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# INGBIRCHWORTH to BRETTON HALL

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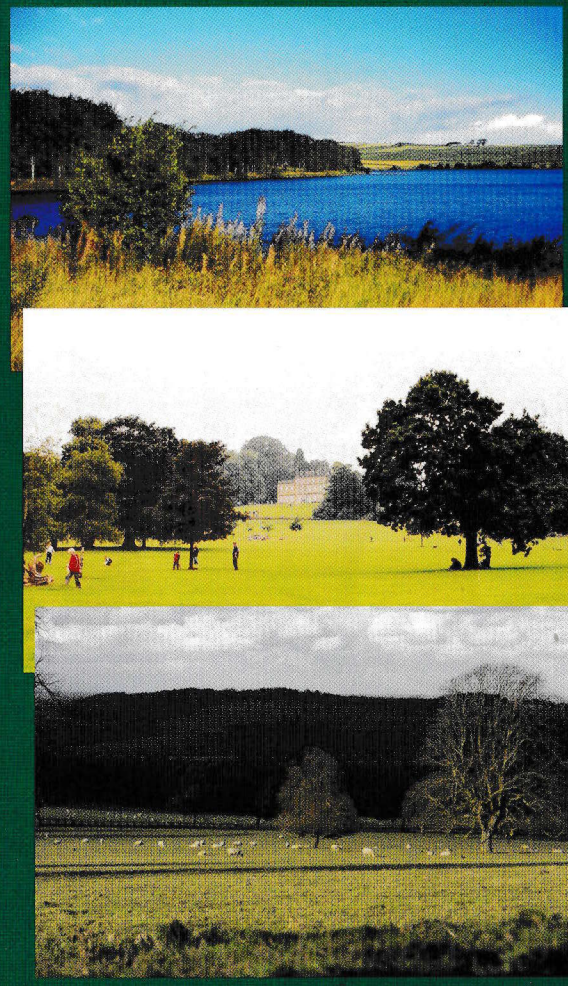

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# BARNSLEY BOUNDARY WALK

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, 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 this very popular walking 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 Wharncliffe, 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: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Environmental Services, Public Rights of Way, PO Box 601, Barnsley, S70 9FA. Tel: (01226) 772142. E-mail: publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk.

For details about the Trans Pennine Trail contact The TPT Office c/o Barnsley Council, PO Box 597, Barnsley, S70 9EW. Tel: (01226)772574.

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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. Nearby bus stops are shown.

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, Dark Peak and map 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.

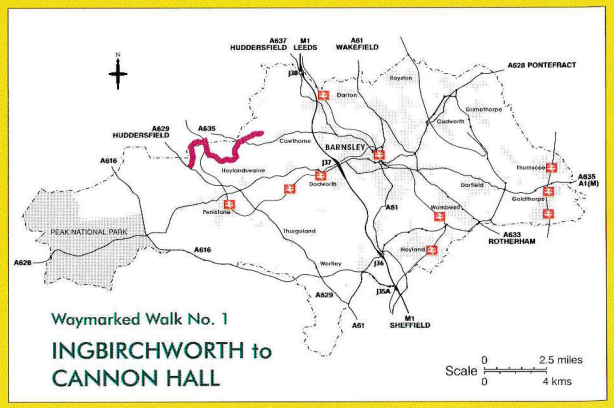
The village of Upper Denby, "the farmstead of the Danes", straddles the Barnsley/ Kirklees boundary, and is also a Conservation Area with an imposing church completed in 1843.

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



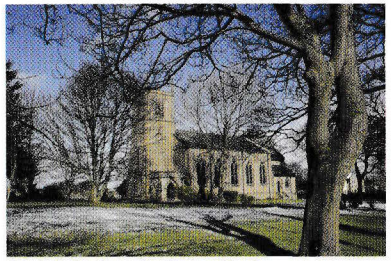



1 Our walk starts from the A629 Huddersfield Road at Ingbirchworth. The green space on the south side of the road, with its ornate stone clapper bridge over Ingbirchworth Dike is a likely place to pause and contemplate the journey ahead.

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





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Home Farm, Cannon Hall Country Park






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 thriving visitor attractions.

Waymarked Walk No. 2

# CANNON HALL to BRETTON HALL

**Starting Point**
Cannon Hall Country Park.

**Distance**
5 miles (8 km).

**Time**
Allow yourself half a day or longer to enjoy the walk, Cannon Hall and/or Bretton Hall.

**Footwear**
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**Waymarks**
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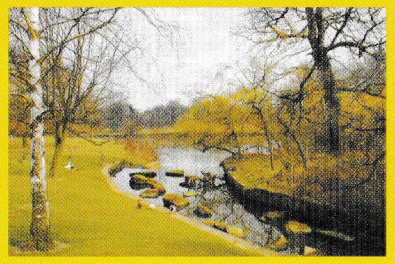
**Imprint of the Gentry ...**

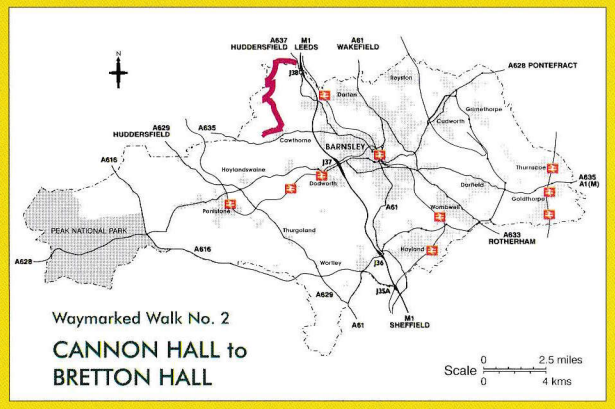
This section of the Barnsley Boundary Walk reveals the imprint of historic houses and their surrounding parkland on the landscape.

At Cannon Hall the Spencer-Stanhope family established their fine country house, remodelled by John Carr of York from 1764. The mansion now houses art collections and the Museum of the 13th/18th Royal Hussars, and the parkland gardens provide a popular Country Park. Visitors are well catered for and the adjoining open farm and garden centre provide added attractions.

Beyond the Cawthorne Park woodlands and the elevated High Hoyland village lies Bretton Hall, approached on our way by the airy gallops of Long Side. In the 18th century the Wentworth family developed their Hall and landscaped park at West Bretton. Today the house and parkland accommodate the Bretton Hall Campus of the University of Leeds, the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, a country park and nature reserve.

View from Cascade Bridge, Cannon Hall






Cannon Hall Country Park





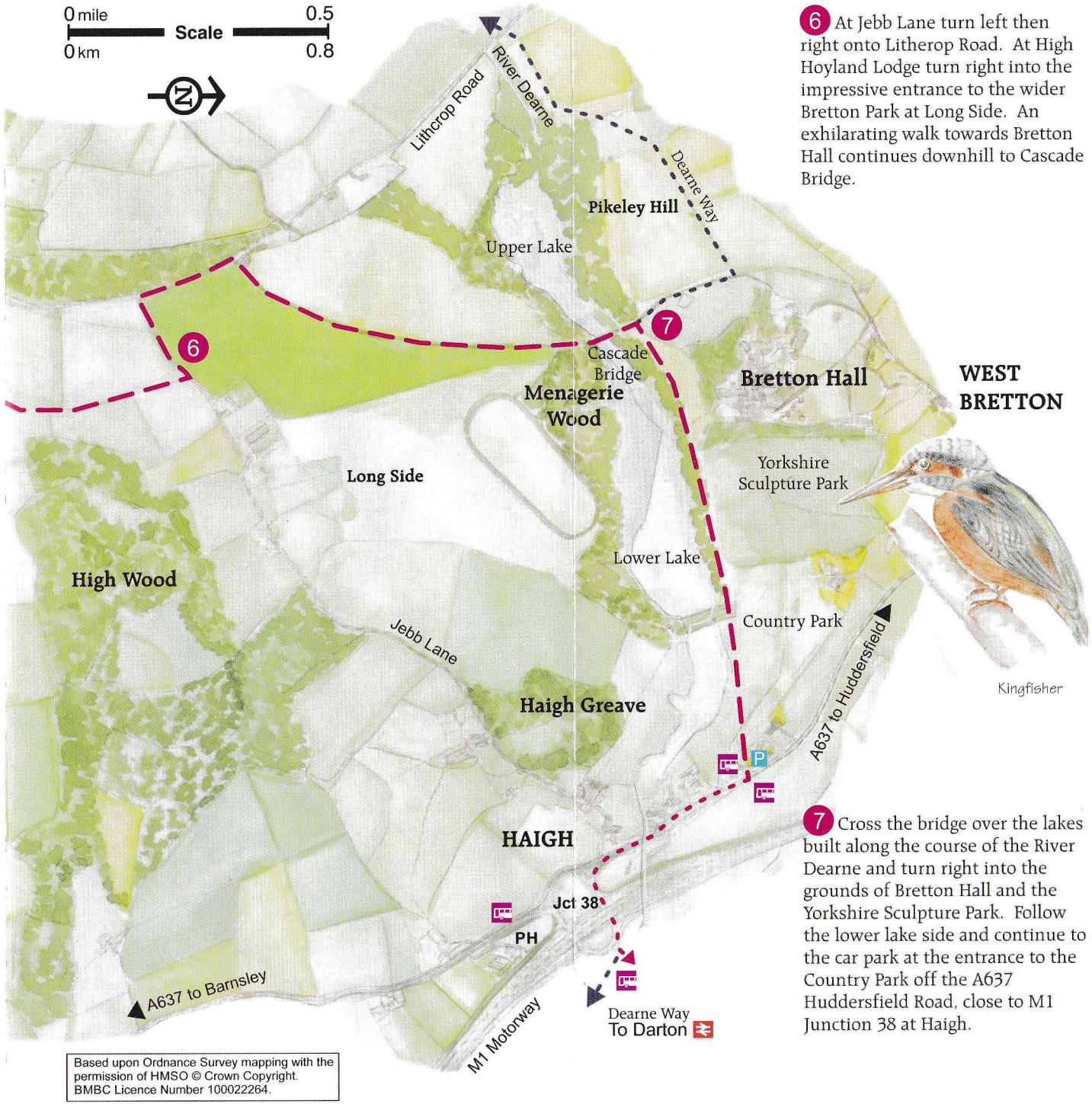

1 On a fine sunny day the parkland of Cannon Hall Country Park with its ornamental lakes and wildfowl is a place to linger. Over the bridge the main path leads to Cawthorne village but our route continues eastwards.

2 Past the cricket ground and over the stone clapper bridge turn left then right along the river bank. Turn left over the footbridge and strike uphill.

3 Continue uphill through and alongside the woodlands of Cawthorne Park emerging onto a track leading up to High Hoyland village.

4 At High Hoyland turn left onto Upper Field Lane, then right onto Church Lane. After Croft Cottage turn right onto Little Lane. Follow the path until you reach Jebb Lane.

5 From Little Lane, High Hoyland, you will see High Hoyland Church; it is no longer active but remains a prominent landmark.

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**6** At Jebb Lane turn left then right onto Litherop Road. At High Hoyland Lodge turn right into the impressive entrance to the wider Bretton Park at Long Side. An exhilarating walk towards Bretton Hall continues downhill to Cascade Bridge.

**7** Cross the bridge over the lakes built along the course of the River Dearne and turn right into the grounds of Bretton Hall and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Follow the lower lake side and continue to the car park at the entrance to the Country Park off the A637 Huddersfield Road, close to M1 Junction 38 at Haigh.