

BARNSELY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This Leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along the way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharnccliffe, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact:

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Waymarked Walk No. 1 INGBIRCHWORTH to CANNON HALL

Starting Point
Ingbirchworth village.

Distance
5.2 miles (8.3 km).

Time
Allow yourself up to four hours for exploring at a leisurely pace.

Footwear
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

Waymarks
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

How to get there
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Line; Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

Additional Information
The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's:
OL1 The Peak District
278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Historic Villages and Parkland ...

The old village of Ingbirchworth is a Conservation Area rich in fine buildings.

The reservoir dominates the landscape to the west, and those at Royd Moor and Scout Dike complete the watery cradling of the village. All are important for wildlife particularly wildfowl and Scout Dike hosts a trout fishery.

The village of Upper Denby, "the farmstead of the Danes", straddles the Barnsley/ Kirklees boundary, and is also a Conservation Area with an imposing church completed in 1843.

Gunthwaite is secluded and charming, with its impressive barn, magical Spa and idyllic Dam. Beyond the A635 the influence of the Cannon Hall estate becomes apparent. Deffer Wood, north of Spring House and Jowett House farms, is well worth a detour, or a return visit.

Cannon Hall Country Park



1 Our walk starts from the A629 Huddersfield Road at Ingbirchworth. The green space opposite the Rose and Crown Public House, with its stone clapper bridge over Ingbirchworth Dike is a likely place to pause and contemplate the journey ahead.

Carefully cross over the busy road and follow the path towards the village of Upper Denby.

Nearby Ingbirchworth village is now a Conservation Area with many fine buildings.

2 After passing through Upper Denby village turn right immediately after the railway bridge and ascend the stone steps. Follow the path and lane towards Gunthwaite Hall.

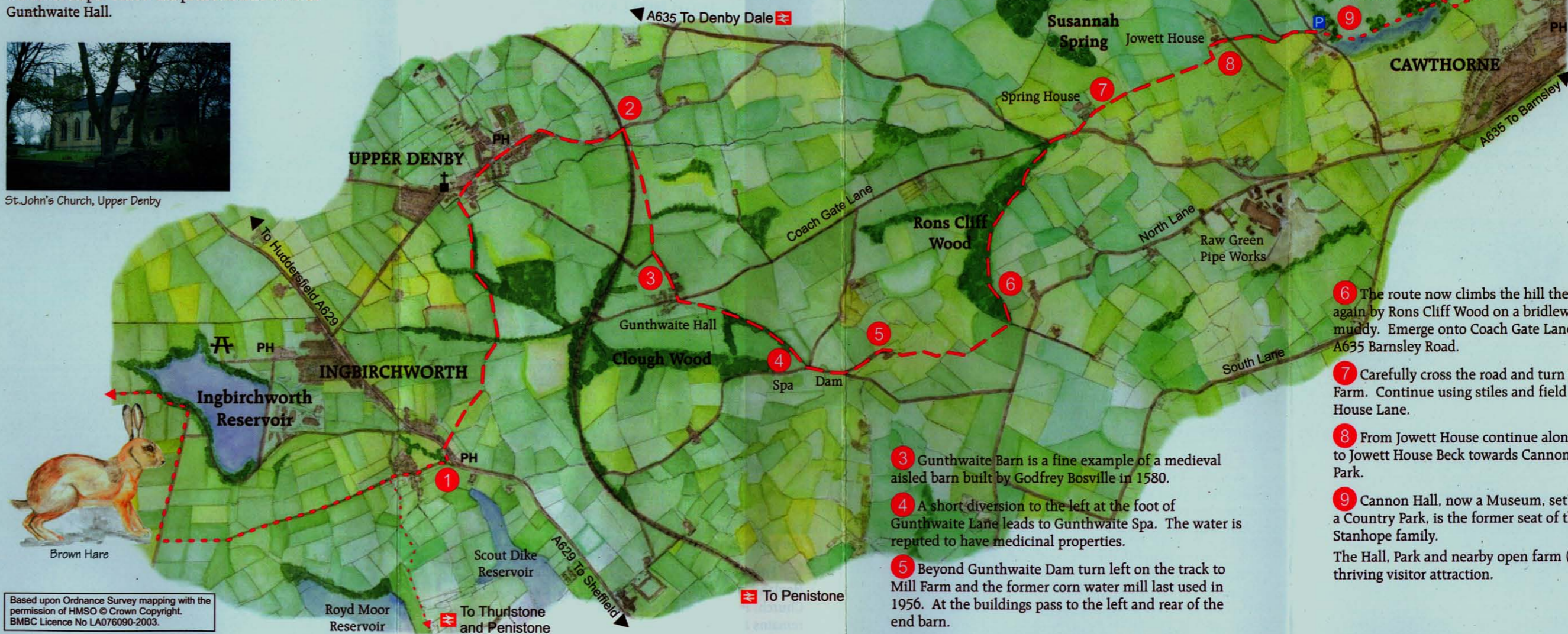
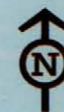


St. John's Church, Upper Denby

Home Farm, Cannon Hall Country Park



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Brown Hare

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3 Gunthwaite Barn is a fine example of a medieval aisled barn built by Godfrey Bosville in 1580.

4 A short diversion to the left at the foot of Gunthwaite Lane leads to Gunthwaite Spa. The water is reputed to have medicinal properties.

5 Beyond Gunthwaite Dam turn left on the track to Mill Farm and the former corn water mill last used in 1956. At the buildings pass to the left and rear of the end barn.

6 The route now climbs the hill then turns down again by Rons Cliff Wood on a bridleway that can be muddy. Emerge onto Coach Gate Lane and then the A635 Barnsley Road.

7 Carefully cross the road and turn into Spring House Farm. Continue using stiles and field paths to Jowett House Lane.

8 From Jowett House continue along the lane adjacent to Jowett House Beck towards Cannon Hall Country Park.

9 Cannon Hall, now a Museum, set in the grounds of a Country Park, is the former seat of the Spencer-Stanhope family.

The Hall, Park and nearby open farm (Home Farm) are a thriving visitor attraction.