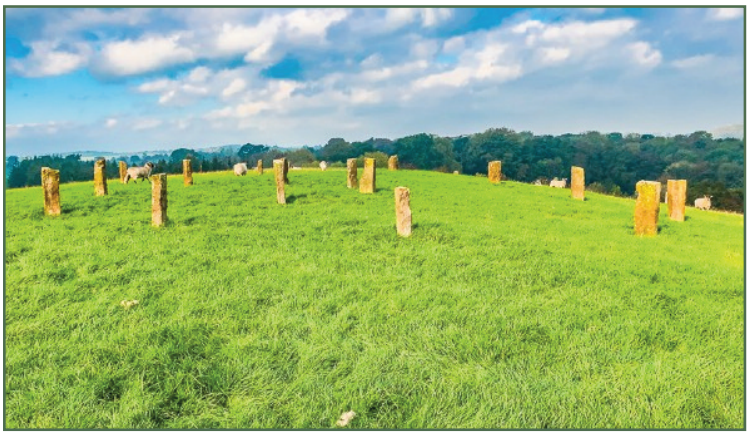
The Bull and Broughton Sanctuary, North Yorkshire

Moderate Terrain

4 miles
Circular
2 hours

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The Bull has long been one of Yorkshire's landmark pubs, famous as much for its hospitality as it is for its beautiful location on the Broughton Sanctuary.

A circular pub walk of just under 4 miles from The Bull in Broughton, near Skipton in North Yorkshire. The walking route explores the Broughton Sanctuary, including a visit to the parkland's standing stones. Not long after the time the church of All Saints in Broughton had been established (about 900 years ago), the Tempest Family moved into the parish. 32 generations later, the family is still there and although there is no denying its deep roots especially evident in the rather splendid Broughton Sanctuary, present owner Roger Tempest is as much interested in the future as in the past. Over recent years he has developed a business park. Today this provides employment for 600 people. That sounds busy but as you quickly discover when you follow this route, the business park has a minimum impact on its surroundings which are stunningly beautiful.

Getting there

The village of Broughton is located about 3 miles west of Skipton. The walk starts and finishes from The Bull on the main A59. If you are coming by public transport, there are bus stops on the A59 outside The Bull. If you are coming by car, The Bull has its own large car park.

Approximate post code **BD23 3AE.**

Walk Sections

Go 1 Start to East Lodge



The walk begins in the main car park which sits behind The Bull, standing with your back to the pub. From this rear car park turn left through the wall gap into the adjacent parking area and then turn right through a black metal

Access Notes

1. *Parts of this walk pass through Broughton Sanctuary using permissive paths.*
2. *Special permission to use these paths is given to customers of The Bull following this pub walk.*
3. *The walk follows tracks, driveways, pasture paths, a disused railway line and a section of a quiet country lane.*
4. *Apart from one short ascent to the standing stones there are no significant climbs. You will need to negotiate several gates, although the route is entirely stile-free.*
5. *Dog owners need to be aware that there are a number of cattle grids along the route. Whilst these grids normally have bypass gates available, due to the permissive nature of the paths you may need to be prepared to lift your dog over any bypass gates that are locked.*
6. *The route crosses pastures and parkland grazed by both sheep and cattle.*

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kissing gate to join a broad track. Remember that you will be sharing the tracks through the parkland with both sheep and cattle and you will cross several cattle grids along the way. You may notice signs which show this track leads towards the estate's Land Rover Experience.

The track leads you across Broughton Beck and past a handsome lodge on your right, the east entrance for Broughton Sanctuary. Broughton Sanctuary is a Georgian country house centrally located in 3,000 acres of landscaped grounds. The hall is a Grade I listed building and has been the seat of the Tempest Baronets for 900 years. A 14th-century document records the acquisition of a house, watermill and part of the manor of Broughton by Sir John Tempest. The park was landscaped in the 18th and 19th centuries and the Italianate terraced garden designed by William Andrews Nesfield circa 1855.

1 → 2 East Lodge to Railway Bridge



Keep ahead on the track, bearing left to take the left-hand cattle grid at a small barn. The track leads you past the large holiday home called Eden, across to your right. Keep on the track as it passes alongside a plantation of conifers on your right to reach a disused railway bridge ahead.

This bridge once carried trains between Skipton and Colne. The line between Skipton and Colne was opened in October 1848, part of the Leeds and Bradford Railway's Shipley to Colne extension and at a cost of £67,000 (equivalent to £6 million in 2018). With the East Lancashire Railway reaching Colne from Burnley in February 1849 and the completion of the Liverpool, Ormskirk and Preston Railway in April 1849, a through route from Leeds to Liverpool was then established. The Skipton–Colne line was not listed for closure as part of Dr Beeching's 1963 Report, however the line closed in February 1970. The Skipton East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELRAP) is the campaign to reopen the Skipton to Colne railway line, as part of the rail network of the United Kingdom.

2 → 3 Railway Bridge to Standing Stones



Go ahead to pass beneath the disused railway bridge. Stay on the track for 200 metres, until you see a stile in a fence on the left. Do NOT take this stile, instead turn right onto the grass to commence the only climb in the walk, heading to the top of Banner Hill and a scattering of standing stones.

Careful study will reveal that this is not a scattering, but a carefully arranged spiral. Each stone represents a generation of the Tempest family which has owned the Broughton Sanctuary for over 900 years. Incidentally though not high – a mere 139 metres above sea level – this grassy knoll offers a commanding view of the countryside around.

3 → 4 Standing Stones to Old Railway



To continue with the walk, you will need to leave the hill via a wooden gate in the field boundary to the west of the hill (the opposite side from which you approached). To do this, stand alongside the stones with your back to the track which you walked along earlier. Bear slightly left (about 11 o'clock) to reach a wooden gate besides a tree. Go through this gate and then bear right to reach the corner of this field, close to a walled plantation. As you approach the field corner, pick up a broad grassy track that takes you alongside the wall and through a metal gate. After the next metal gate keep alongside the wall on your right until you reach a metal gate on your right that gives access to the disused railway line.

4 → 5 Old Railway to Church Lane



Go through this gate and bear left to join the old railway track, which we will be following for 800 metres. After passing Low Ground Farm, stay with the old line which becomes a concrete drive and later turns to the right, just before a road bridge. You will emerge onto Church Lane.

5 → 6 Church Lane to Business Park



Turn right onto Church Lane. Follow the lane as it leads you past a property that was once the village school and then the attractive church. Look for the headstone of Enoch Hall, close to the second gate on this approach.

Enoch Hall was the school master at Elslack School from 1844 to 1872 and, such was his reputation, that several scholars were sent from Earby to be taught by him. He was described as six feet tall, somewhat corpulent and with clear and healthy skin, very white hair and 'bore the impress of a gentleman'. The gravestone was erected by his scholars on June 16, 1910, as a token of their appreciation of him and his teaching.

Keep on the lane for a further 700 metres to arrive at the entrance of Broughton Hall Business Park on your right (signed to Offices and Utopia).

6 → 7 Business Park to End



Turn right into the business park. Keep on the main drive as it takes you past the main complex of ancient and modern buildings, blending in a pleasing fashion with the beautifully kept grounds. After passing between two buildings (the one on the left has a prominent clock), the drive swings left. You will pass a dovecote on your left with a car park on the right.

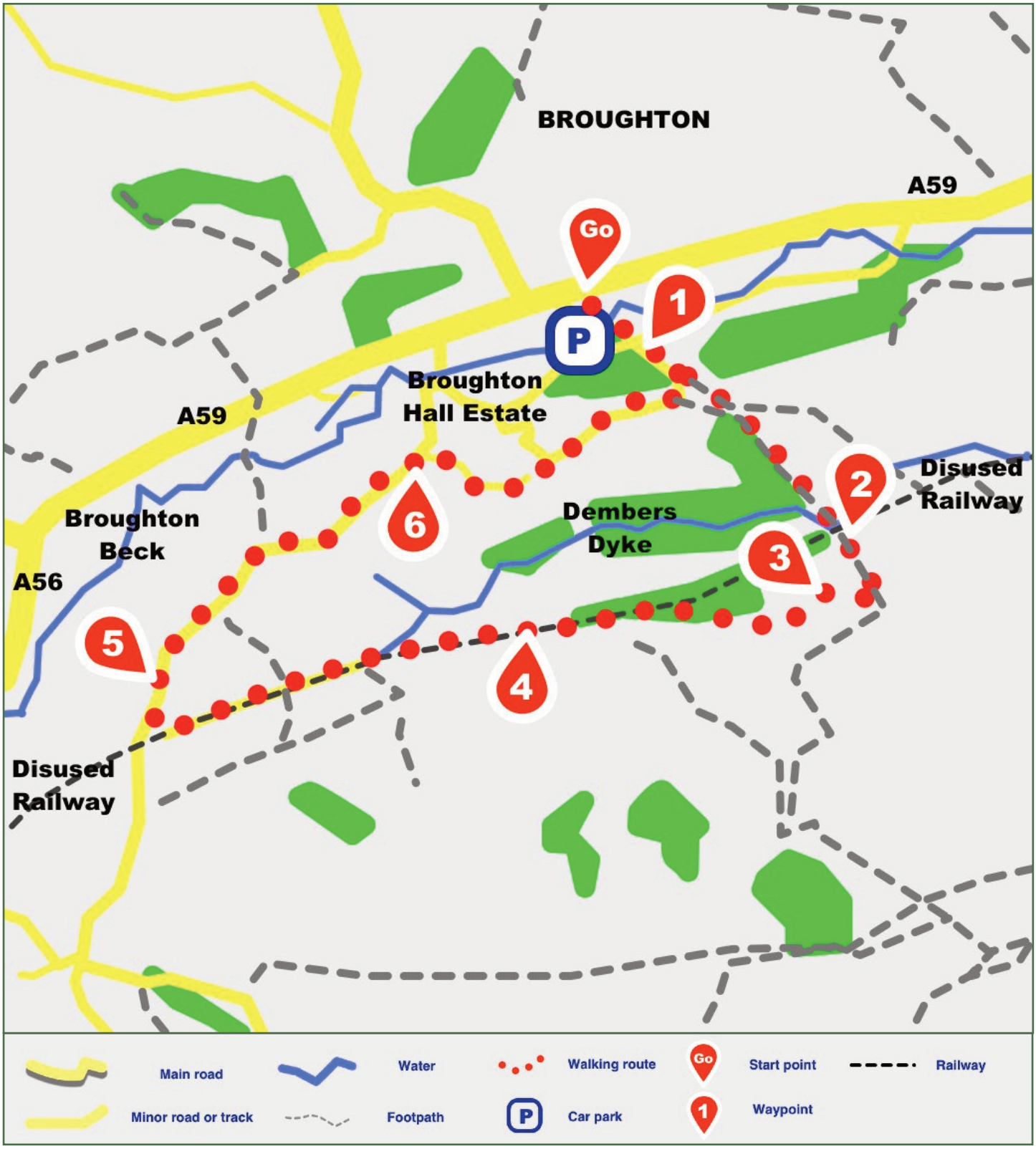
Almost immediately after this, turn right and cross a cattle grid (or use the gate alongside) to follow the drive back into the parkland. Follow the drive ahead, leading you out to Eden (the impressive holiday home which you passed near the start of the walk). When you reach Eden, turn left and follow the driveway across the next cattle grid. Now simply keep ahead, retracing your steps back over Broughton Beck and on to reach The Bull for some well-earned hospitality.

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Walking Safety

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and an Ordnance Survey map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.


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