



8 FERRIES & BRIDGES

FEATURES OF INTEREST



WALK DETAILS

5m/8km

GRADE: Easy

A linear walk along the River Aire flood bank.

SUMMARY

A pleasant walk along the flood bank with some excellent views along the way.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses: Services 400 and 401 from Goole and Selby.

PARKING

Free parking at Snaith station car park.

Post code DN14 9HY

Map reference SE643223

If walking in reverse, park at

roadside near Rawcliffe

Church, map reference

SE685230

MAPS

OS Explorer 290/291

OS Landranger 105

REFRESHMENTS

Cafes and public houses in Snaith. Shops and public houses in Rawcliffe

NO PUBLIC TOILETS

of three churches built by the 7th Viscount in this area.

Just after the pumping station, the next kissing gate is located where the old River Don joined the River Aire. The snaking row of bushes on your right was the course of *The Lost River* which you may have read about on the HERITAGE BOARD.

Just after the river turns sharply to the north you will see Eskamhorm Farm on the far bank. In the 19th century the farmer here operated one of the two ferries over the River Aire which served Rawcliffe, connecting it with Newland. Unfortunately people often had a long wait for the ferryman to row over to collect them as he would be out tending his land.



POINT 3

At the River Aire see the foundations of the 1777 bridge over the river and read the HERITAGE BOARD. The bridge was built by Thomas Stapleton of Carlton Towers.

POINT 3-4

Above the trees to the north will be seen the tower of Carlton Towers, the Yorkshire seat of the Duke of Norfolk. The brother of the present Duke of Norfolk now lives there. The Stapletons had lived on the site since 1301 and probably built the present house, although it has had many changes and additions over the years.

In 1795 Thomas Stapleton laid claim to the dormant Barony of Beaumont and this was granted in 1840.

A little further on to the south you will have an excellent view of Cowick Hall. In 1680, Sir John Dawnay was created Viscount Downe, an Irish title, by Charles II. He had built Cowick Hall circa 1670.

Later on your walk you will have a view of Cowick Church, one

For a long time on this walk you will have a view of the spire of St James' Church, Rawcliffe where your walk will end.

POINT 7

At the former Pinfold a HERITAGE BOARD gives the history of the riverside in Rawcliffe and tells about Jemmy Hirst.

POINT 9

The HERITAGE BOARD by the church describes some of the rich history of Rawcliffe.

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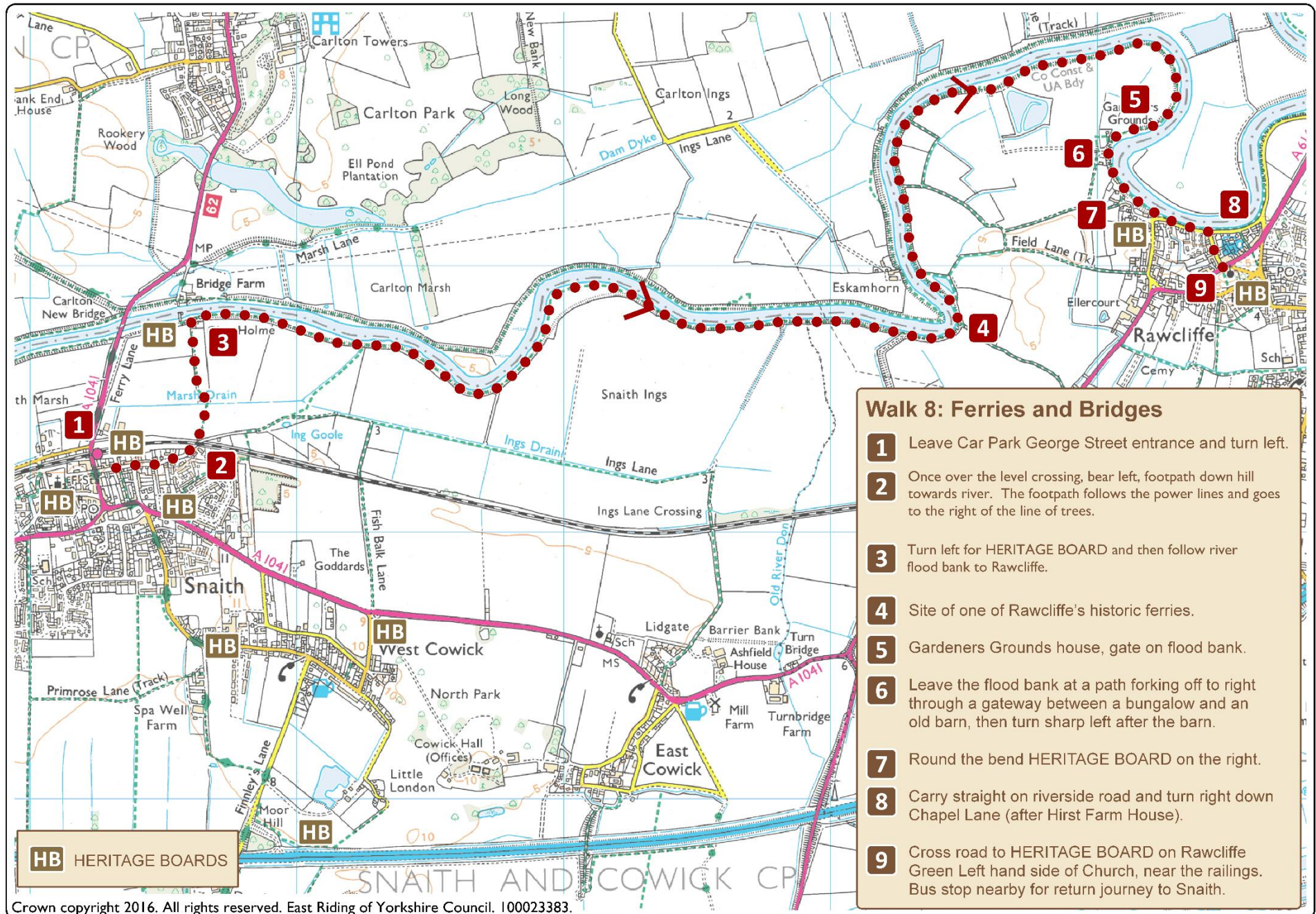
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- 1** Leave Car Park George Street entrance and turn left.
- 2** Once over the level crossing, bear left, footpath down hill towards river. The footpath follows the power lines and goes to the right of the line of trees.
- 3** Turn left for HERITAGE BOARD and then follow river flood bank to Rawcliffe.
- 4** Site of one of Rawcliffe's historic ferries.
- 5** Gardeners Grounds house, gate on flood bank.
- 6** Leave the flood bank at a path forking off to right through a gateway between a bungalow and an old barn, then turn sharp left after the barn.
- 7** Round the bend HERITAGE BOARD on the right.
- 8** Carry straight on riverside road and turn right down Chapel Lane (after Hirst Farm House).
- 9** Cross road to HERITAGE BOARD on Rawcliffe Green Left hand side of Church, near the railings. Bus stop nearby for return journey to Snaith.

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