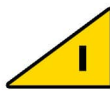
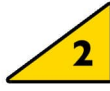


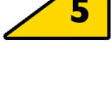


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Surface Quality (in dry weather)

- A** - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)
- B** - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)
- C** - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)
- D** - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

-  **1** - Gentle (up to 1:20)
-  **2** - Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)
-  **3** - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)
-  **4** - Steep (up to 1:8)
-  **5** - Very Steep (over 1:8)



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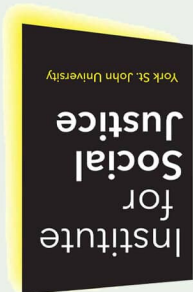
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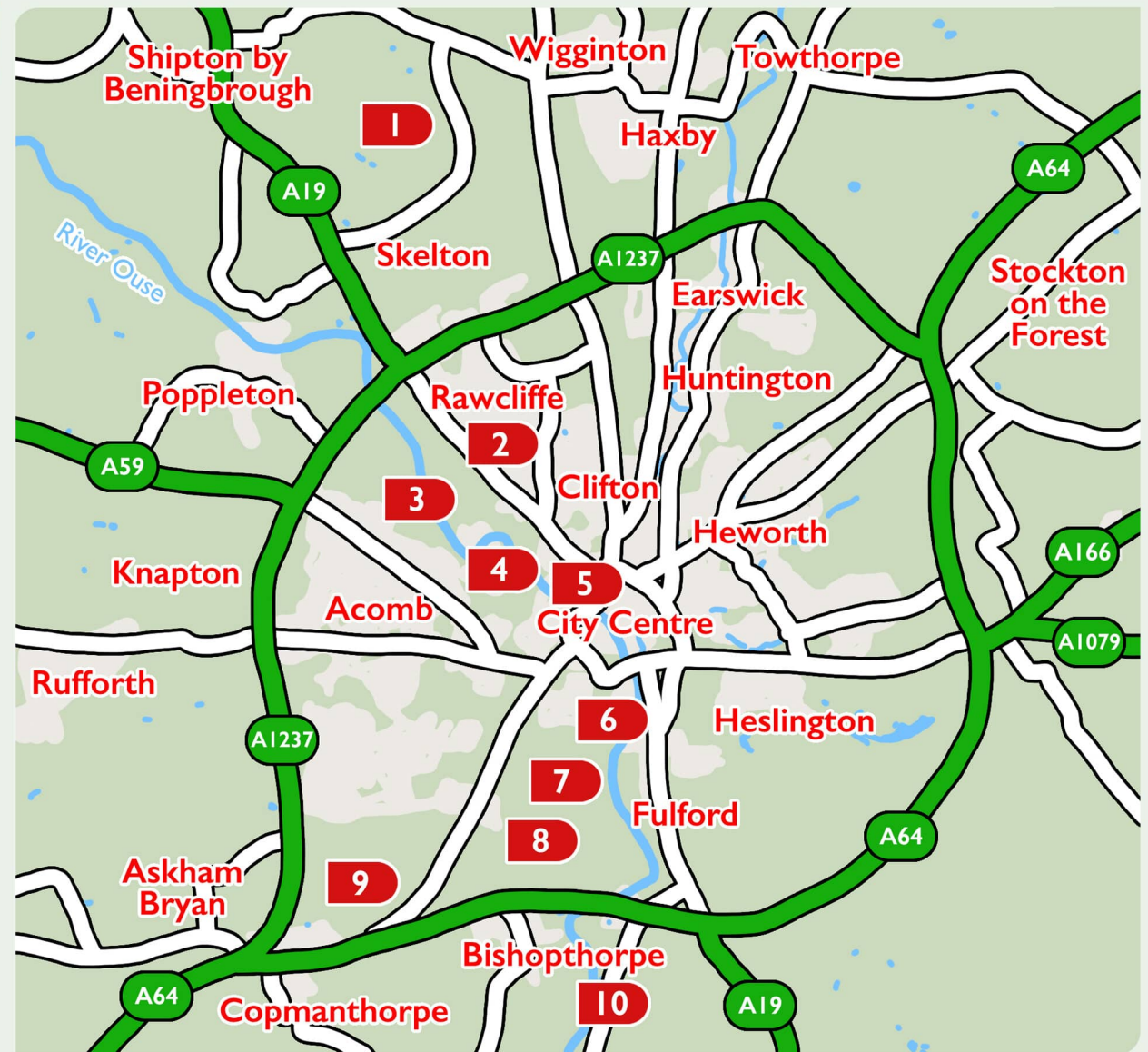
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| ●●●●● Suggested Route |  Viewpoint |
| ●●●●● Alternative Route |  Motorcycle Barrier |
|  Slope/Hill (Level) |  Speed Humps |
|  Linked Trail | 5 Steps (and how many) |
|  Suitable for Cycling |  Café |
|  Trail Start Point |  Public House |
|  Parking |  Bench/Seat |
|  Information Board |  Picnic Area |
|  Bus Stop |  Playground |
|  Accessible Toilet |  Cattle Grid |
|  Gate Accessible to most Wheelchairs and Scooters |  Trees/Wood |
|  Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs |  Lake/Pond |
|  Caution |  Landmark Building |



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| 1 Moorlands Nature Reserve | 6 Rowntree Park |
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i **Brief Description:** Moorlands Woodland Nature Reserve offers a flat 0.6 Mile (1km) walking trail through rhododendron and azalea trees. During early summer it is awash with colour.



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilets, 3.5 miles away at Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride (RADAR key).
What3Words: shall.ropes.cuts



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Education Centre, Free Car Parking, Information Boards, Pond, Rhododendrons and Azaleas, Royal Fern, Wood Carvings, Wildlife.



Blue Space Access: Accessible Pond Dipping Platform.



Location: Moor Lane, Wiggington, York, YO32 2RE.

What3Words: domain.emerge.firelight

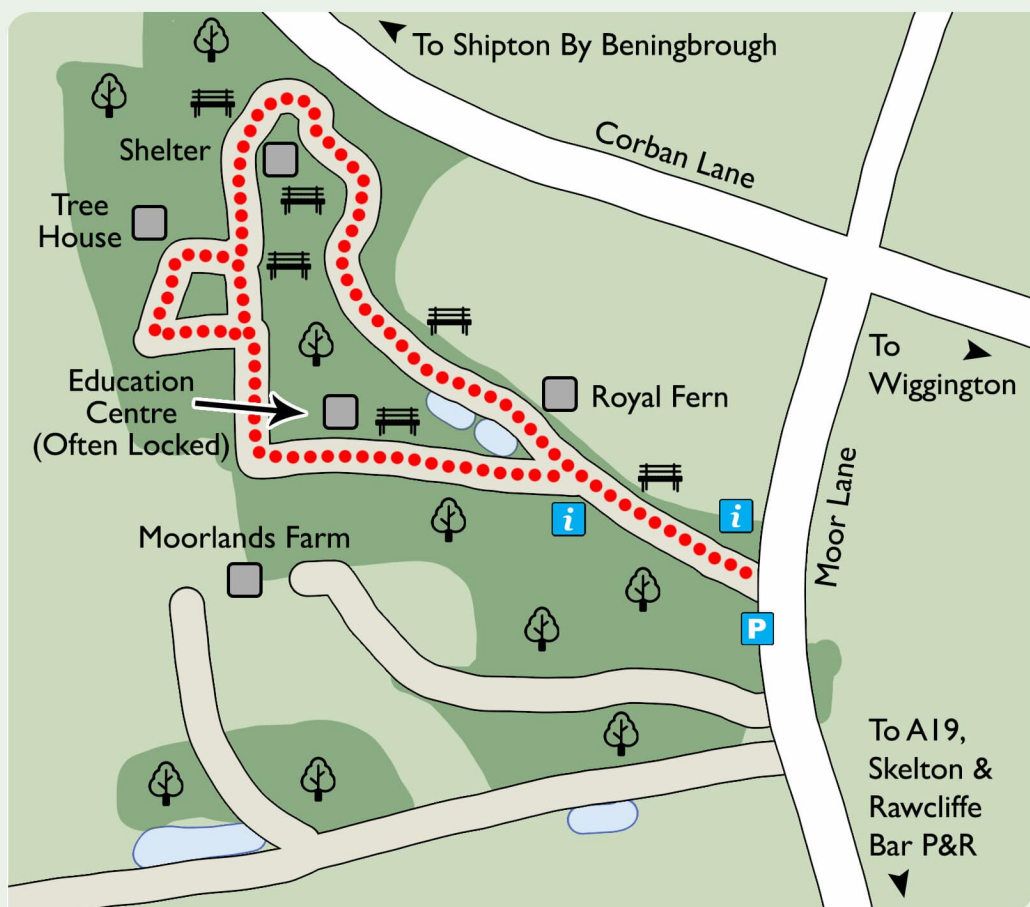
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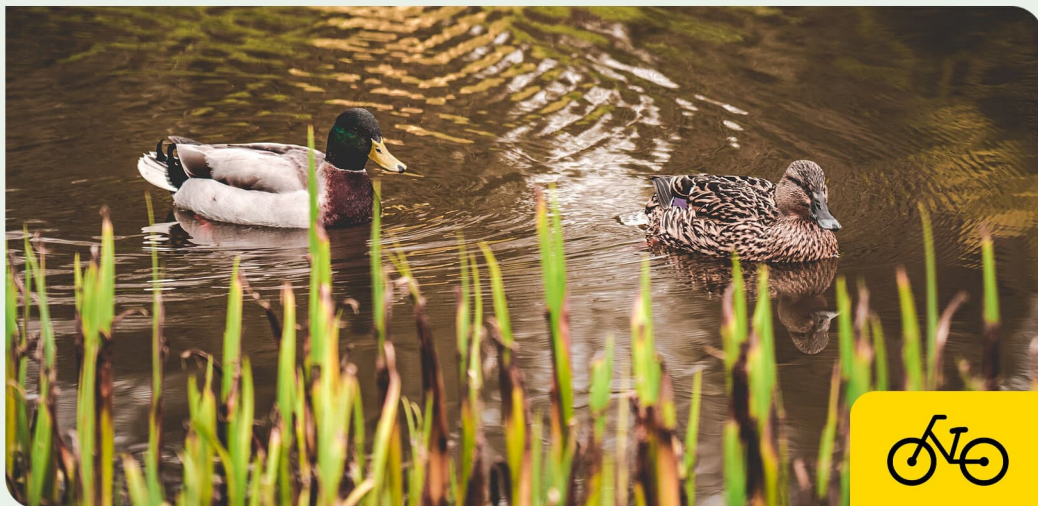


Public Transport: Bus number 40 between York and Easingwold stops on Wigginton Road, a one mile walk from the reserve entrance.



Route Details: Although suitable for all types of wheelchairs and pushchairs, paths unsealed (C). Puddles can form and the route can get boggy during or after wet weather. The route is level throughout.





Brief Description: This trail offers a 1 mile (1.6 km) loop around Rawcliffe Lake, with wide tarmac paths. This is a perfect natural oasis for wheelchair and pushchair users alike. The site is also a haven for wildlife, making it a great place to watch wildfowl and other birdlife.



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilets are located at Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride, Shipton Road, Rawcliffe, York, YO30 5XZ. (0.6 miles)

What3Words: shall.ropes.cuts



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Cycling, Cycle Parking, Fishing, Playground, Wildflower Meadow, Wildlife, Woodland.



Location: Free parking at Rawcliffe Pavilion, St. Mark's Grove, Rawcliffe, York, YO30 3TS.

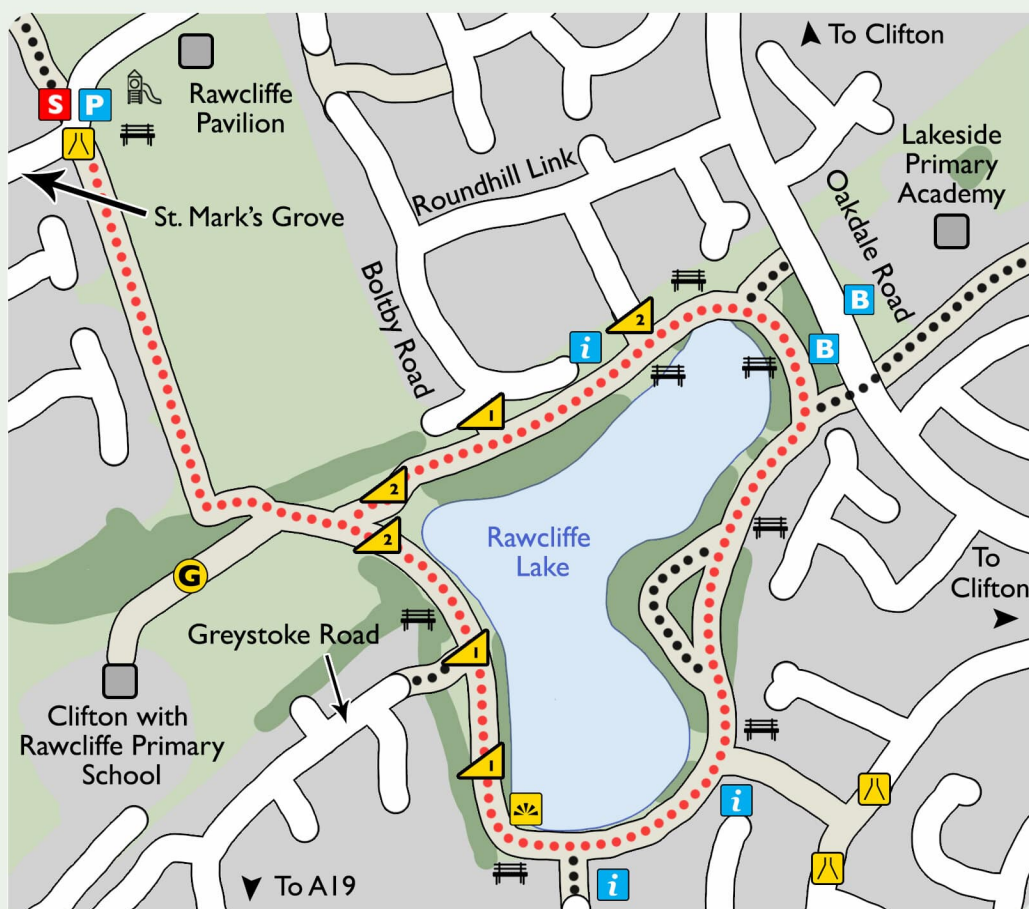
What3Words: shaped.deeply.human



Public Transport: Bus No. 6 between York and Clifton Moor stops outside the entrance to the site on Oakdale Road.



Route Details: Paths around the lake are made of tarmac (A). Paths are mainly flat throughout with some shallow inclines (2). Although there are entrances at various points around the lake, many are restricted by motorcycle deterrents and may not be accessible for large wheelchairs or mobility scooters. It is advised to access the site via the entrance at Rawcliffe Pavilion on St. Mark's Grove.





Brief Description: Rawcliffe Meadows & Clifton Ings offer a 2 mile (3.2 km) accessible trail around parkland and alongside the River Ouse. It is home to the rare Tansy Beetle, making it a Site of Special Scientific Interest.



Access and Facilities: 11 Blue Badge Parking Bays, 2 Accessible Toilets (RADAR Key), Changing Places Toilet.



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Children's Play Area, Cycling, Reservoir, Wildflower Meadow, Wildlife.



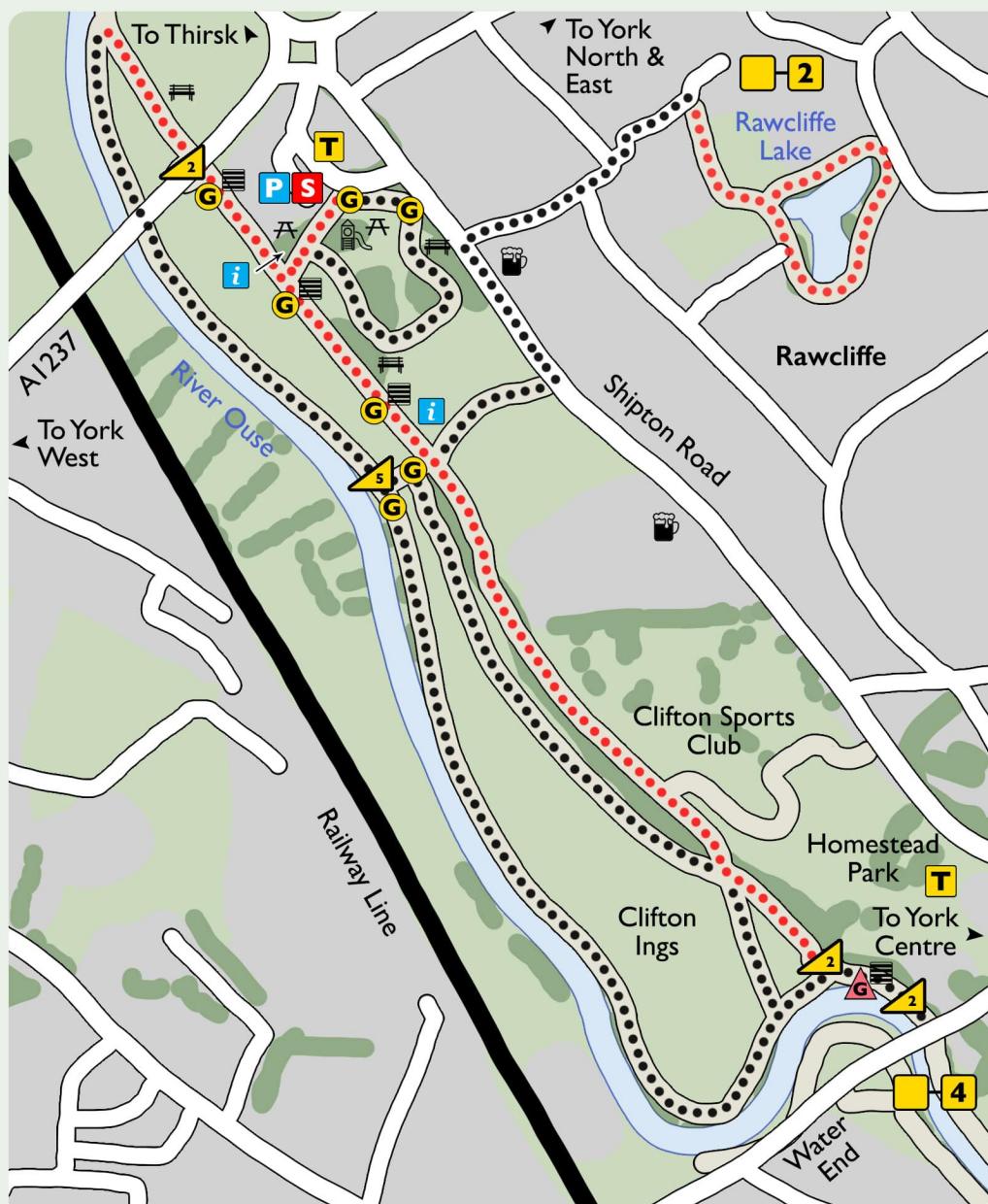
Location: Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride, Shipton Road, Rawcliffe, York, YO30 5XZ. **What3Words:** shall.ropes.cuts



Public Transport: Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride Bus provides a regular service to and from York City Centre.



Route Details: The path from the Park & Ride to Water End is made of tarmac and is mainly flat throughout (A1). Most of the alternative routes are grass and can get boggy in the winter and after wet weather.





Location: The route is best accessed from Marygate Car Park, Frederic Street, York, YO30 7DT.

What3Words: state.trails.voices



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 19 between York & Skelton and 30 between York and Thirsk stop at the end of Bootham Terrace, 0.3 miles from Marygate Car Park and on Water End, 200m from Clifton Bridge. York Railway Station is accessible via Scarborough Rail Bridge.



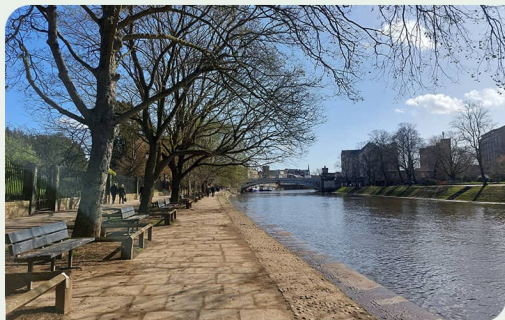
Route Details: The majority of the route is along flat, tarmac tracks (A1). There are slopes up to and down from the bridges at either end of the trail (3). There are some sections on pavements adjacent to quiet residential streets. The trail can be extended to cross at Lendal Bridge, care must be taken on accessing the bridge from Dame Judi Dench Walk as there is a sloped, cobbled section of path (C3), which may not be accessible for some wheelchair users. The route is liable to flooding.



Blue Space Access: Accessible river cruises and boat trips can be made from King's Staith Landing,

What3Words: fight.mile.packet and Lendal Bridge Landing

What3Words: wins.radar.verse For more information and bookings call City Cruises York on 01904 628324.



4

River Ouse Circuit

C3



Brief Description: This 2 mile (3.2km) circular route links Scarborough Railway Bridge and Clifton Bridge. It can be extended by 0.7 miles (1.2km) to Lendal Bridge. The trail leads you alongside the River Ouse, through parkland and meadows via accessible paths.



Access and Facilities: 11 Blue Badge Parking Bays at Marygate Car Park **What3Words:** stale.trials.voices, Nearest Accessible Toilets located at St. Leonard's Place, Bootham Bar, opposite the Art Gallery (RADAR Key). **What3Words:** snap.swan.offer and at Homestead Park, 200m from Clifton Bridge. **What3Words:** flips.nurses.renew A further 4 Blue Badge Parking Bays are situated at Homestead Park Car Park. **What3Words:** thinks.stack.patrol



Features of Interest: Benches, Cycling, Football Pitch, Historical Ruins, Picnic Area, River Cruises, Views of York Minster, Weeping Willows, Wildlife, Wildflower Meadow.



Features of Interest: Art Gallery, Benches, City Walls, Edible Garden, Fossilised Plants, Hospitium, Observatory, Parkland, Picnic Area, Rare Tree Collection, River Ouse, St. Leonard's Hospital Undercroft, St. Mary's Abbey (Ruins), The Grotto (Storytelling Area), Wildlife, Yorkshire Museum.



Blue Space Access: Accessible river cruises and boat trips can be made from Lendal Bridge Landing
What3Words: wins.radar.verse For more information and bookings call City Cruises York on 01904 628324.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 1 between York & Wiggington, 5 & 5A between York & Strensall, 6 between York & Clifton Moor, 19 between York & Skelton, 29 between York & Linton on Ouse, 30X between York, Thirsk & Easingwold, 31X between York & Kirkbymoorside and 40 between York & Easingwold all stop at Exhibition Square, outside York Art Gallery (0.1 miles from the entrance to the museum gardens). York Railway Station is accessible via Scarborough Rail Bridge, adjacent to Marygate Car Park, (0.5 miles from Marygate entrance).



Route Details: The majority of paths throughout the park are made of tarmac (A). There are some steeper sections (4) and a ramp (2) to access the Yorkshire Museum. The Grotto is only accessible via a grass path and access to St. Leonard's Hospital Undercroft is uneven in places. Paths can be narrow in sections and liable to flooding, especially alongside the river.

5

Museum Gardens

A4



Brief Description: Museum Gardens offers a peaceful, green haven a stone's throw from the city centre. Set in the grounds of the ruined St. Mary's Abbey, this large area of parkland, adjacent to the river, is a wonderful place to explore. It also provides access to a museum and art gallery.



Access and Facilities: 11 Blue Badge Parking Bays at Marygate Car Park (0.1 miles from Marygate entrance)
What3Words: stale.trials.voices, Nearest Accessible Toilets located at St. Leonard's Place, Boothham Bar, opposite the Art Gallery (RADAR Key). **What3Words:** snap.swan.offer Wheelchair hire is available from the Yorkshire Museum, call 01904 687687 to book in advance. The park is open between 9am and 6pm. Access to the Edible Garden (and Art Gallery via the gardens) closes at 4:30pm.



Location: The main entrance is located on Museum Street, YO1 7FR **What3Words:** begin.hung.margin





Public Transport: The nearest bus stop is on Bishopthorpe Road where the No. 11 operates services between York and Bishopthorpe, the No. 21 operates services between York and Colton and the No. 26 operates services between York and Fulford. The stop is 100m from the park entrance on Richardson Street.



Route Details: The majority of paths throughout the park are made of tarmac and are level (A1). There is a sloped path to access the café, adjacent to the boating lake (A4). Caution must be taken close to the car park entrance and along the initial stretch of the riverside path, which is used by vehicles. Cycling is permitted on the majority of paths in the park. The park is likely to close when the river is in flood.



6

Rowntree Park

A4



Brief Description: Rowntree Park offers a variety of accessible paths through open parkland and along the riverside. With a boating lake, ornamental gardens and other features of interest, it is a beautiful place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.



Access and Facilities: 3 Blue Badge Parking Bays and Accessible Toilets located adjacent to the riverside in the park and in the café (RADAR Key). For up-to-date opening hours, please refer to signs at the park entrance.



Features of Interest: Amphitheatre, Art Installations, Basketball Court, Bird Watching, Boating Lake, Café, Football Pitch, Library (in the café), Ornamental Gardens, Playground, Skate Park, Table Tennis, Tennis Courts, War Memorial.



Location: The park is best accessed via the Car Park on Terry Avenue, YO23 1JQ **What3Words:** angle.taped.penny





i **Brief Description:** A short 0.4 mile (600m), picturesque trail around a secluded pond, with plenty of opportunities to watch wildlife, especially water birds. In the summer months the pond presents a colourful display of water lillies.



Access and Facilities: Free, off-street Parking in Nelson's Lane Car Park. Nearest Accessible Toilets, 1.5 miles away at Askham Bar Park & Ride (RADAR key).

What3Words: label.cheek.inch



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Children's Playground, Free Car Parking, Pond, Water Lillies (seasonal), Wildlife, Woodland.



Blue Space Access: 4 Fishing Platforms, (2 Accessible).



Location: Nelson's Lane, Dringhouses, York, YO24 1HD.

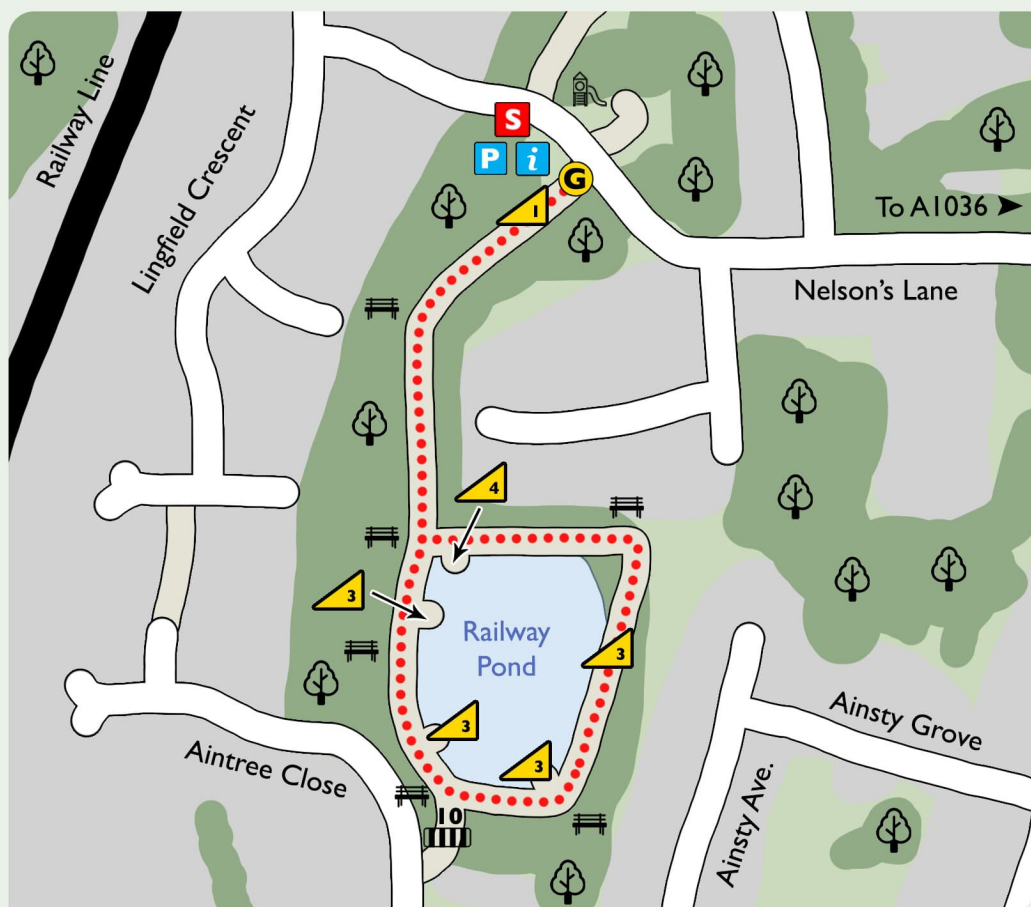
What3Words: tummy.tamed.wage



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 4 between York and Acomb, 12 between York and Woodthorpe, 21 between York and Colton and the 840 and 843 between Leeds & Scarborough via York, all stop at the end of Nelson's Lane on the A1036 Tadcaster/York Road (approx. 300m from the site). Askham Bar Park & Ride is a 1.5 mile walk from the site.



Route Details: Paths are made of compacted earth (B). They can be prone to puddles during or after wet weather and get narrow at points (C). The main route is generally flat, with one short slope (3). There are steep slopes onto the fishing platforms (4) and steps at the southern entrance.





i **Brief Description:** Chapman's Pond offers a short, accessible waterside and woodland trail. This former clayworks has been reclaimed by nature and is a beautiful place to enjoy walking, wheeling and fishing.

♿ **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets, 0.8 miles away at Askham Bar Park & Ride (RADAR key).
What3Words: vibrates.flying.vines

Q **Features of Interest:** Benches, Café, 7 Fishing Platforms, (1 Accessible), Wildflower Meadow, Woodland.

≡ **Blue Space Access:** Accessible Fishing. Contact fishing@chapmanspondyork.org to aquire a permit.

📍 **Location:** Small car park on Moor Lane, Dringhouses, YO24 2QY. **What3Words:** text.rats.tracks
Additional free, on-street parking on Chaloners Road
What3Words: both.invent.launch



Public Transport: Bus Nos 12 between Monks Cross and Woodthorpe, 14 between Haxby and Foxwood Lane and 37 between York and Tadcaster all stop adjacent to the park entrance on Moor Lane.



Route Details: The route is flat throughout (I). Paths are made from compacted stone and tarmac (B). Access to the accessible fishing platform is by a tarmac path. Access to other platforms is via grass and bark chippings. There is a chicane barrier at the entrance on Moor Lane, which is wide enough for most wheelchairs and scooters.

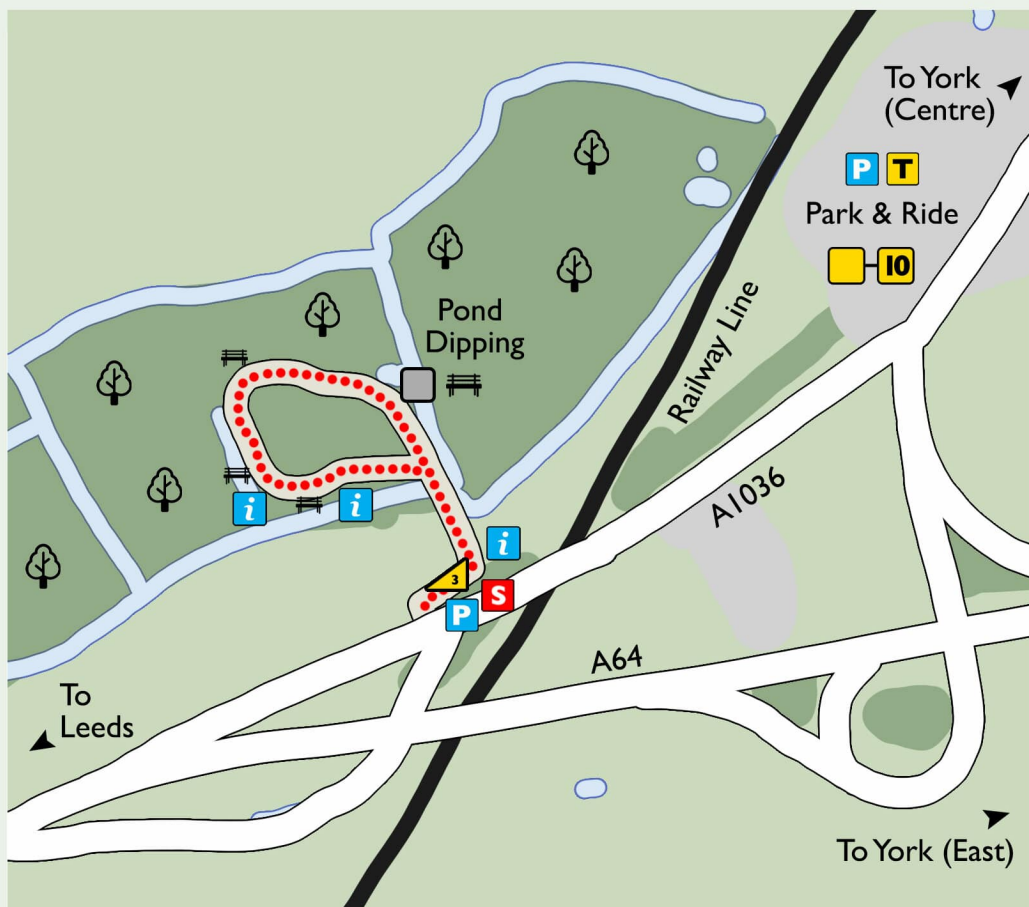




- i** **Brief Description:** Askham Bog is an ancient fenland on the edge of the city. A 0.6 mile (1km) boardwalk path takes you past the royal fern, ponds and woodland, rich in natural diversity.
- ♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets, 0.6 miles away at Askham Bar Park & Ride (RADAR key).
What3Words: vibrates.flying.vines
- 🔍** **Features of Interest:** Benches, Bird Watching, Cycle Parking, Fenland, Free Car Parking, Information Boards, Royal Fern, Woodland, Wildlife.
- 🌊** **Blue Space Access:** Pond Dipping.
- 📍** **Location:** Just off the A1036, Askham Bar, YO23 2UB.
What3Words: short.grabs.rally
- 🚌** **Public Transport:** Askham Bar Park & Ride is 0.6 miles from the reserve and operates regular services to and from York city centre.



Route Details: The route is mainly flat, however there is a slope down from the car park (B3). The boardwalk is level throughout. Paths away from the boardwalk are uneven and likely to get boggy or flood during or after wet weather.





i **Brief Description:** This trail links Askham Bar and Naburn via a tarmac path through rural land. There is over 6 miles (9.7 km) of accessible walking and cycling. The accessible trail can also be followed to Riccall, yielding extra sculptures.



Access and Facilities: 53 Blue Badge Bays, Accessible Toilets (RADAR key).



Features of Interest: Benches, Café, Cycling, Fisher of Dreams Sculpture, Picnic Area, York Solar System Sculptures.



Blue Space Access: Boat Hire, Canoe Hire, Fishing, Kayak Hire at York Boatyard in Bishopthorpe and at Naburn Marina.



Location: Askham Bar Park & Ride, York, YO24 1LW.
What3Words: vibrates.flying.vines



Public Transport: Askham Bar Park & Ride operates regular services to and from York City Centre. Bus number 42 operates services between Selby & Naburn.



Route Details: Paths on the recommended route are made of tarmac throughout (A). There are some gentle inclines (2). Caution must be taken when navigating via roads in Bishopthorpe and Naburn.

