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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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### Accessible Trails in the Selby District



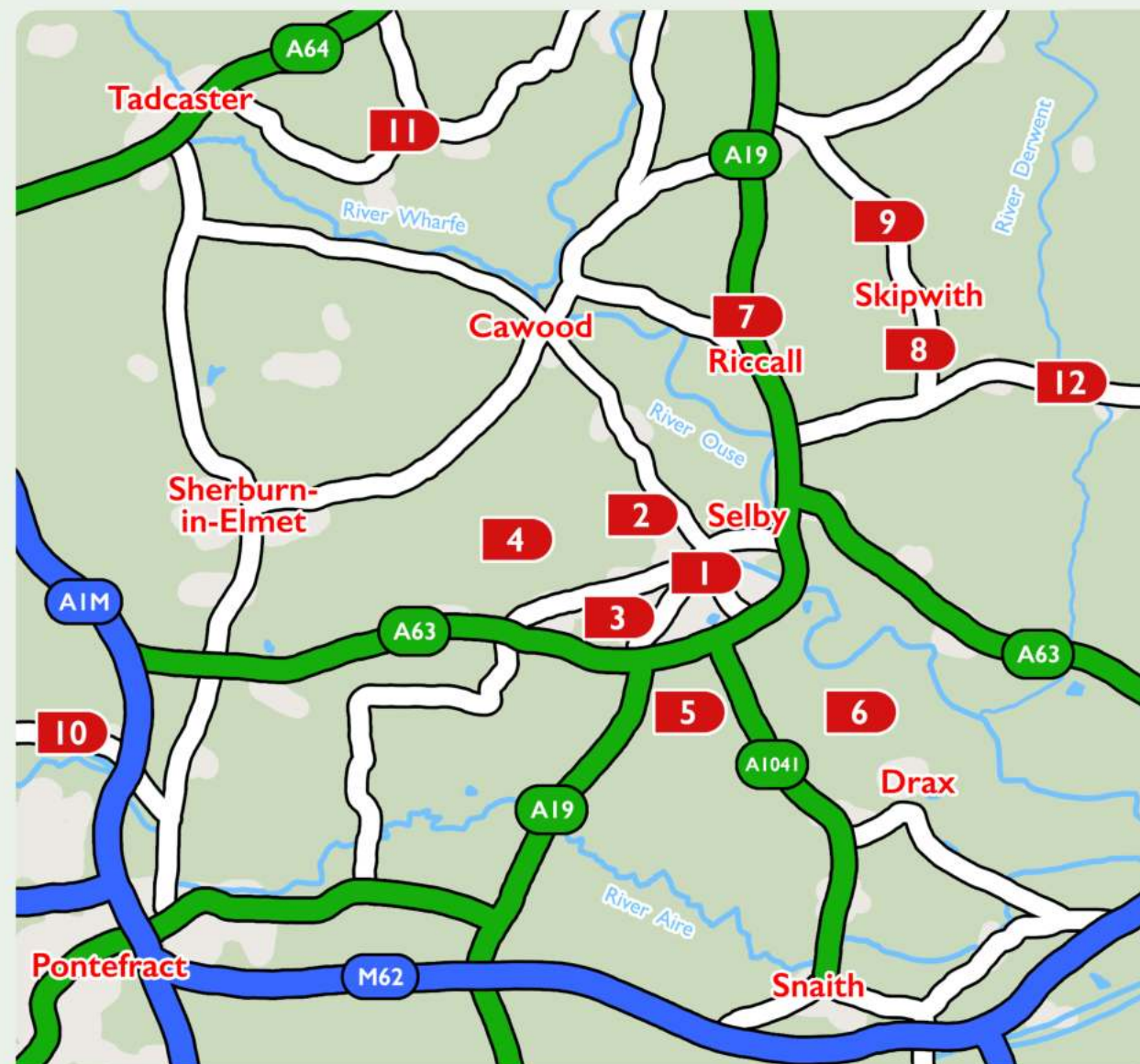
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## TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

	Suggested Route		Viewpoint
	Alternative Route		Motorcycle Barrier
	Slope/Hill (Level)		Speed Humps
	Linked Trail		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
	Accessible Gate (Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters)		Trees/Wood
	Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs		Lake/Pond
	Caution		Landmark Building



<b>1</b>	Selby Canal	<b>7</b>	Cycle the Solar System
<b>2</b>	Bondgate Community Wood	<b>8</b>	Skipwith Common
<b>3</b>	Brayton Barff	<b>9</b>	Three Haggas Woodmeadow
<b>4</b>	Bishop Wood	<b>10</b>	RSPB Fairburn Ings
<b>5</b>	Burn Airfield	<b>11</b>	Bolton Percy Station Nature Reserve
<b>6</b>	Barlow Common	<b>12</b>	North Duffield Carrs





**Route Details:** The canal towpath is made of crushed stone and is at least 1 metre in width along the route's length (C). The trail is flat throughout with some short, steady inclines (2). Caution must be taken at road crossings over Denison Road and Brayton Lane. The route can be continued beyond Brayton Lane, however the path surface becomes much narrower and more rutted. The route can also be extended into Selby for access to the bus and railway stations. Caution must be taken along pavements as the surrounding roads can get busy.

It is also possible to join the Trans Pennine Trail at Brayton Lane to link up with Route Card 5, Burn Airfield.



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## Selby Canal

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**Brief Description:** Selby Canal offers a 1.3 mile (2 km), or 2.6 mile (4 km out and back) route along the water's edge. Built in 1778 to link the River Aire to the River Ouse, it once served as a vital transport link. Today it is enjoyed by pleasure cruisers, walkers and cyclists alike.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Selby Railway Station 0.4 miles (0.6 km) from Selby Lock.

**What3Words:** [relieves.shiver.jukebox.](#)



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Canal Boats, Information Boards, Picnic Area, Sculpture, Selby Lock, Wildlife.

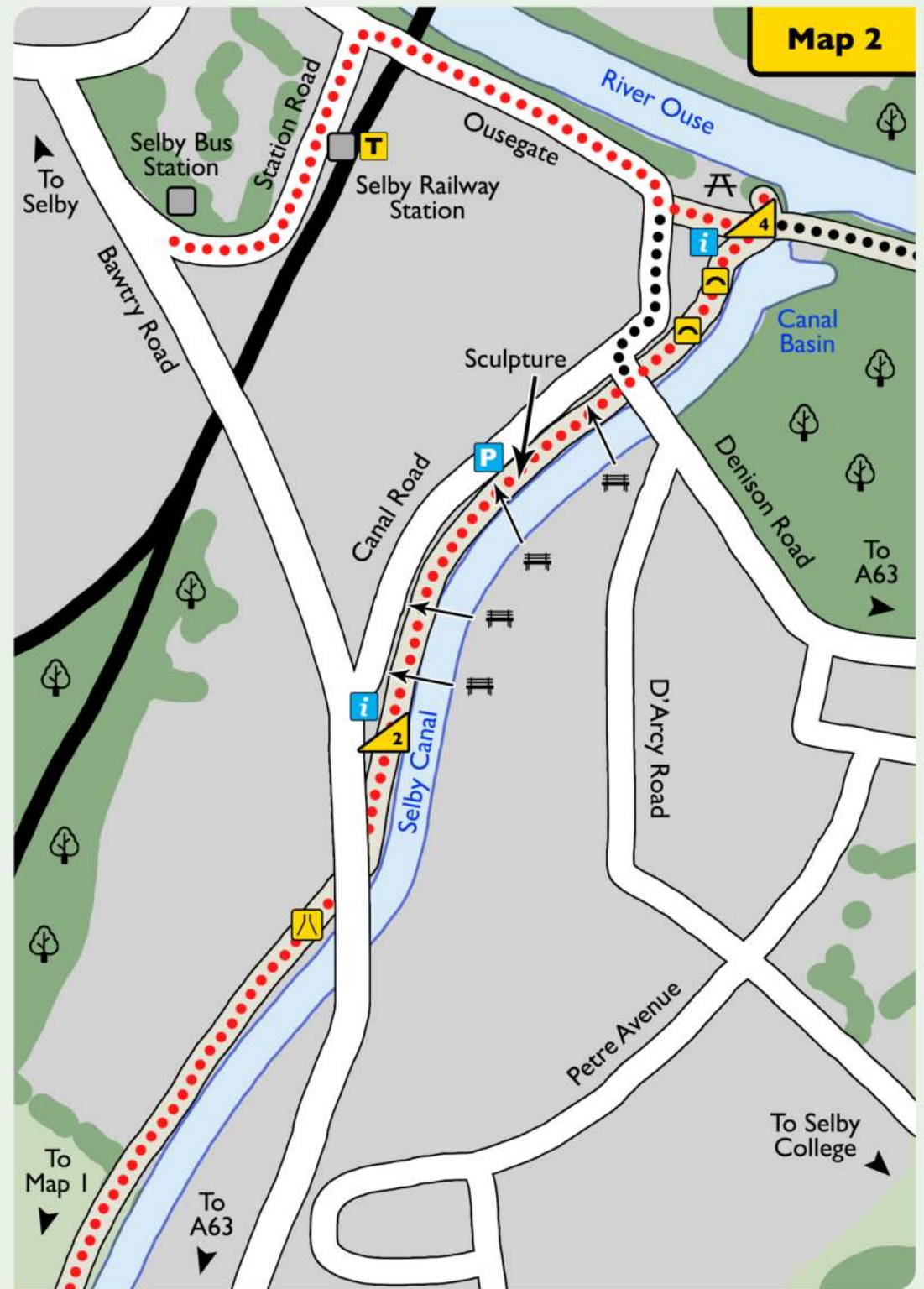
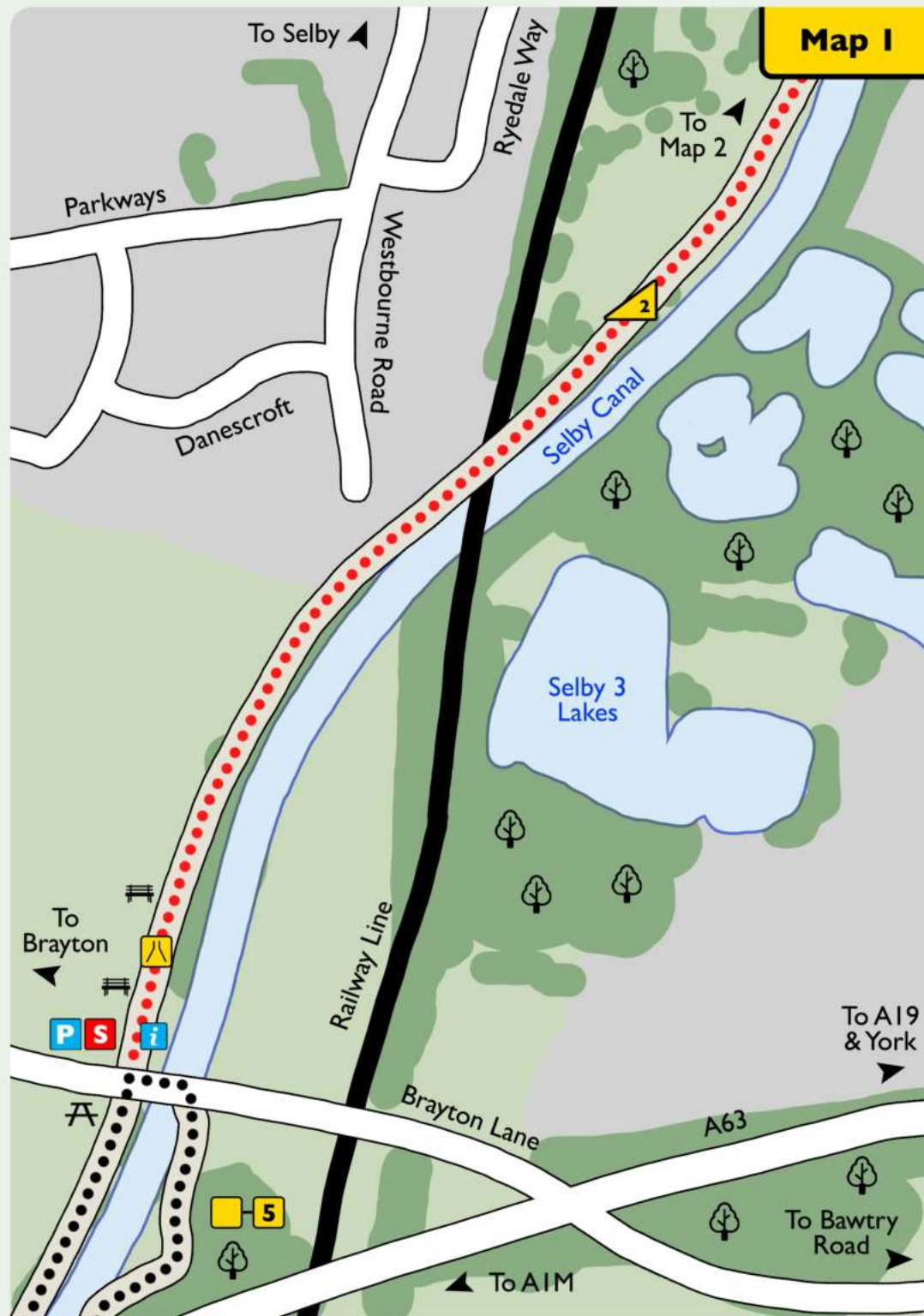


**Location:** Brayton Lane Bridge Car Park, Brayton Lane, Selby, YO8 9DU. **What3Words:** [jumped.redouble.anyway.](#)



**Public Transport:** Selby Railway Station is 0.4 miles (0.6 km) and Selby Bus Station is 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from Selby Lock.







**i** **Brief Description:** Opened in 2012, this triangular area of parkland on the edge of Selby Town, offers a peaceful haven for visitors and wildlife alike. It provides just under a mile of honeycomb paths, beautiful trees and art installations.

**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 0.6 miles (1 km) from the start of the trail.

**What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Accessible Picnic Benches, Benches, Dog Walking Area, Information Board, Mining Memorial, Obstacle Course, Sculptures, Wildlife Screen.

**📍** **Location:** Bondgate Community Woodland Car Park, Bondgate, Selby, YO8 3LS.

**What3Words:** smirks.muted.probing.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Buses 42 and 495, between Selby and York, stop on Bondgate at the entrance to the woodland.





**Route Details:** Paths are made from compacted stone (B) and are flat and level throughout. Some of the paths through the centre of the site are narrow (less than 1m). Access to some of the features is over grass, which can get boggy, during or after wet weather.





**Brief Description:** Brayton Barff offers a 1.3 mile (2 km) circular route around a beautiful area of woodland on the outskirts of Selby. With interest all year round, from bluebells to autumn colours, it is a great place for a walk.



**Access and Facilities:** 2 Blue Badge Bays, Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 3 miles (4.8 km) from the start of the trail. **What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Countryside Views, Information Boards, Wildflowers, Wildlife, Woodland.



**Location:** Brayton Barff Car Park, Barff Lane, Brayton, Selby, YO8 9ET. **What3Words:** grief.basket.saddens. There is a 1.9 metre height barrier at the car park entrance.

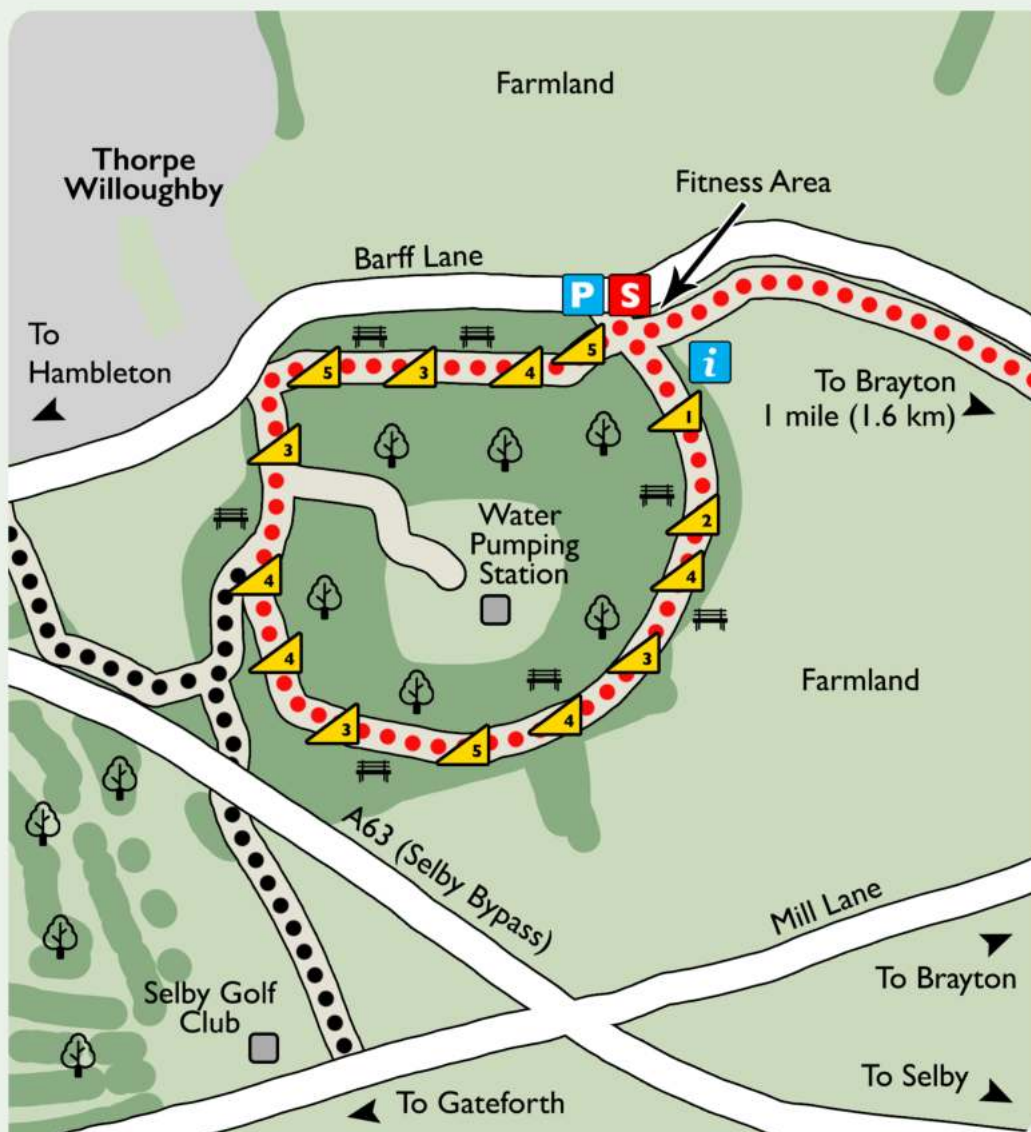


**Public Transport:** Bus No. 476, from Selby, stops on Barff Lane 0.7 miles (1.1 km) from the route start point. **What3Words:** graphics.unrealistic.activates.



**Route Details:** Paths are made from crushed stone (B).

Be aware of adverse camber, tree roots and ruts in certain places (D). The route is undulating and has steep sections (up to 5). Please avoid leaving the main path, as this can be damaging to the woodland, especially the bluebells. There is a 1 mile (1.6 km) flat path that links the site to Brayton.







**i** **Brief Description:** Bishop Wood offers a network of flat, wide paths under a canopy of varied trees. With routes of up to 4 miles (6.4 km), you can escape into this woodland paradise and discover a diverse range of flora and fauna.

**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 4.3 miles (7 km) from the start of the trail.

**What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Autumn Colours, Bluebells, Fungi, Variety of Tree Species, Woodland Wildlife.

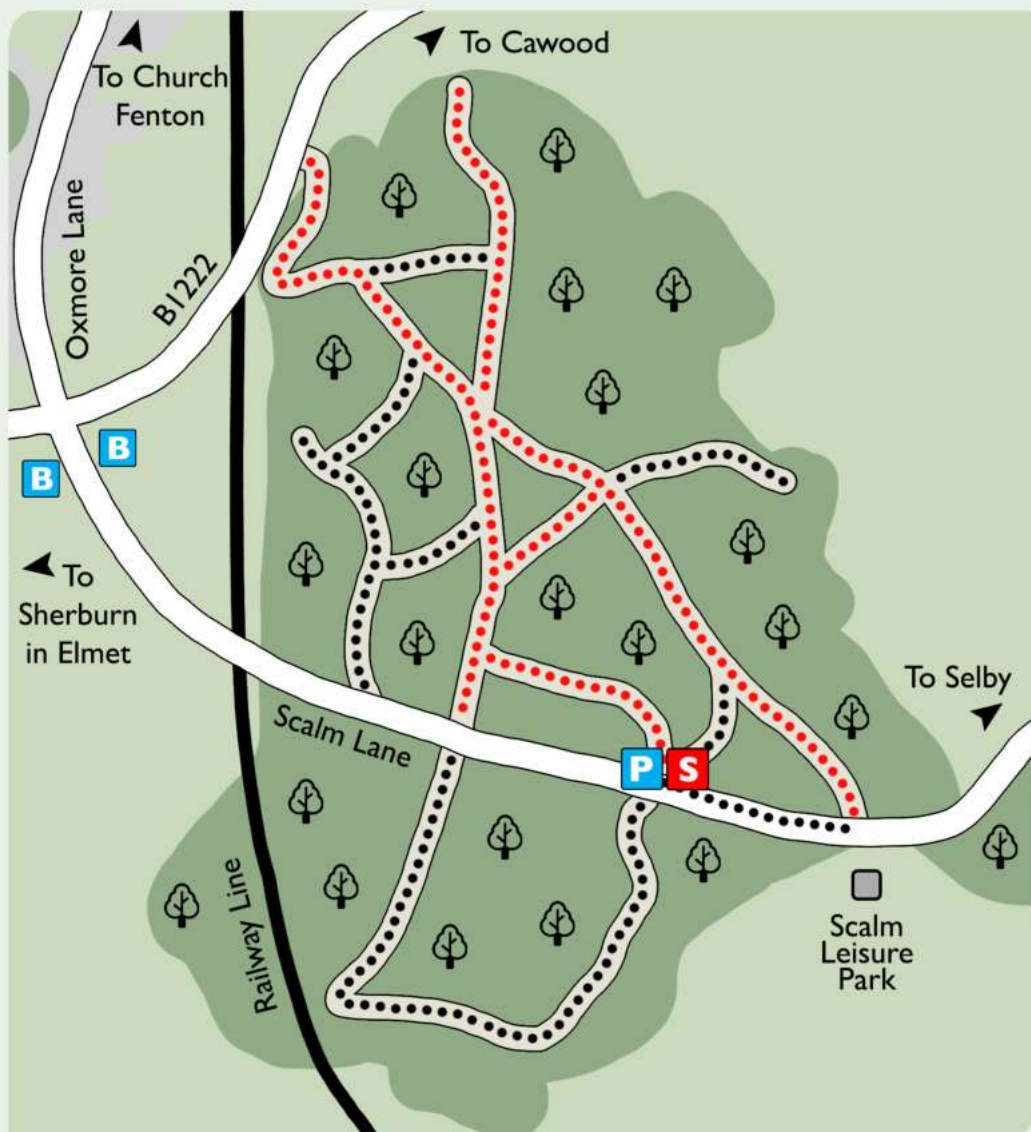
**📍** **Location:** Bishop Wood Car Park, Scalm Lane, Selby, YO8 3RD. **What3Words:** irrigated.promising.bump.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Bus No. 495 between Selby and York, stops at Biggin Crossroads, 1.2 miles (2 km) from the start of the trail. **What3Words:** covers.puddles.earplugs.





**Route Details:** The main paths are made of crushed stone (C) and are flat throughout. Be aware of adverse camber on some sections, due to erosion. Alternative routes are narrow in places and can get boggy. If completing the loop between Scalm Leisure Park and the Car Park, caution must be taken when walking along the roadside.







**i** **Brief Description:** This former RAF airfield offers up to 3 miles (4.8 km) of accessible paths through open, rural land. Complete with a history trail and preserved features from the site's past, it is a great place to explore.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 4 miles (6.4 km) from the start of the trail.

**What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.



**Features of Interest:** Accessible Picnic Benches, Airfield, Audio Information Point, Benches, Brass Rubbing Trail, Grassland, History Trail, Information Boards, Rural Views.



**Location:** Limited On Street Parking on Common Lane, Selby, YO8 8LD. **What3Words:** floating.marine.seducing.

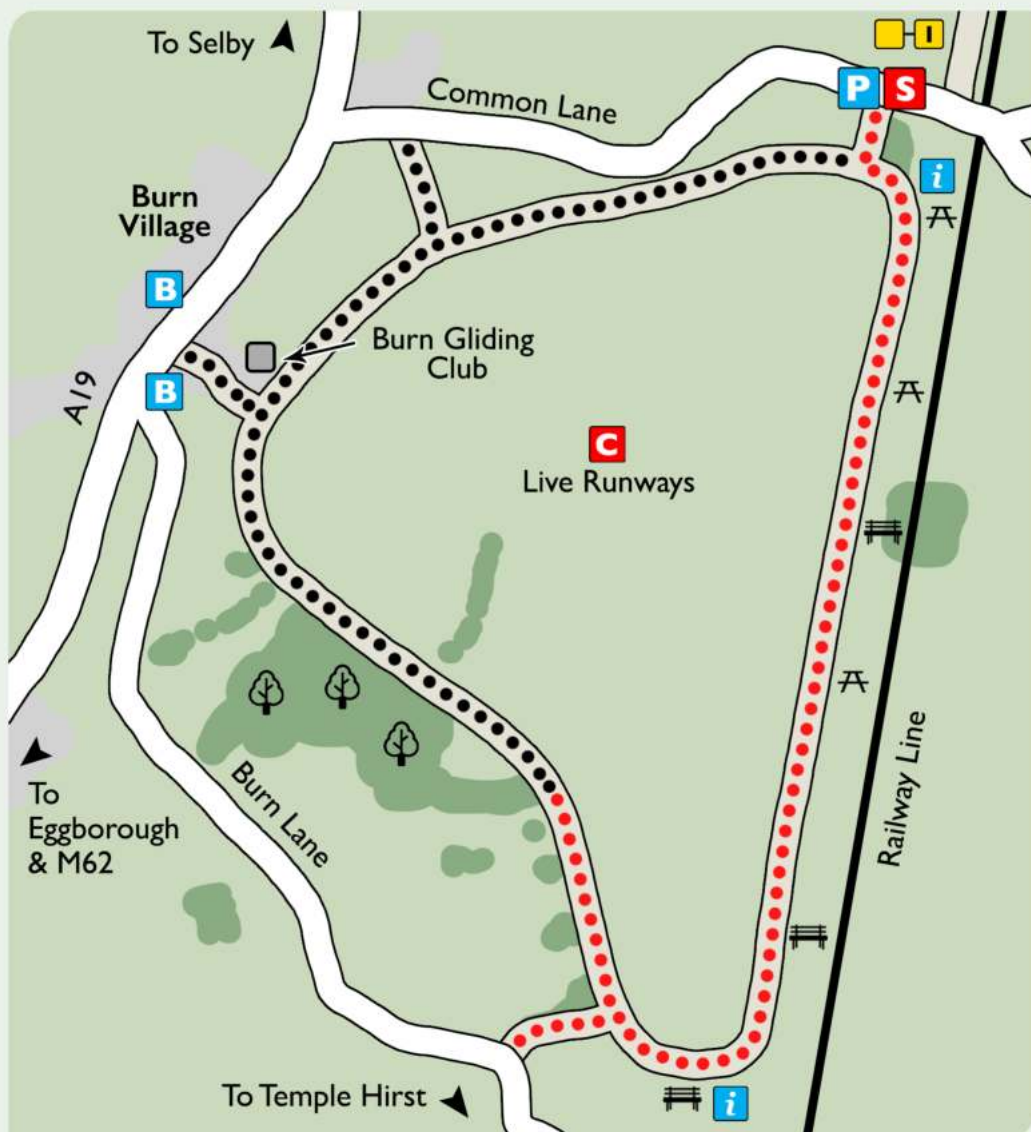


**Public Transport:** Bus No. 476 between Selby and Pontefract stops in Burn village 0.2 miles (300 m) from the site. **What3Words:** teaching.hedge.storyline.





**Route Details:** Paths are made of tarmac, some of which have become worn and rutted in places (C). Puddles are prone to form in potholes during or after prolonged rainfall. The route is flat throughout. Caution must be taken as the site is used by Burn Gliding Club and some of the runways remain live. There is no access to the central tracks on the airfield.





**i** **Brief Description:** Managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Barlow Common Nature Reserve offers up to 2 miles (3.2 km) of grassland and woodland paths. It is a great place to see butterflies, moths and birds.

**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 4.4 miles (7 km) from the start of the trail.

**What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Benches, Butterflies, Grassland, Information Boards, Picnic Benches, Ponds, Wildflowers, Wildlife, Woodland.

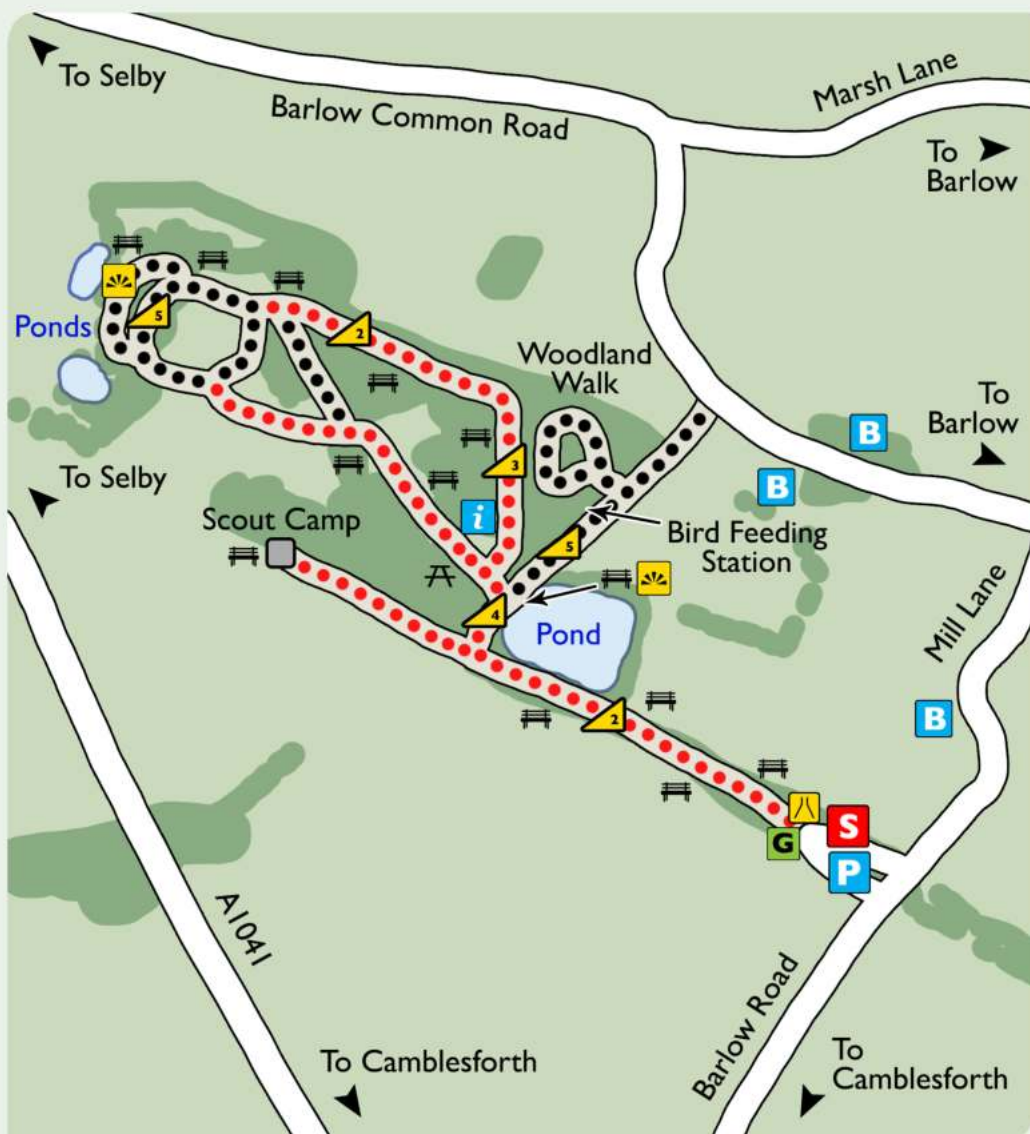
**📍** **Location:** Barlow Common Car Park, Barlow Road, Selby, YO8 8EZ. **What3Words:** dumplings.image.oils.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Buses between Selby, Barlow and Snaith stop on Mill Lane, 0.2 miles (0.3 km) from the site. **What3Words:** mule.bravest.treaty.





**Route Details:** Paths are made from crushed stone (B). Puddles can form in places, during or after wet weather. The route is mainly level with some short inclines (up to 5). Paths can become overgrown during the summer and can get narrow in places. There is some adverse camber on the wooded section of the route.







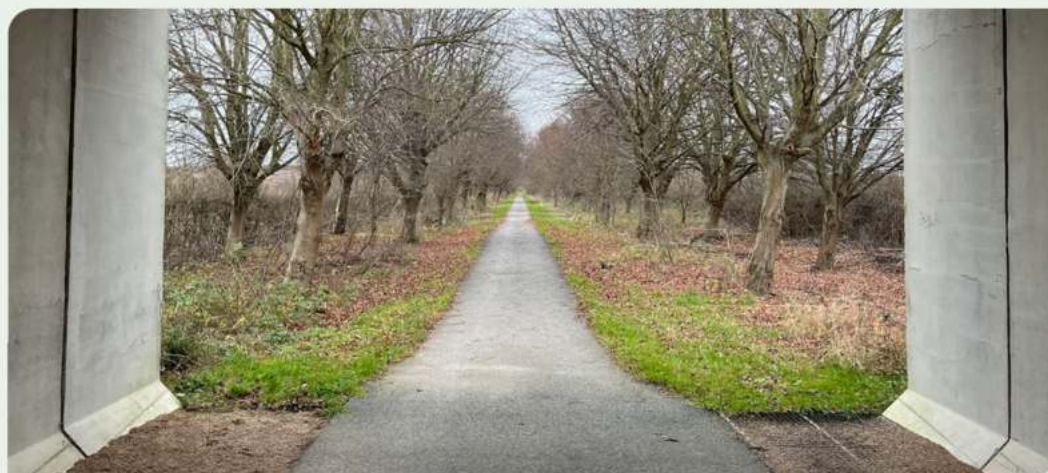
**Location:** The trail runs between Askham Bar Park & Ride, York, YO24 1LW. **What3Words:** vibrates.flying.vines and Riccall. It is advised to start the route from Askham Bar, as parking in Riccall is very limited.



**Public Transport:** Askham Bar Park & Ride operates regular services to and from York City Centre. Bus number 415 between York Piccadilly and Selby Bus Station stops on York Road in Riccall at the other end of the route.



**Route Details:** Paths along the route are made of tarmac throughout (A). Some sections have become rutted due to tree roots under the path surface (C). There are some short inclines (up to 4).



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## Cycle The Solar System

C4



**Brief Description:** Cycle the Solar System is a 6.4 mile (10 km) linear cycling and walking trail between Askham Bar near York and Riccall to the north of Selby. Along the route are scale models of planets of the Solar System, as well as other interesting sculptures. It is a great way to get from York to Riccall on accessible paths, avoiding busy roads.

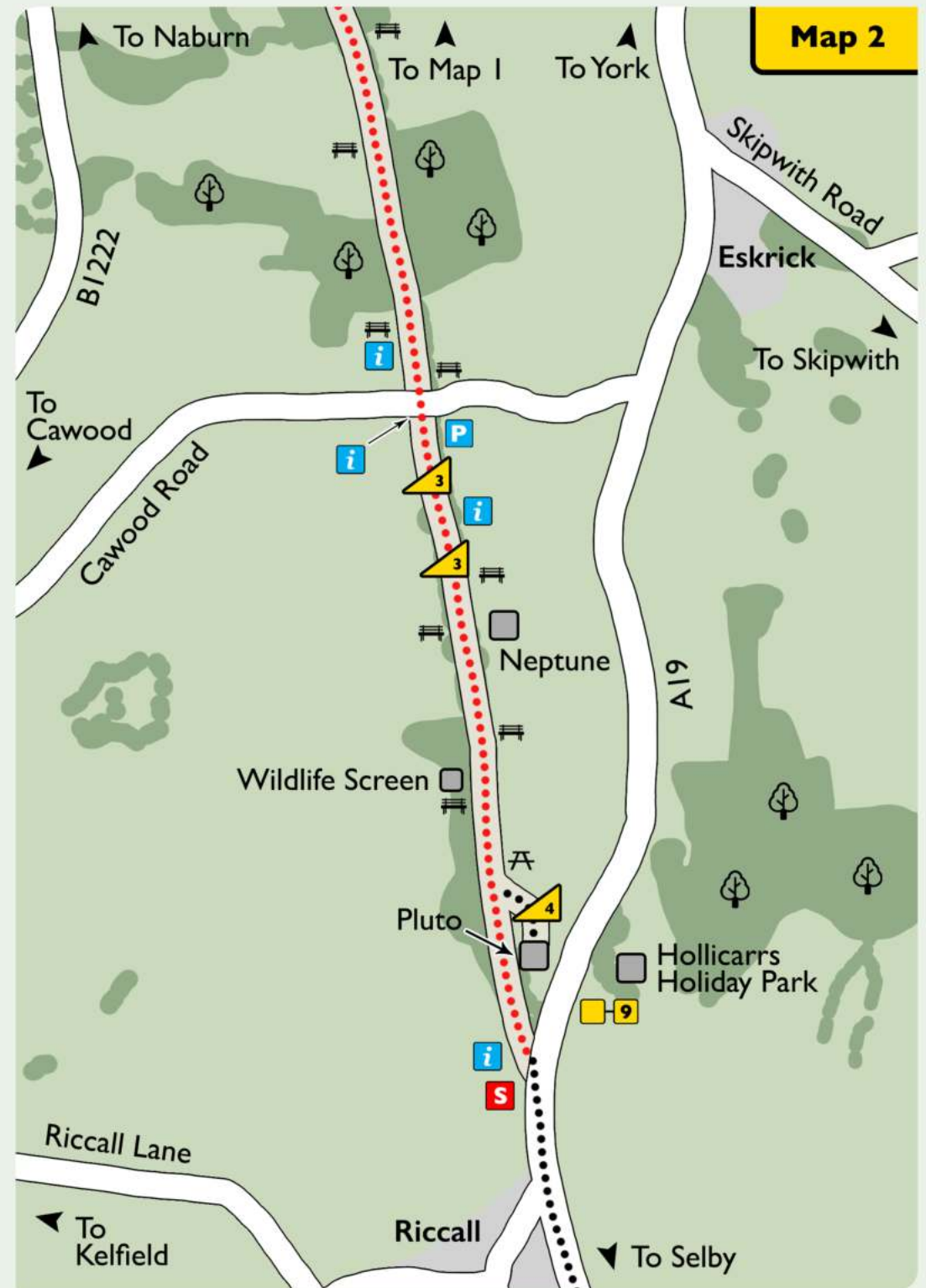
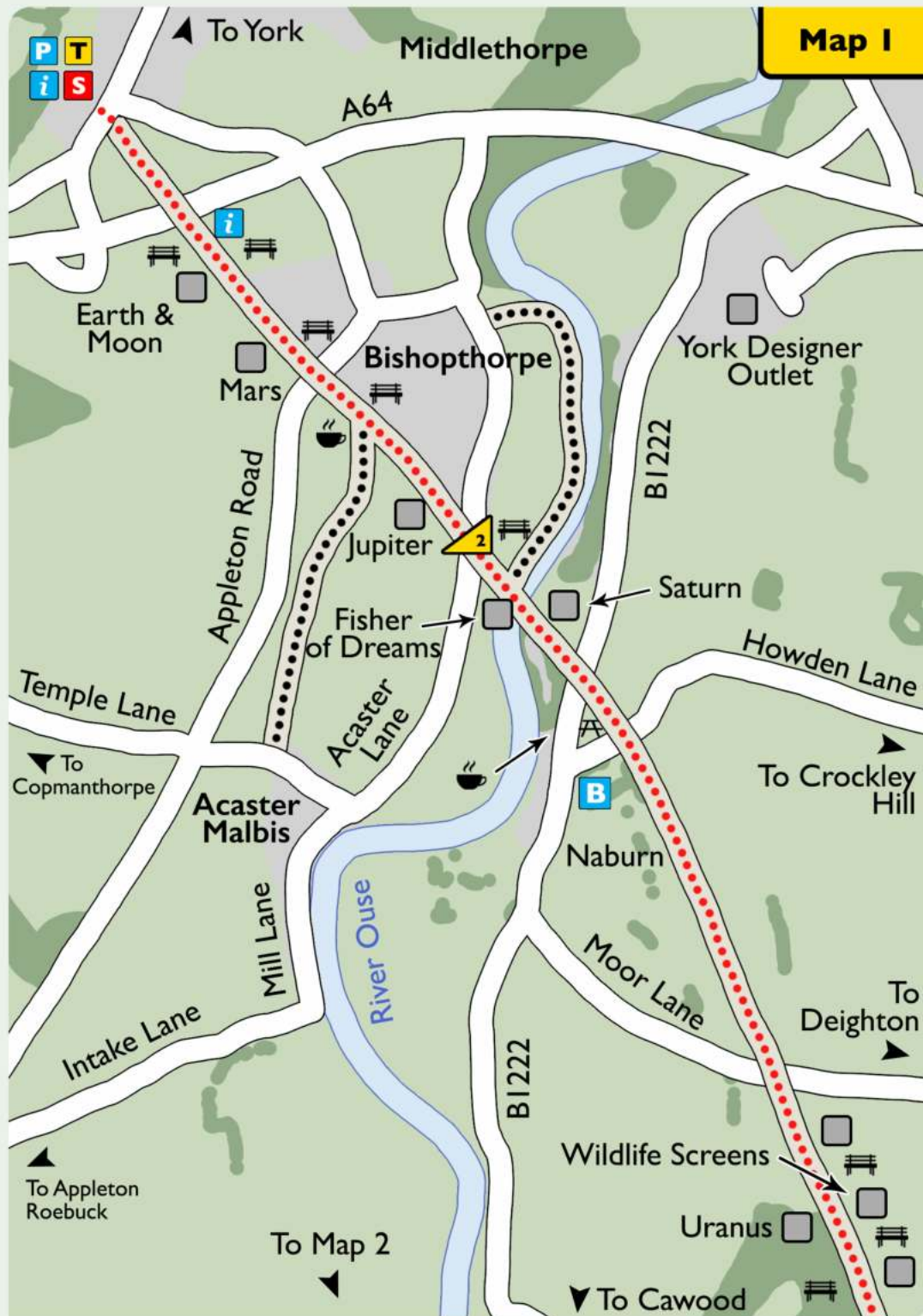


**Access and Facilities:** 53 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilets (RADAR key) at Askham Bar Park & Ride. Limited On-Street Parking in Riccall. Nearest Accessible Toilet to Riccall is at Three Haggas Woodmeadow, (RADAR Key), 1 mile (1.6 km) from the end of the trail. **What3Words:** clearcut.calls.tribes.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Café, Countryside Views, Cycling, Fisher of Dreams Sculpture, Picnic Areas, Scale Solar System Sculptures, Wildlife Viewing Screens, Woodland.







**i** **Brief Description:** Once an air base used by the RAF, Skipwith Common is a unique example of lowland heath. Up to 4 miles (6.4 km) of accessible trails guide you via historical features, interesting plant life, fungi and wildlife.

**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Three Haggas Woodmeadow (Compost, RADAR Key), 2.6 miles (4.1 km) from start of the trail.

**What3Words:** clearcut.calls.tribes.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Audio Information, Benches, Board Walks, Fungi, Grass Snakes, Heathland, Information Boards, Picnic Benches, Ponds, RAF Riccall Memorial, Viewing Platforms, Wildflowers, Wildlife, Woodland.

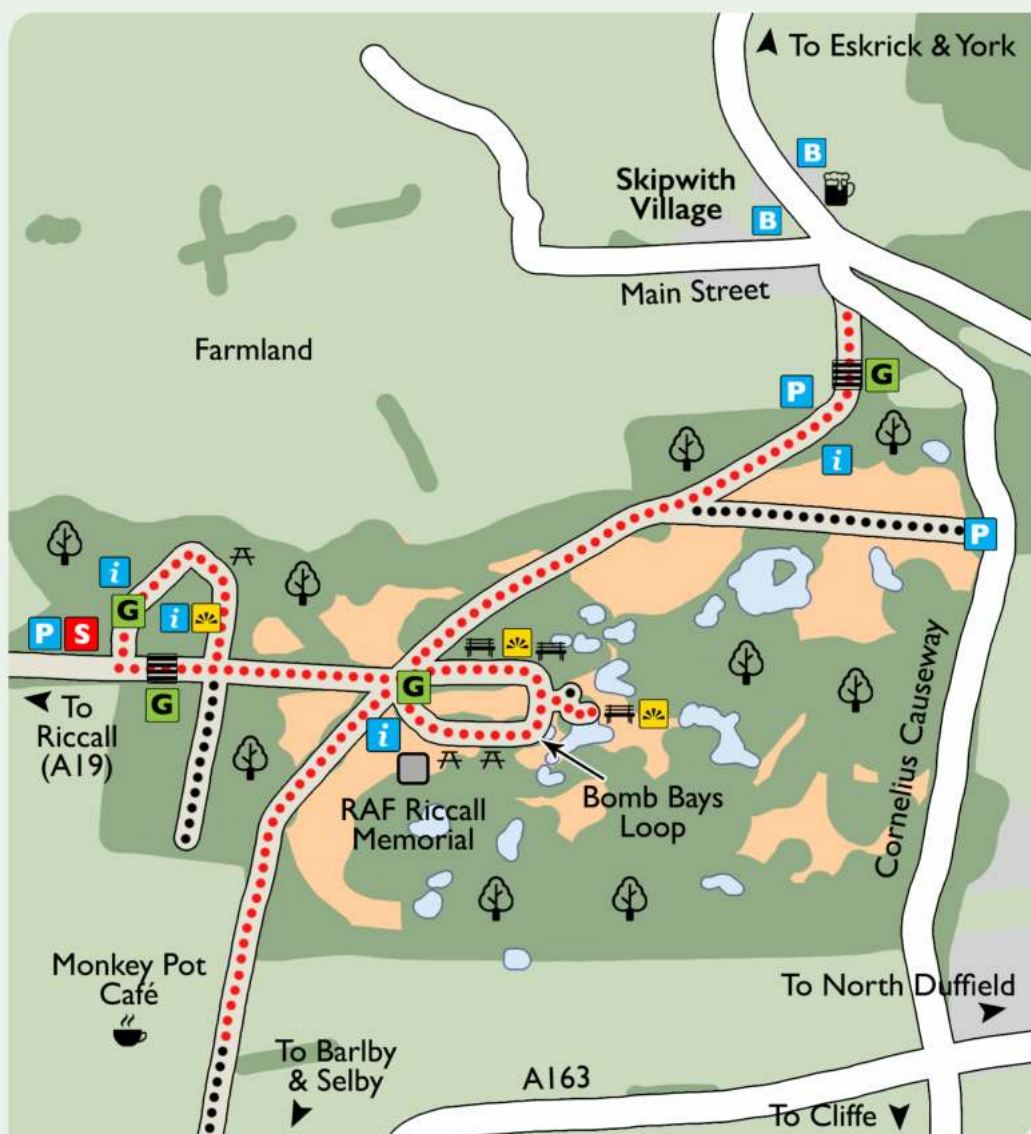
**📍** **Location:** King Rudding Lane, Riccall, Selby, YO19 6QL.  
**What3Words:** tastes.warnings.hinted.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Bus No. 18 between York & Holme-on-Spalding Moor offers a twice daily service via Skipwith Village. **What3Words:** wept.users.toned.





**Route Details:** Paths are made from tarmac, crushed stone and compacted earth and can get rutted in places (C). Puddles are prone to form during or after wet weather. Paths are level throughout. Two cattle grids can be avoided via accessible kissing gates. Caution must be taken, as traffic often uses some of the tracks on site.





**i** **Brief Description:** Managed by Plantlife, Three Hagges Woodmeadow combines a memorial woodland with extensive areas of wildflower meadow. The site offers up to 2 miles (3.2 km) of weaving grass paths.



**Access and Facilities:** 1 Blue Badge Parking Bay, Accessible Compost Toilet adjacent to the entrance (RADAR Key). Accessible Toilet at Olivia's Tea Room opposite the site.



**Features of Interest:** Bee Hotel, Benches, Butterflies, Bodger's Den (shelter), Information Boards, Meadow, Memorial Trees, Pond, Roundhouse (shelter), Tearoom, Wildlife, Woodland.



**Location:** Hollicarrs, York Road, Escrick, YO19 6EE.  
**What3Words:** tastes.warnings.hinted.

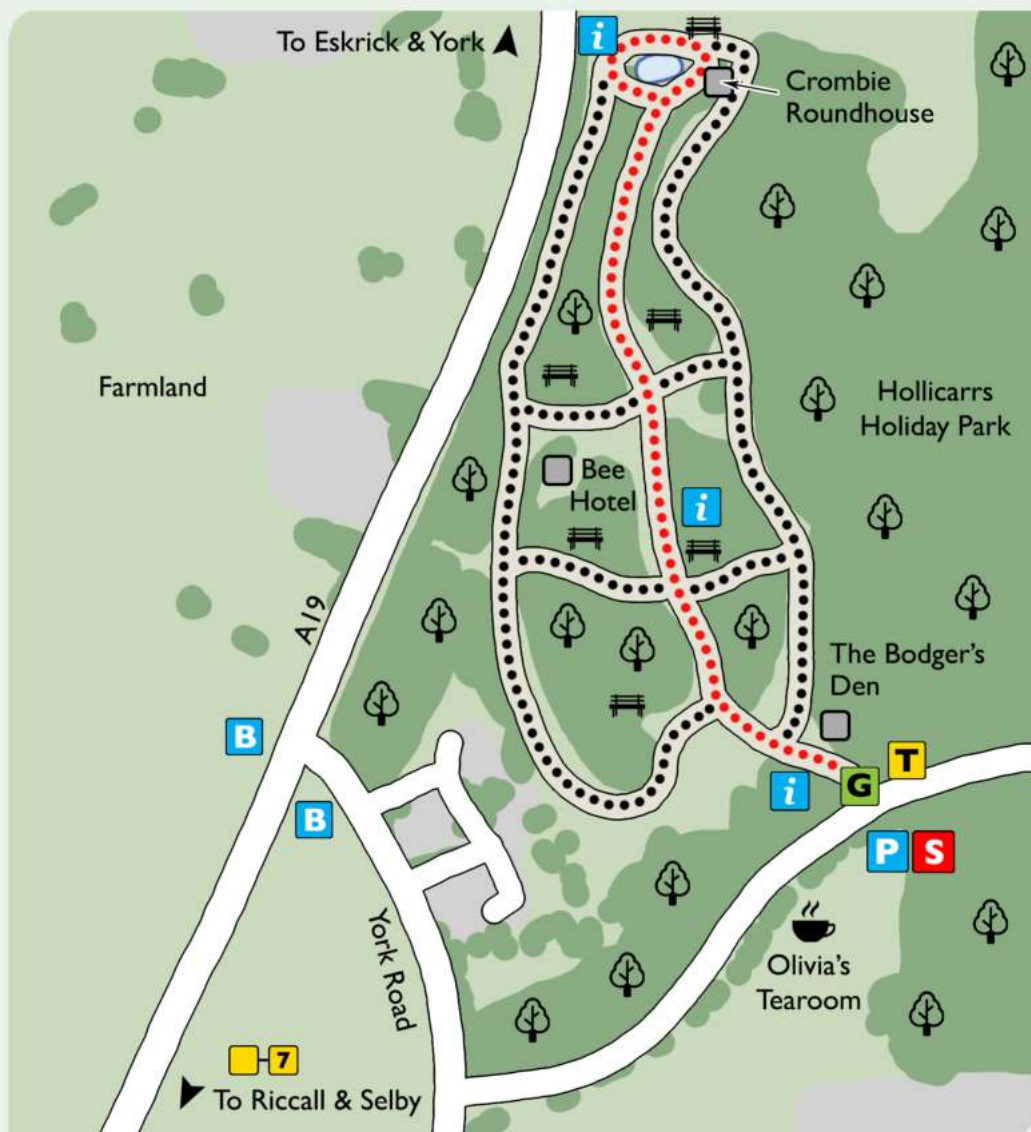


**Public Transport:** Bus No. 415 between York & Selby stops at the junction of the A19 and York Road, 0.4 miles (0.6 km) from the site. **What3Words:** taken.lends.fairness.





**Route Details:** Paths are made from grass and can get narrow and overgrown in summer and boggy during the winter (D). Paths are flat throughout but can get rutted in sections. The access gate into the site may be too narrow for some larger power chairs, trampers or pushchairs.



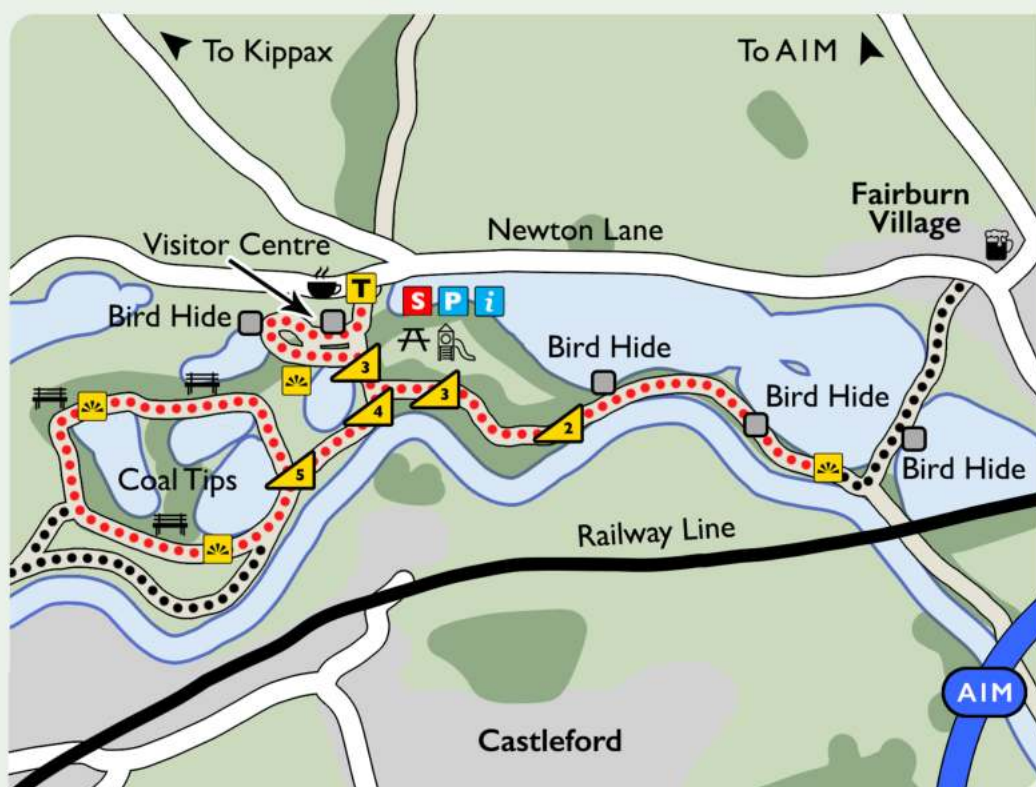


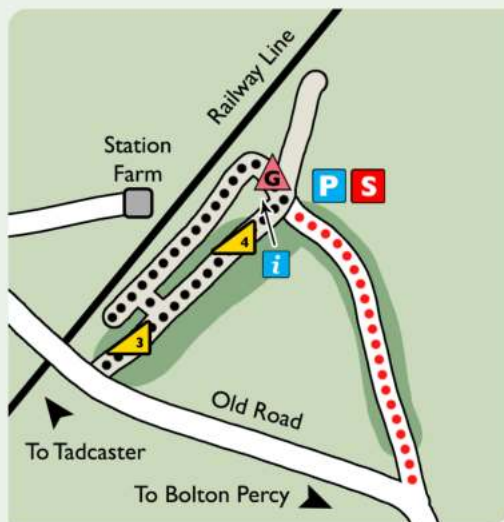
- i** **Brief Description:** This old mining site to the southwest of Selby has been converted into an accessible wildlife haven, perfect for families and birdwatchers.
- ♿** **Access and Facilities:** 7 Blue Badge Bays, Accessible Toilet (RADAR key), Changing Places Toilet. Motorised Scooters can be hired from the Visitor Centre; contact 01977 628191.
- Q** **Features of Interest:** Accessible Bird Hides, Benches, Children's Play Area, Kingfisher Screen, Picnic Area, Seasonal Pond Dipping, Visitor Centre with Shop and Refreshments, Wildlife Garden.
- 📍** **Location:** Newton Lane, Ledston, Castleford, WF10 2BH. 2 miles northeast of Castleford, just outside the village of Fairburn. **What3Words:** degree.whites.design.
- 🚌** **Public Transport:** The 175 Bus from Castleford stops on Claypit Lane 1.5 (2.4 km) miles from the site. The 493 between Pontefract and Sherburn in Elmet stops on Rawfield Lane in Fairburn, 1.5 miles (2.4 km) from the Visitor Centre.





**Route Details:** The total distance of the suggested route is 4.4 miles (7.1km) but this can be shortened into smaller sections. There is a flat, well signposted 'Discovery Trail' (500m) around the Visitor Centre (1). There are some steep gradients up to the Coal Tips (5). Path surfaces are made of crushed stone (B) and some are liable to flooding.





**i** **Brief Description:** Former site of a station for transporting livestock from Ireland, Bolton Percy Station Nature Reserve offers a 0.3 mile (0.5 km) loop through land reclaimed by nature. Some paths are rutted and can get boggy.

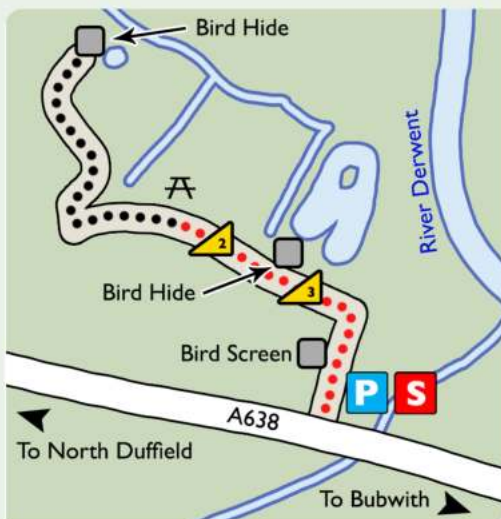
**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is Tadcaster Bus Station, A659, Tadcaster, LS24 8AA.  
**What3Words:** youngest.newlywed.conveys.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Butterflies, Information Board, Railway Views, Wildlife, Woodland Paths.

**📍** **Location:** Limited Parking at the end of the cul-de-sac off Old Road, Bolton Percy, Tadcaster, YO23 7AW.  
**What3Words:** lads.rehearsal.join. Alternative on-street parking is available in Bolton Percy Village.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Bus No. 21 between York and Colton stops in Bolton Percy Village. (0.5 miles/0.8 km away).  
**What3Words:** cobbles.washroom.removable.





**i** **Brief Description:** North Duffield Carrs offers a 0.4 mile (1.3 km), out and back, rural route to two bird hides overlooking the surrounding wetland habitat. Paths can get overgrown in summer and are prone to flooding in winter.

**♿** **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Back Micklegate Car Park in Selby, YO8 3GH. 4.4 miles (7 km) from the start of the trail.

**What3Words:** jousting.economics.anguished.

**🔍** **Features of Interest:** Bird Hides, Bird Screen, Board Walks, Car & Cycle Parking, Information Boards, Picnic Benches, Wetland Habitat, Wildlife.

**📍** **Location:** North Duffield Carrs Car Park, A163, North Duffield, Selby, YO8 5RY. **What3Words:** pokes.buzz.dozed.

**🚌** **Public Transport:** Bus No. 18 between York and Holme-upon-Spalding-Moor stops in North Duffield Village. **What3Words:** quantity.paintings.brotherly.