

HARROGATE SOUTH WALK 5 miles

[Point W4/S2 to Point S3/E2 is also part of the **Urban Circle Walk**]

(START) From Harrogate Bus station cross Station Parade then walk along Cambridge Street to the Monument and Betty's. Go left on the tree-lined pavement of West Park (the main A61 road), then immediately after the traffic lights where Beech Grove goes to the right and Victoria Avenue to the left, slant right on a path across The Stray (look back for good views of Harrogate) to Otley Road. Cross Otley Road (hazardous crossing) to Park Avenue which has some fine roadside lime trees, and eventually becomes Park Avenue South. At T-Junction at the end, turn right and along St George's Road. When green space is reached on the right, follow the footpath (footpath sign) that slants across it, continue into the cul de sac straight ahead, then follow the broad path past Rossett Local Nature Reserve on the right to reach a junction with a road (Rossett Drive).

(W4/S2) Turn left (*Urban Circle walkers join here*) along Rossett Drive which soon becomes a path, then a road again. At the T-Junction with Leadhall Lane turn right, then take the second turn left along Throstle Nest Drive and continue along a fenced footpath with fields on either side (n.b. the path though hard underneath may be muddy on top). At the end of the footpath, turn left on to Stone Rings Lane. Continue along Stone Rings Lane with fine pines on the left and views across the Crimple Valley on the right. Turn left for a few yards when Leeds Road is reached (in dry conditions cut across the green space on the left), then soon cross Leeds Road and go down Fulwith Mill Lane. When it turns right, go left (signpost) along a tree-lined narrow lane (good views of Crimple Viaduct through the trees on the right) to a junction of paths.

(S3/E2) (*Urban Circle walkers turn right here*) Go straight ahead and walk down the broad tree-lined path. A football pitch is passed on the right and Oatlands Allotments on the left. Turn left when Hookstone Road is reached, then at the corner by Oatlands Infants School turn right on to Cromwell Road, and at the end left up Mount Street to reach Leeds Road.

(S4) Cross Leeds Road (pedestrian crossing), turn right, then soon turn left on to Carlton Road. Turn right at the top on to Kenilworth Avenue, then soon turn left on footpath that leads into Leadhall Drive. As soon as open green space is reached on right, turn right (footpath sign) on indistinct path that goes to the left of cricket pavilion and continues in same direction beside the cricket ground (where Yorkshire used to play) before coming out on to St George's Road (n.b. the path across the green space may be muddy, and an alternative is to continue along Rhodes Drive for a few yards, turn right on the path round the side of the green space, then through to St George's Road). Whichever route is used, turn right down St George's Road, then soon left along Park Avenue South. Take the second right, Philippa's Drive, and at the T-Junction at the bottom turn left along Park Drive. Keep to the right of Trinity Church to reach the T-junction with Trinity Road. Cross the road and turn left, continue past the plaque on the right that marks the site of Brunswick Station, Harrogate's first railway station, then slant right on the path that goes over a corner of The Stray, crosses Otley Road, then continues over The Stray to West Park, the main A61 road. Turn left to Betty's and the Monument, then retrace steps along Cambridge Street to the Bus Station.

