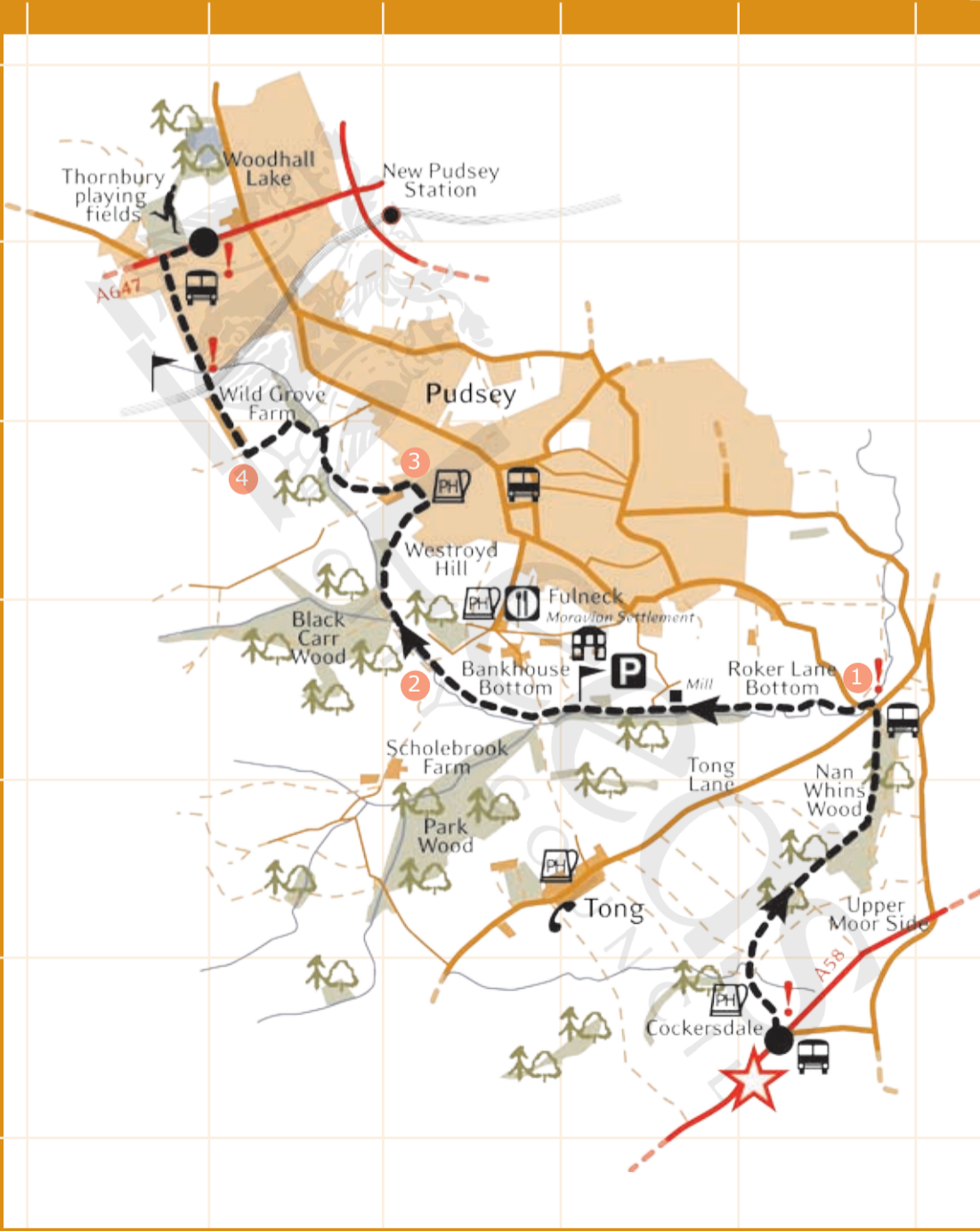
M For bus and train information contact Metro on: **0113 245 7676**, between 7am and 10pm or www.wymetro.com

Parking	Start point	Boating	LCW
Bus stop	Danger	Pond	Motorway
Telephone	Summit	Bird garden	Roundabout
Toilets	Trig Point	Nature area	Main 'A' road
Cafe	Golf course	Wild Birds	Main 'B' road
(summer only)	Historic house	Sports ground	Paved road
Eatery	Church	Housing	Other paths
Pub	Wood	Green Space	Recreational routes
Railway Station	Bridge	Water	Stream / River

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- From the Valley Inn, Cockersdale on the A58 walk down Dale Road to the bottom of the hill. At Dale Farm turn right along the unmade track, take the left fork where the path divides and go forward across the Beck. After the bridge turn right over a stile and walk along parallel with the beck. Other faint tracks will be seen but always follow the route nearest the beck. Walk forward to where the path joins a broad track. Use a separate path here on the uphill side of the track for 150 yards, then rejoin the track and continue forward. It crosses a large field and goes down to the stream to cross by a footbridge. From there the Way leads northwards following the stream right up to Tong Lane.
- 1** Cross over the road into Roker Lane and walk forward 160 yards past the old mill on the left. Turn left down a short "ginnel" which soon opens out into fields. Continue along this path close to the beck and after 2/3rds of a mile you come to a mill. Having passed the mill, bear left over a stile and onto a path again running parallel with the stream. At the end of the first field go over a stile and across a further short field onto a Golf Course. Keep on the path close to the stream all the way to Keeper Lane bridgeway. Do not cross the bridge here but continue on the same side of the beck for 1/2 mile to Scholebrook Lane bridgeway.
- 2** Turn right along the lane for a few yards and then turn left into the field where a path continues along the valley through the trees. Stick to a level path fairly close to the water right up to the point where a wide bridgeway (part of the Pudsey Link) joins from the left bank of the Beck. From there go ahead on the bridgeway as it climbs up to a bridge over the old railway line. Continue uphill to meet Smalewell Road.
- 3** Turn left past the Fox and Grapes pub and continue on the road to the first fork. Bear left downhill for 120 yards ignoring the first footpath on the right. Continue to the last house on the left. Turn right on the bridgeway past Buffy Lump Cottage, through trees to exit onto another track leading past the old Smalewell sewage works and onto a metalled road. At the end of this road is a T-junction. Turn left past an old factory, cross the beck and go up a broad cobbled track. Part way up the lane turns left and the gradient eases. After 150 yards it levels off and runs along to a junction.
- 4** Turn right and walk forward between buildings (Wildgrove) and on down a lane to the level crossing. Cross the railway line with care and continue up Daleside Road for 800 yds. to the main road (A647) at Thornbury. Turn right and walk along the pavement to a pelican crossing. Cross the road there, turn right and walk along until opposite the row of shops.

Leeds Country Way: Part 4 Section 1
Cockersdale to Thornbury (5½ miles)

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Turn left off the main road opposite the Newsagents onto the track up the side of a playing field. At the top turn left onto a walled path which runs round two sides of the playing field on your right.

- 1 At the top corner of that field the path angles leftwards to cross a narrow band of trees to a stone stile. Cross the field ahead to a gap. Pass through and go forward up the left-hand side of the hedge to the end of this field where there is another stile. Cross the small plot diagonally leftwards into the walled lane that shortly becomes a path across a golf course.
- 2 Go straight ahead then through another gate into a track with woodland to the right. 80 yards after the gate turn half left to walk along a track near the edge of the quarry. This soon leads out into a wide unsurfaced road (Woodhall Road). Turn left and walk downhill alongside the quarry. Pass the old quarry entrance.
- 3 Near the bottom of the hill is the old lodge house; turn right alongside the Lodge into a track running through the wood close to Fagley Beck. This track is followed for about a mile keeping the beck on your left. Eventually one comes to a mill on the left and then out to the corner of Crowther Avenue.
- 4 Pass the mill entrance and the lodge, then turn left before reaching the first house. A narrow path leads to a broad bridge over the beck. Turn right along the far bank but do not take the first path uphill. Go along to the cobbled road and join this going uphill (it acquires a tarmac surface near "Edgewood" - No.153). Follow this road to the brow of the hill.
- 5 Cross the main road (A657) and go through an opening between stone posts and down the stepped path to the beck. This path continues for 1/4 mile



through West Wood staying close to the beck. It then turns right up the slope to join a broad track. Turn left along the track with fields on the left-hand side. After 300 yards the track bears left and runs out of the wood to join a metalled road. Continue along this to the main road at Apperley Bridge (A658). Turn right along the nearside pavement to cross the river.

- 6 Turn right off the road at the first opening beyond the river. One is faced by two large gates - with a gap between them. Go through the gap and continue forward along the edge of the field keeping the fence on your right. Pass the pylon on the left and sports pavilion on the right and continue to the field corner. From this corner turn right down the field side to the riverbank. Walk along the bank to the bridge under the railway.
- 7 Beyond the bridge follow the path along the riverside for 5/8ths of a mile. The path then leaves the river and follows the edge of Cragg Wood to a kissing gate. Walk forward across the bottom of the plot below the house to meet a metalled road. Turn back left up this road to a T-junction at the top.
- 8 Turn right and follow a level dirt road which comes out onto Woodlands Drive (a metalled road). Turn right and walk along the road for 220 yds to just past a road barrier. At that point turn left up a narrow track which goes up the slope for 1/4 mile. At the top, turn right along a dirt road to the T-junction. Turn left uphill on Knott Lane to the A65 Leeds-Rawdon Road.



Apperley Bridge

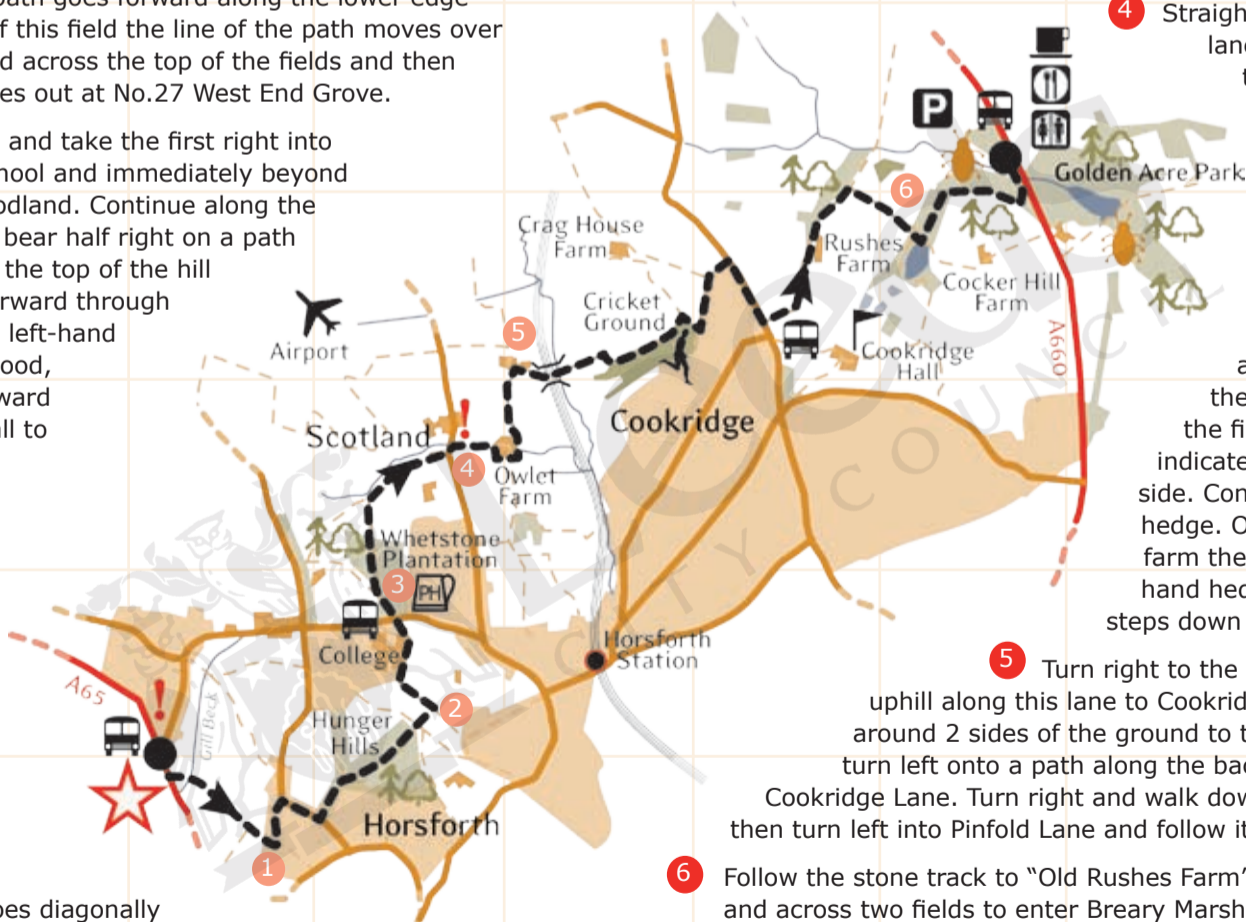
Leeds Country Way: Part 4 Section 2 Thornbury to A65 near Rawdon (5 1/2 miles)

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From the top of Knott Lane on the A65 cross over at the pelican crossing and walk right down the pavement for 100 yds. Turn left at a footpath sign and down the steps to field level. Walk across the field corner to a bridge over Gill Beck. Go up the steps and then forward along an enclosed path. This leads into a field where the path goes forward along the lower edge of a steep slope. At the far side of this field the line of the path moves over to the right, but continues forward across the top of the fields and then into an enclosed track which comes out at No.27 West End Grove.

- 1 Turn left up the road for 220 yds. and take the first right into West End Lane. Walk past the School and immediately beyond the playing field turn left into woodland. Continue along the path, cross the small stream and bear half right on a path which slants up the hillside. Near the top of the hill join a broader path which runs forward through the wood ten yards or so from its left-hand boundary. At the far end of the wood, cross a stile into the field. Go forward alongside the left-hand hedge/wall to another stile into Lee Lane.
- 2 Turn left and walk along for one field length to a point near the start of the buildings. Turn right at a path sign there and walk down the left-hand edge of the rough ground to the perimeter fence of the College. Then follow a fenced path along the edge of the sports field leading out into Brownberrie Lane.
- 3 Cross the road and pass through a stile into the wood. The path goes diagonally right at first then straight ahead to a metal kissing gate. Follow a well-trodden line to the opposite edge of the wood. Turn right following the boundary fence and continue through the woodland straight ahead. Leave the woodland via a stile and go through the fields keeping the boundary fence on your right; where another path joins from the left turn right with the airport boundary on your left.



Continue forward close to the left-hand wall to a point roughly level with the airport landing lights. Here steps built into the wall enable the walker to cross into the Water Authority's road. Walk forward down it to Scotland Lane.

- 4 Straight across is the top of the access lane to Owlet Farm. Walk down this to just before the farmyard. Turn right past Owlett Cottage to the stone stile; go over this, through a kissing gate then turn diagonally left to the corner of the horse arena. Go along the side of this and enter the field beyond by a kissing gate; then go along the fence on the left to the gate and gap stile. Walk across the first field, following the line indicated by the sign, to the opposite side. Continue forward alongside the hedge. On the final approach to the next farm the path stays close to the right-hand hedge/wall leading to a flight of steps down into the lane.
- 5 Turn right to the Railway Bridge and continue uphill along this lane to Cookridge Cricket Ground. Walk left around 2 sides of the ground to the opposite corner, and there turn left onto a path along the back of the houses to meet Cookridge Lane. Turn right and walk down the pavement for 1/4 mile then turn left into Pinfold Lane and follow it past Rushes farm.
- 6 Follow the stone track to "Old Rushes Farm" passing through two gates and across two fields to enter Breary Marsh Nature Reserve via a metal gate. Bear half right along a path to the opposite edge of the wood, cross a footbridge and turn immediately left. Then stay with this path, which follows the edge of the wood, to just before Otley Road. Turn left along a boardwalk then cross a metal footbridge that leads to the Car Park at Golden Acre Park and the end of the Leeds Country Way.

Leeds Country Way: Part 4 Section 3 A65 near Rawdon to Golden Acre Park (5 miles)

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