

## Walk No 9: The Parish Boundary

*This walk, which is approximately 9.5 miles in length covers the Parish boundary of Menston.*

*The route taken follows recognised public rights of way at all times. It should be pointed out that substantial portions of this walk are already covered by many of the walks on this website. The walk starts at the Parish Church.*



With your back to the church turn left down Burley Lane, pass Clarence Drive and continue over the railway bridge to just beyond a large house and paddock to a stile on the left hand side. Cross the stile and follow the fence on your right going down hill aiming for a pair of trees, the other side of which is a stream with a plank crossing. Aim for the corner of the field taking a stile up on to the old Otley-Ilkley railway line and turn left.

At the end of this old track go down steps and turn sharp left going under the existing railway line. Cross the field towards a red house and a stile, over the stile into Hag Farm Road. Turn left.

After passing the last house (white) on the left continue for about 250 yards to the first tree on the right. Go through the gap in the fence bearing slightly right to a small white gate. Follow the path up to and partly across the paddock. Turn right towards a white house, crossing a stile onto a drive. Turn left up to the Burley Woodhead road.

Cross the road, turning right and downhill to the old Burley Woodhead School (now a private residence) and turn left through a gate onto the moor. Take the left forking path uphill. Continue up the steep hill keeping a stone wall on your left passing three farmhouses. Other footpaths may appear but use the one which keeps nearest to the wall.

After a small red brick building, bear left arriving at a large gate/stile and a clearly defined track (Occupation Lane). Cross the stile and continue down Occupation Lane, passing a derelict pump-station on your left to reach the Hawksworth/Burley Woodhead road.

Turn right following the road with great care and in single file for about 0.3 mile taking the first left turn into Bingley Road and down into the village where Bingley Road joins Main Street at the corner of the park. If you wish you can finish the walk at this point having covered approximately half the total distance.

If continuing with the full walk, go forward to the Hare and Hounds. Turn right at the traffic lights after crossing the road, and take the first left at the footpath sign just past the Ambulance Station. Go forward over the railway line climbing steadily to meet the Chevin End-Guiseley road.



Turn left at this point to meet Buckle Lane at the Chevin Inn turning right and taking the Otley road passing the Clarion Caravan site on your right. Where the Otley road bends sharply to the right look for a stone stile on your left.

Cross the stile and walk straight ahead to a stile set in a hedgerow leading into a field with a further stile which leads into a field of rough grazing. Move ahead on a clear track to a stile behind Oaks Farm and a plantation of trees on the right. Go forward to join the Menston-Otley road by Murphy's machinery. Turn right and after a short distance cross the road into Acre Cliffe Riding Stables, taking the left hand drive. Cross the stable yard and go round the back of loose boxes and through a gap in the wall into a field.

Turn left following the wall and a fence to a stile. Cross the stile into Milner Wood and down to join the old Otley-Ilkley railway line. Turn left along this track passing a graveyard on your left, down steps and over a footbridge to join the Menston-Burley road (A65).

Cross the road and turn right down the A65 to reach Endor Crescent turn left until you reach the cross road at Burley Lane, where you turn left and walk back to the church.