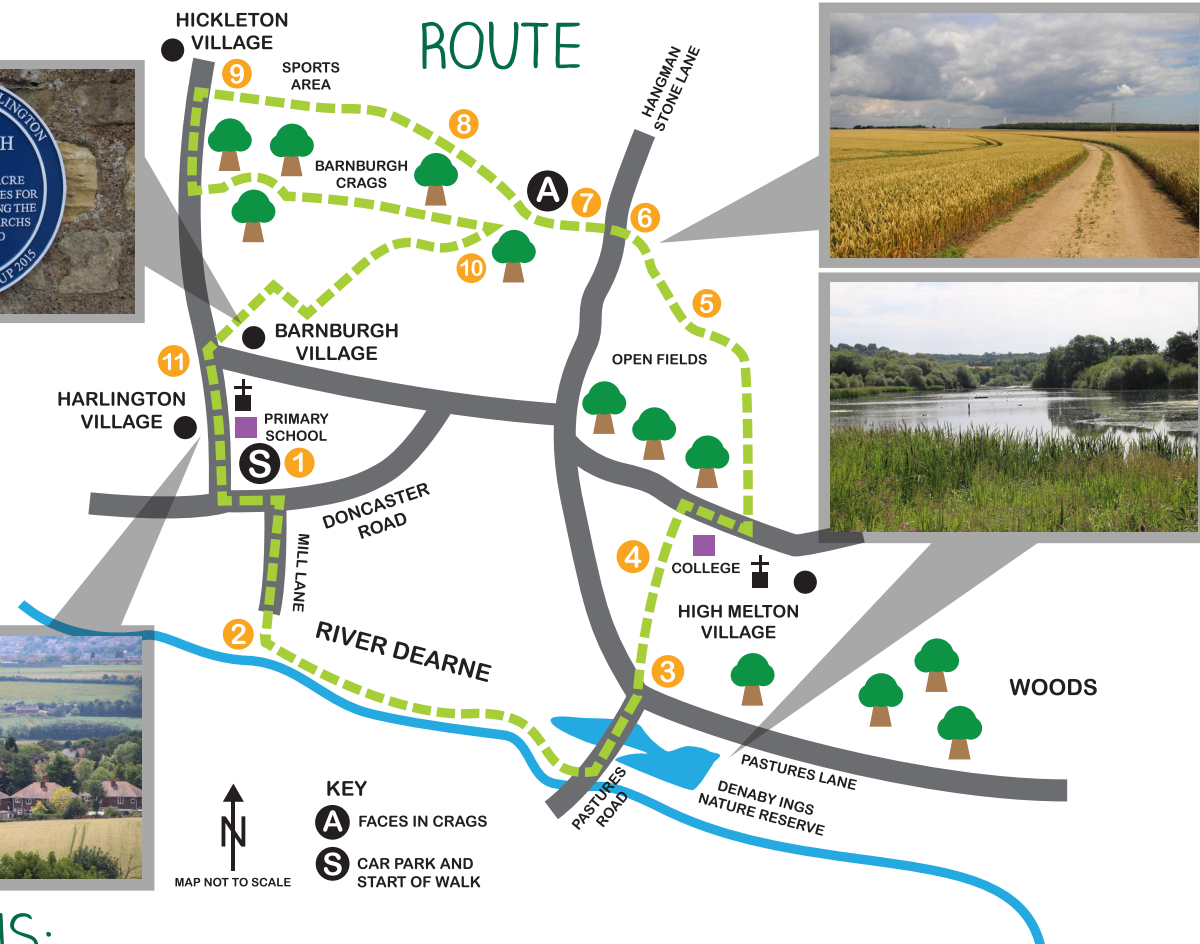


WALK INFORMATION

The walk is an eight mile circular ramble graded as moderate with a steady incline from the valley of the River Dearne to the Craggs at High Melton. It starts and finishes in the beautiful village of Barnburgh where the parish church of St. Peter is famous for its "Cat and Man" legend and is mainly of Norman architectural style. This once coal mining village has a population of 1,924 (2011 census). The walk leaves the village and allows a gentle stroll through Harlington and along the Trans Pennine Trail following the meanders and ox bow contortions of the River Dearne in a South Easterly direction to the peaceful Nature Reserve of Denaby Ings. It crosses Pastures Lane and steadily climbing up the scarp face to High Melton College whilst enjoying stunning panoramic views over South Yorkshire from the rolling Derbyshire hills around Sheffield to the amazing urban delights of Barnsley. The ramble then heads over the flat plateau summit of Melton Warren and Ox Pasture with memorable views northwards over the Vale of York towards the historical village of Hickleton and taking in the Stone Faces of Barnburgh Craggs. Turning South East the walk heads along the scarp face of Stables Wood then descends through meadows and woods to enjoy once more the wonderful vistas over South Yorkshire in all its glory!



DIRECTIONS:

1. Turn left out of the car park and follow Church Lane to its junction with Doncaster Road, turn left and continue along Doncaster Road before turning right into Mill Lane.
2. At the end of Mill Lane you will reach the river bank where you turn left joining the Trans Pennine Trail taking you through to Pastures Road where you turn left and cross the road passing Denaby Ings.
3. At the junction with Pastures Lane cross over Pastures Lane and go through the gap in the hedge onto a straight path which leads (by passing through three fields) to High Melton where there is a stile.
4. Once over the stile turn right and walk along Doncaster Road until a gap where the path moves away from the road but continues parallel to it until you arrive at High Melton College.
5. From here cross the road and walk along Hangman Stone Lane as it bends first left then right until you come to open fields.
6. Continue along the path which takes a left turn then veers right before arriving at Hangman Stone Road.
7. Cross the road and take the footpath through the trees observing various curious stone carvings in the cliffs to your right.
8. At the Finger Post on your right turn right and exit the woods to take the clearly defined footpath across the flat plateau top keeping the wind generators on your right.
9. Keep to the track heading in a North West direction until you pass Hickleton Sports Field on your right and reaching the road turn left to follow the road for 300 metres until you reach the Finger Post on your left pointing back into the woods along Barnburgh Cliffs.
10. Stay on the scarp face footpath until you reach a Finger Post on your right and take the path downhill leaving the woods and after climbing the stile follow the way marked footpath back into Barnburgh Village.
11. On reaching the church take Church Lane down through the village and at the fork in the road stay left past the Primary School back to the car park.


DEARNE VALLEY GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

This leaflet commemorates Dearne Valley Group's first ever walk in 1996 which we walked again in March 2016 as part of our celebrations to mark the Group's 20th Anniversary.


We would like to thank the Dearne Valley members Paul Smeaton who originally devised and led this walk and John Watson, who developed the route and also provided the photographs.

IF YOU ENJOY THIS WALK, OR WOULD
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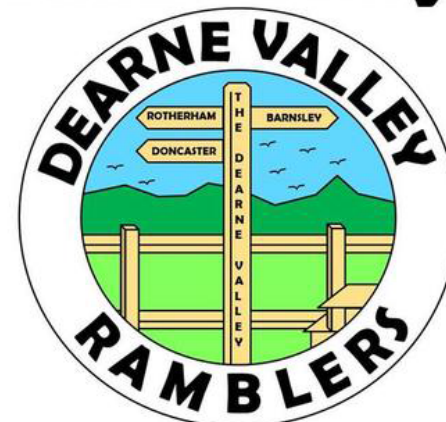
Our website includes full details of our walks programme which runs throughout the year, as well as a lot of other information about the group. We provide a wide variety of walks of varying distance and degrees of difficulty so that there is something for everyone. In addition we have a lively programme of optional social activities. All are welcome so please come along and share our enjoyment of great walks, good company and healthy exercise.

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