

1 Parking is available at the Dearne Valley Car Park, Pontefract Road, Hoyle Mill.

2 From here walk over the footbridge over the River Dearne and bear right immediately, walking along the path keeping the lake to your left. At the Lake end, walk straight ahead following the path through the woodland and up a flight of steps into a clearing.

3 Bear left onto the path at the far side of the clearing. Then follow the path adjacent the housing estate on your right; eventually you will reach a footbridge constructed on the site of the Barnsley Canal aqueduct.

4 Cross the footbridge and climb the steps at the far side. At the top bear left and follow the tarmac path alongside the disused Canal, overlooking the Dearne Valley Park.

5 At the junction with a signed public footpath on a sharp left hand bend; continue straight ahead following the signed footpath between the two fences to Pontefract Road, Hoyle Mill.

6 Carefully cross over and bear left at the far side. Continue along Pontefract Road down the hill to Oaks Lane. Carefully walk along the pavement up Oaks Lane; shortly after the second set of bollards turn right passing through a gap in the fence.

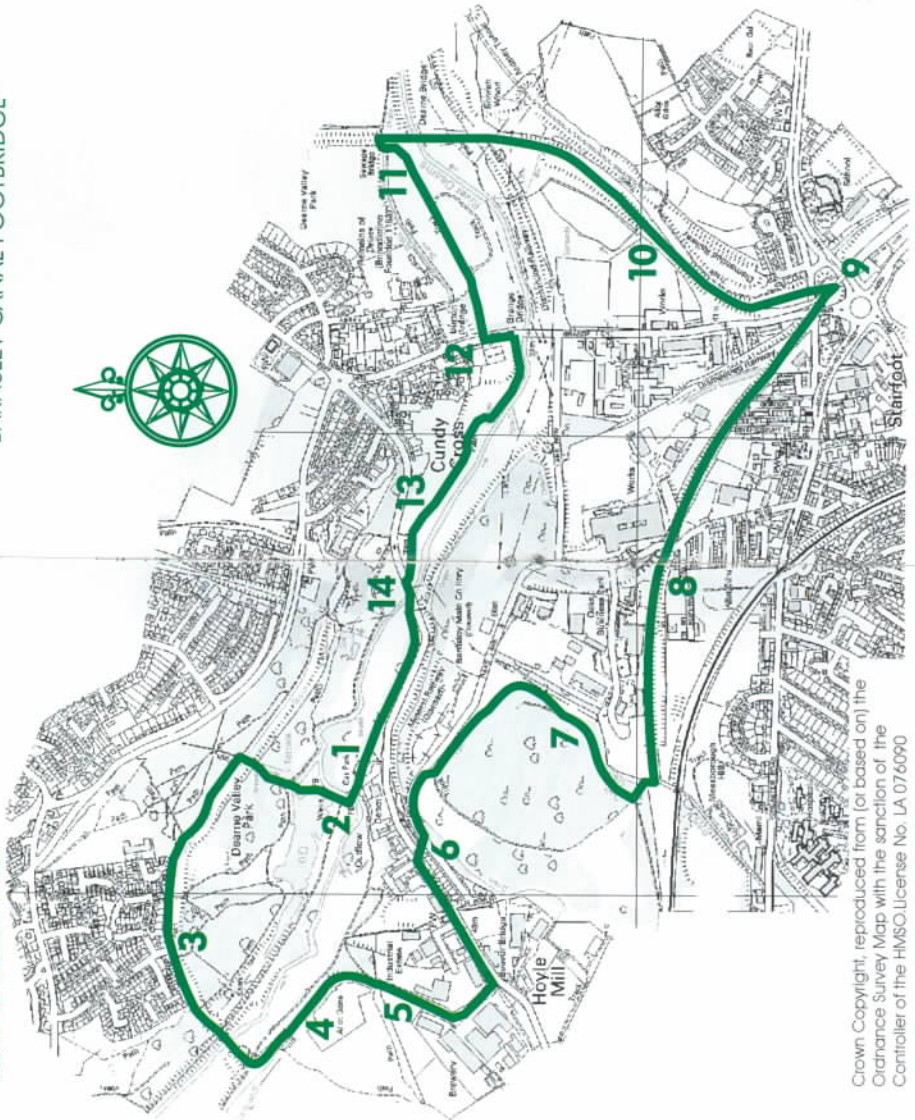
7 Follow the crushed brick path around the hillside and continue along the tarmac path as far as the former Railway Line which forms part of the Trans-Pennine Trail.



DEARNE VALLEY PARK



BARNLSLEY CANAL FOOTBRIDGE



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8 Here, bear left and walk a short distance down the slope and then bear left again continuing along the Trail as far as Stairfoot.

9 Shortly after passing over the first bridge bear left down a flight of steps to the old section of Doncaster Road. Cross over the road and join the Northern Link section of the TPT.

10 Follow the tarmac path over the bridge and continue on through an area of woodland. Eventually you will reach a gate with a gap beside it; pass through the gap then bear left continuing along the Trail.

11 Follow the path on top of the embankment and bear sharp left after the third bridge down the ramp to the area of parkland. To your right you can see the remains of Monk Bretton Priory, which was founded by Benedictine Monks in 1153.

12 Take the right fork down the ramp to the Grange Lane Events Area, following the tarmac path as far as Grange Lane.

13 Carefully cross Grange Lane and head back through the Dearne Valley Park. Bear left at the fork in the path then left at the next path junction until you reach Pontefract Road.

14 Cross Pontefract Road and walk on the pavement for a short distance then bear right heading across Dearne Valley Park and the end of your journey.