

WALK 3

JUBILEE BRIDGE/OAKLANDS

Walk approximately 2.5 miles.

Start Point: Main Street Thorner. LS14 3DX

1. From the starting point walk along Main Street towards the Church, then round the bend into Church View, and left again into Milner Lane.
2. Walk along Milner Lane past the various individual properties, as far as the Hawthorns. Opposite this property there are stone steps leading to a wooden gate, which opens out into a field.
3. Walk up the field, to pass between a telegraph pole on the right, and a hedge on the left. Continue walking with the hedge to the left, until reaching a stile. Continue over the stile in the same direction, towards Milner Wood.
4. A stile in the fence at the edge of the wood, takes you into the wood. Walk carefully down, through the wood, to a wooden bridge over Thorner Beck – the Jubilee Bridge.



5. On the other side of the bridge follow the clear path uphill, up a flight of steps, to merge into a field. Follow the field edge to a new wooden kissing gate, onto the clear track (Kennels Lane)



6. Turn left along the track, emerging onto Milner Lane, close to the triangle at the junction of Milner Lane and Thorner Lane. On emerging from Kennels Lane turn left, and go down Thorner Lane, in the direction of Scarcroft (not sharp left down Milner Lane and back into Thorner)



7. Walk along Thorner Lane, past first the Livery stables, and then the Racing Stables, at Scarcroft Hall Farm. The road continues over a bridge over the old disused railway line that once connected Wetherby with Cross Gates.



8. Over the bridge branch left on a private road leading to various properties, including Oaklands Manor
9. There is a choice of routes back to Thorner:

First alternative



- (a) Take the signposted path immediately before the properties. At the end of the track, a stile on the left leads into a field
- (b) Walk down the field to a metal kissing gate in the hedgerow, and then up the fenced in path, up the side of the field, over a pair of stiles, to another metal kissing gate, and the broad track passing the farm buildings on the left, and the tennis courts and Victory Hall, on the right
- (c) On emerging onto Carr Lane, either follow the road round to the Mexborough junction, and back along Main Street to the Fox, or turn right, past the properties of Skippon Terrace, taking the footpath to the left, before the converted Methodist Chapel, back to the starting point

Second alternative



- (a) Walk past Oaklands Manor, into Kidhirst Wood, and take the track down to the left, with the wall to the property on your left shoulder. Continue over two stiles, to the bottom of a large field. Head across this field to the steps and stile directly ahead of you,
- (b) From this stile head diagonally across the upper field to a gate in the top left hand corner. Go through the gate and down the broad track to a stile leading out onto Carr Lane
- (c) Turn left on Carr Lane, as far as Kirklands, the converted Methodist Chapel, and take the footpath down to the right, back to the starting point

Third alternative

- (a) Instead of taking the track to the left, past Oaklands Manor, take the track through the wood, towards Fishponds. After a few hundred yards look for the gate in the hedge on the left, and emerge through this gate into a large field
- (b) From the gate head diagonally left to the steps and stile on the opposite side of the field. Once over this stile follow the instructions above

Further alternative

- (a) To extend the walk continue on the path through the woods to Fishponds, and continue to follow the directions in the Fishponds Walk