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# BISHOP MONKTON WALKS

**Six walks on public footpaths in and around the village**



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Masons Arms  
Burton Leonard Shop



## Welcome

Bishop Monkton Parish Council would like to welcome you to the village.

## Introduction

This booklet was produced by the Bishop Monkton Parish Council with the help of the leaders of the Bishop Monkton Walking Group.

Many of the walks described in this booklet use paths crossing farmland. You are asked to treat the farmers' property with the respect that you would expect others to treat your own. If you own a dog please keep it on a lead or under very close control, especially when near animals or farmyards.

Most of the definitive paths are waymarked with yellow arrows. You are asked to keep to the line of the paths and not to wander all over the place.

This is the revised and updated version of a booklet prepared by Bishop Monkton Conservation Society in 1986, Bishop Monkton Parish Council in 1998 and 2009.

## Local facilities

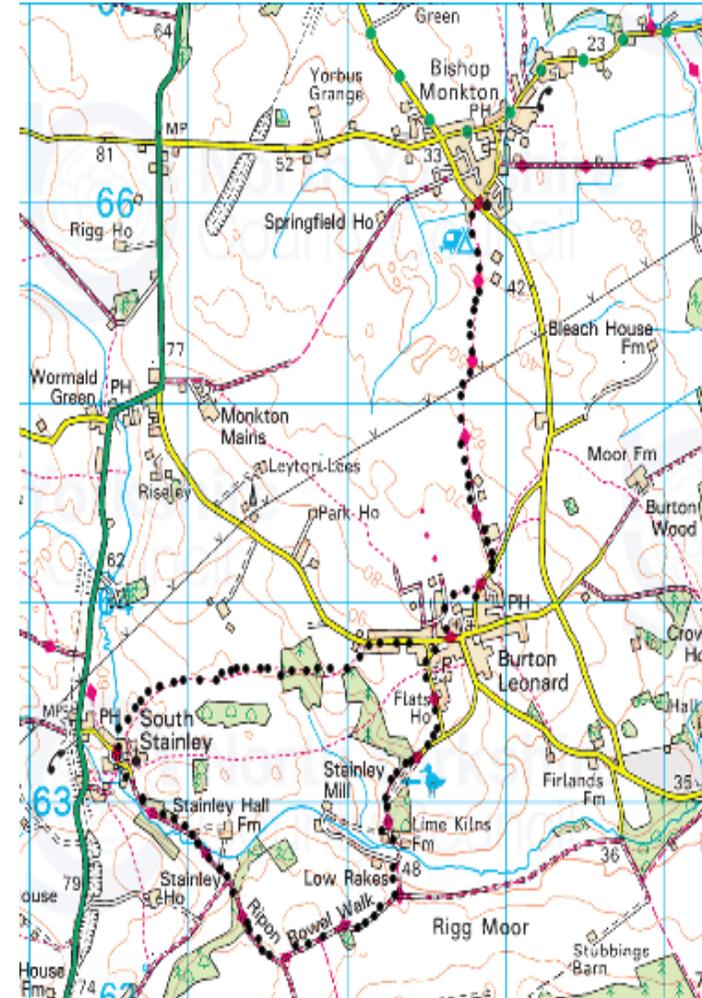
Please support the local pubs and shops:

The Lamb and Flag Pub and Bed and Breakfast

The Masons Arms Pub and Bed and Breakfast

Burton Leonard Village Store and Post Office

There are two play areas in the Village situated on Knaresborough Road behind the Church and one on the playing fields.



**6. A circular walk from Burton Leonard to South Stainley.**

4 miles. About 1¾ hours.

*Use walk 2 to Burton Leonard. Alternatively there is ample parking round the village green.*

At the top of the village green turn left along Scarah Lane. At the junction, turn right and then continue down the lane and then the gravelled lane rather than taking paths to either side. At the bottom of the lane cross the footbridge over the stream and continue up the track on the other side. Turn right after the cattle grid, right at the next junction and keep straight on where a track joins from the left. At South Stainley Church take the footpath signposted to the right just before the Church. *(If you continue on past the Church and cross the bridge over the stream it is a short distance to The Inn and the A61.)* Follow the path along the bottom of two fields then follow waymarks over stiles past a wood. Beyond the wood keep to the right of a hedge ahead and then bear left along a track. Follow this track for about ½ mile. At a “No public access” sign turn left up the side of a field for about 200 yards then turn right through the wood keeping to the left hand path. At the top of the wood continue along the path towards houses ahead until you emerge onto a lane where you turn left back down to Burton Leonard.

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## 1. A short circular walk from Bishop Monkton

1¾ miles – about 45 minutes

From the Lamb and Flag head left towards Boroughbridge. After about 200 yards opposite Crown Lodge take the foot-path signposted on the left. Continue straight on following the waymark signs. Where the track swings left, follow the hedge on the right to a gap between a fence and a hedge onto a lane. Turn right along the lane and follow it until after a right hand bend you come to a stile on your right opposite a metal gate in the fence. From the stile head to the right side of Ashbrook Farm. Pass the farm buildings and continue along the farm track to the road where you turn right into the village. *(At the time of writing development works were starting at Ashbrook farm which are likely to lead to a diversion of the path past the farm. Presumably this will be clearly marked.)*



**5. Littlethorpe Potteries, Oxclose Lock, Bishop Monkton.**

3¾ miles. About 1¾ hours.

Start as walk 1. On reaching the lane opposite the chicken farm cross it to the metal waymarked gate in front. Continue through the plantation past the chicken farm and then go through a metal gate on the left to cross the yard diagonally right to the road.

Go right along the road. After about ½ mile the road bends right then turn right signposted “Oxclose House.” Follow this road to the canal. Then turn right (crossing the bridge to the far side if you wish) to Oxclose Lock. Return to the village as described in the last two paragraphs of walk 4.



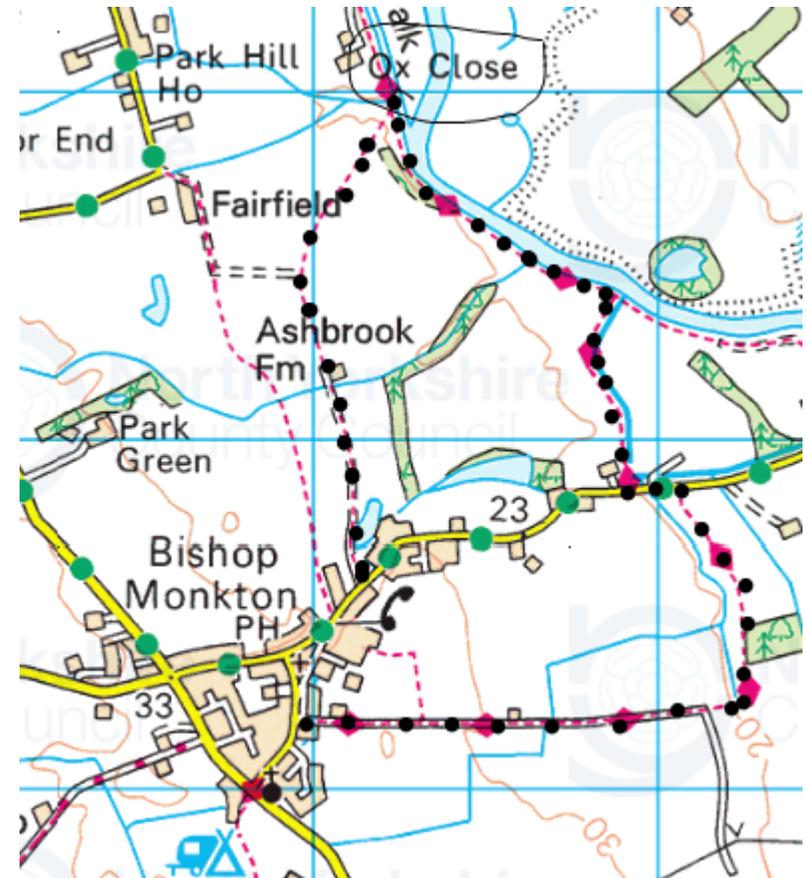
## 2. A circular walk from Bishop Monkton to Burton Leonard and back.

4 miles – about 2 hours.

*Burton Leonard is a very attractive village round a large village green. It has a pub and a shop/post office. There may be a diversion signed round the field\* if there are cows with calves in it.*

Starting outside the Masons Arms turn right up to the church. Cross Knaresborough Road and continue up past Church Farm into the caravan site. Follow the way-marked path up the left side of the caravan site and then over a succession of stiles through or beside fields. In the field\* with electricity pylons go slightly to the right up the slope to the right of a wooden pylon and then on to the left of a large double metal pylon beyond it. Beyond this pylon cross the stile next to a gate onto a farm track. Follow this track and then the lane, turning right when the lane meets a road into Burton Leonard. Turn right at the end of this road by the church into the village.

Go up to the right of the village green and turn right into Peter Lane. Follow the signs to the sports field. Follow the track past the tennis courts and round behind the cricket scoreboard and then to the right. At the end of the track go diagonally across the field to the left. Keep on the same line through two hedges and across fields and past an “H” shaped pylon. Keep on the same line across fields until you reach a hard track. Turn right down this track and continue for about a mile until you come to Knaresborough Road. Turn right and then left down Melrose Road. At the bottom of this road there are steps down into the car park of the Masons Arms.



#### 4. Ings Lane, Monkton Canal, Oxclose Lock, Ashbrook Farm

4¼ miles. About 2½ hours.

*The path\* can be very muddy in winter or after wet weather. There may be diversions in place past the chicken farm and Ashbrook Farm referred to in the last two paragraphs of this walk.*

Opposite the Masons Arms take the track away from the village (Ings Lane). Continue straight on onto a narrowing path\* when the main track swings to the right. Continue along this path to a stile into a field. Follow the hedge on the left and then cross the remainder of the field to a large metal gate on Boroughbridge Road.

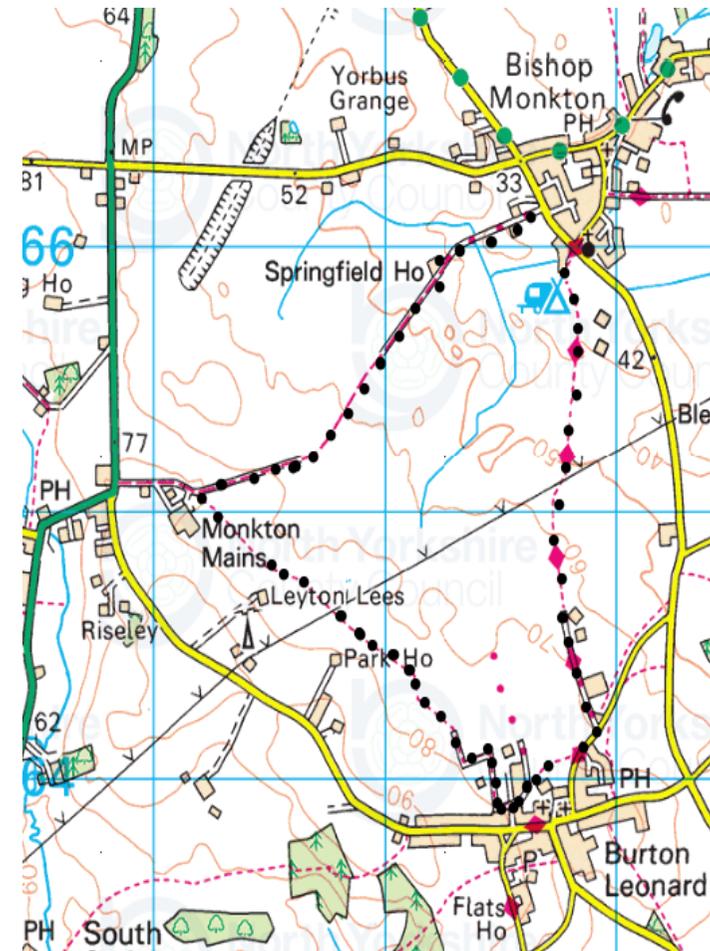
Turn left along the road to a gate on the right just after the 30mph signs. *(From here you can continue along the road back to the village if you wish - about ¼ mile to the village centre.)*

Otherwise go through the gate and follow the path alongside the remains of the former Monkton Canal down to the River Ure. The Monkton Canal was used to transport bulky materials such as coal from the river to the road.

On reaching the river turn left along the river bank and continue to the lock at the beginning of the Ripon Canal. *(From here one can extend the walk along the paths on either side of the canal and either return to the lock or return via Littlethorpe Potteries in the opposite direction to walk 5.)*

From the downstream side of the lock head away from the river up to a gate in the fence. Then head towards the hoppers at the far end of the farm building in front. Go up the path through the tree plantation to a gate onto the apron in front of the building which you cross to pass through a gate on the far side. Head across the field to a metal gate in the fence. Cross the track to a stile opposite.

From the stile head along the hedge to the right side of Ashbrook Farm. Pass the farm buildings and continue along the farm track to the road where you turn right into the village.



### 3. Ashbrook Farm, Oxclose Lock, Ripon (by the canal).

3½ miles: About 2 hours

*If you have binoculars, take them with you to view the birds on the lakes near the Racecourse.*

*There may be a diversion past Ashbrook farm – see the note at the end of Walk 1. There may also be a diversion past the chicken farm after crossing the ladder stile.*

From the Lamb and Flag head left along Boroughbridge Road. After the stream crosses under the road go left up a track to Ashbrook Farm, passing the farm on its left side and go through the gate into a field. Follow the left hand hedge to a ladder stile in the corner. After crossing the stile, go through the gate opposite and head across the field towards a metal gate in the direction of the hoppers at the end of the farm building opposite. Go through the gate and across the apron of the building to another gate. Go along the path through the tree plantation and then turn right and head to a metal gate in the fence through which you can see the canal lock. Go through the gate to the lock and then continue along the path on either side of the canal.

After the bridge in about half a mile, follow the path on the right side of the canal. Continue past the Boat Club on the left and the 5 and 6 furlong starts of Ripon Racecourse on the right. Large numbers and many varieties of birds are to be seen on the lakes through purpose-built viewing holes in the fence. Continue past the canal boat basin to the road where you turn left and continue on the right side of the canal under the Ripon by-pass and on to the basin at the end of the canal.

Go out to the road on the right and follow it to the left over the River Skell to a roundabout. Take the right hand road up a short hill to the Cathedral. Opposite the Cathedral there is a pedestrian only road to the Market Square.

Return by the same route. There are a few buses a day to Bishop Monkton including usually one at about 4.00 p.m. for school children. But the timetable keeps changing and it would be sensible to check with the timetables at the bus stops in the village. The number 36 bus to Harrogate and Leeds runs frequently to Bishop Monkton cross roads from where it is 1¼ miles down to the centre of the village. The bus station is down to the right from the corner of the market square just past the Yorkshire Trading Company. There is a taxi rank in the Market Square.

