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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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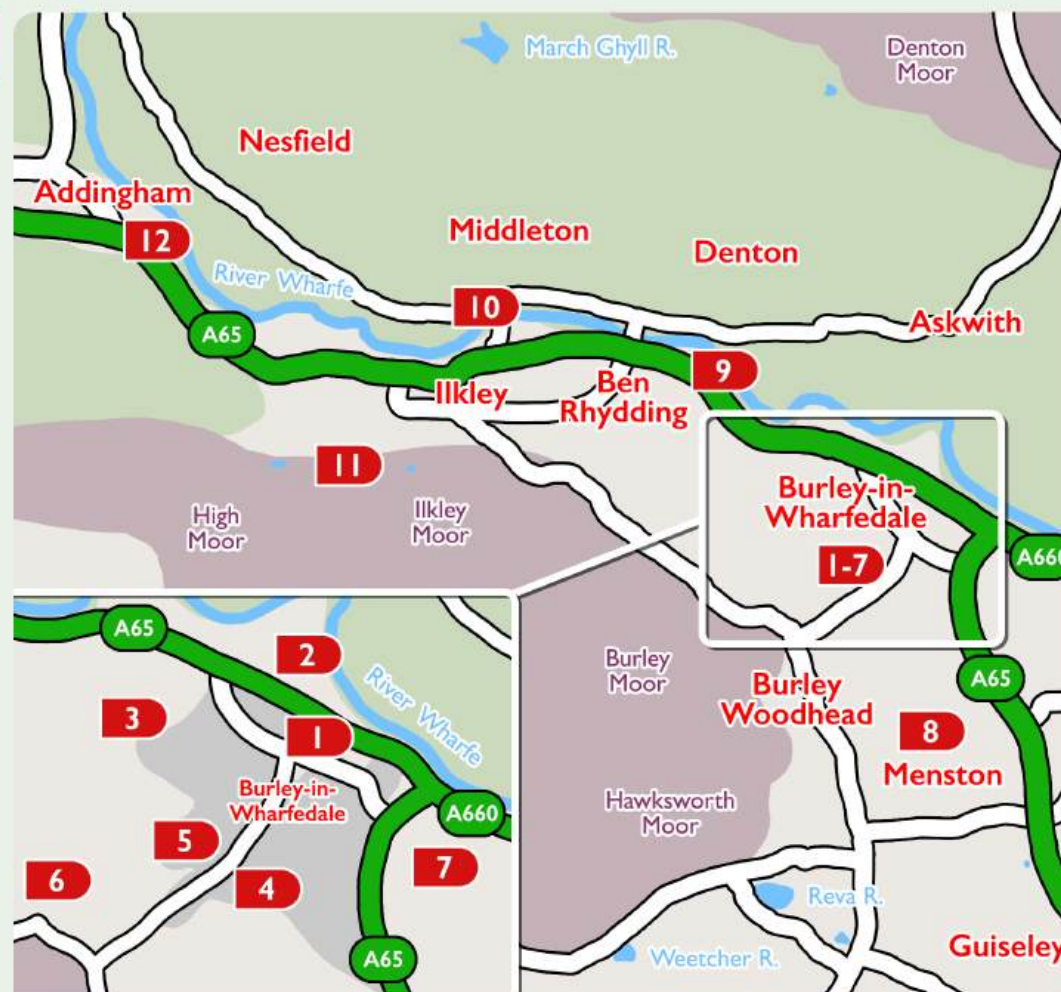
Accessible Trails in Burley and Lower Wharfedale



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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
	Gate Accessible to most Wheelchairs and Scooters		Trees/Wood
	Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs		Lake/Pond
	Caution		Landmark Building



<b>1</b>	Burley Tree Trail	<b>7</b>	Otley Old Road & Eastfield Lane
<b>2</b>	Burley Weir & The Goit	<b>8</b>	High Royds Estate
<b>3</b>	Sun Lane Nature Reserve	<b>9</b>	Ben Rhydding Nature Reserve
<b>4</b>	Hag Farm Road	<b>10</b>	Ilkley Riverside Gardens
<b>5</b>	Scalebor Park	<b>11</b>	Ilkley Tarn & Darwin Gardens
<b>6</b>	Stead Lane	<b>12</b>	Addingham & Low Mill







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## Access Information



### **Accessible Toilets in Burley-in-Wharfedale**

**Burley-in-Wharfedale Library**, Grange Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7HD.

**What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems.

See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times.

**Queens Hall**, 72 Main Street, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7BT. **What3Words:** punctuate.winners.doted.

**Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms**, Station Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley LS29 7ND.

**What3Words:** skillet.ballroom.dial.



### **Public Transport**

Bookable assistance is available for mobility scooter and wheelchair users at Burley-in-Wharfedale station.

Lift access is available at Menston station.



**Location:** The Route Start Point is at The Roundhouse, Main Street, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7ND.

**What3Words:** grub.shadows.airstrip.

**Public Transport:** Regular trains between Bradford, Leeds and Ilkley from Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station, 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from the route start point. Bookable assistance is available at the station for mobility scooter and wheelchair users. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds & Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley stop adjacent to the start of the route.

**Route Details:** The majority of paths are made of tarmac. There are some paved sections (B). Alternative routes are made from crushed stone and grass and get narrow in places (D). Alternative routes can also get boggy during or after wet weather. The route is mainly flat with some short and gradual inclines (up to 3). Caution must be taken when navigating next to, and when crossing roads.



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## Burley Tree Trail

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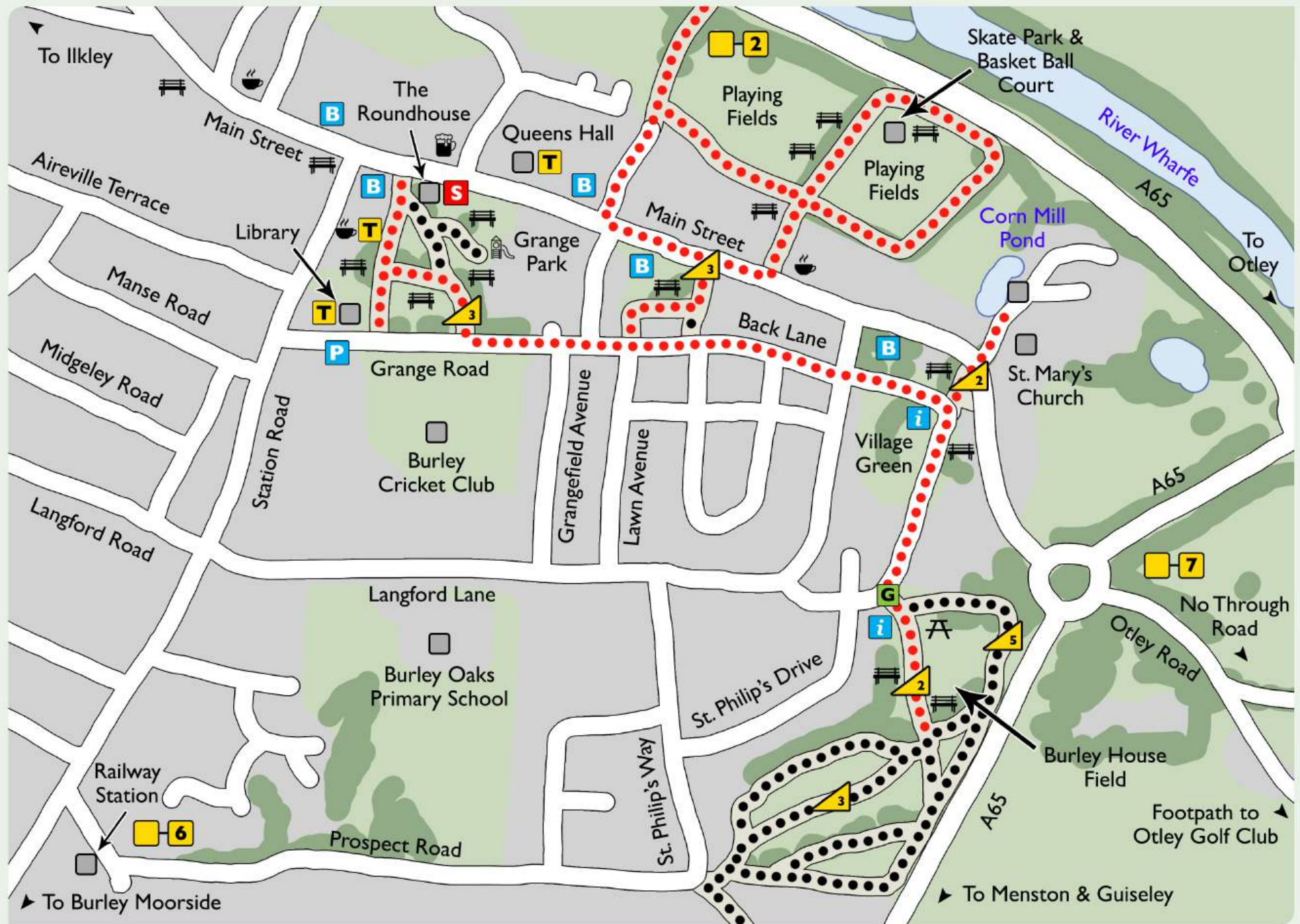


**Brief Description:** Burley Tree Trail offers a 1 mile (1.6 km) route through the village of Burley-in-Wharfedale, with 40 different species of trees (31 accessible). It is not only a pleasant stroll through parkland and leafy lanes, but also educational and enlightening. The trail can also be extended to take in the recreation ground and Corn Mill Lane. Pick up a copy of the Tree Trail Map from Burley Library or from Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms.

**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. **What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. There are also accessible toilets outside the Queens Hall, and at Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for What3Words. Free on-street parking is available on Grange Road outside the library.

**Features of Interest:** Basket Ball Court, Benches, Café, Children's Playground, Picnic Benches, Playing Fields, Pond, Pubs, Skate Park, Variety of Trees, Village Green.









**Brief Description:** Starting from the village centre, this trail takes you through woodland, alongside The Goit and through rural farmland. With wildlife to spot along the way, this 1.6 mile (2.6 km) circular route shows off everything Burley-in-Wharfedale has to offer.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. **What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. Alternative Accessible Toilets at the Queens Hall and Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for What3Words. Free on-street parking is available on Grange Road outside the library.



**Features of Interest:** Basket Ball Court, Benches, Children's Playground, Greenholme Mills, Playing Fields, Riverside, The Goit, Weir, Wildlife, Woodland.



**Location:** The Route Start Point is at The Roundhouse, Main Street, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7ND.  
**What3Words:** grub.shadows.airstrip.

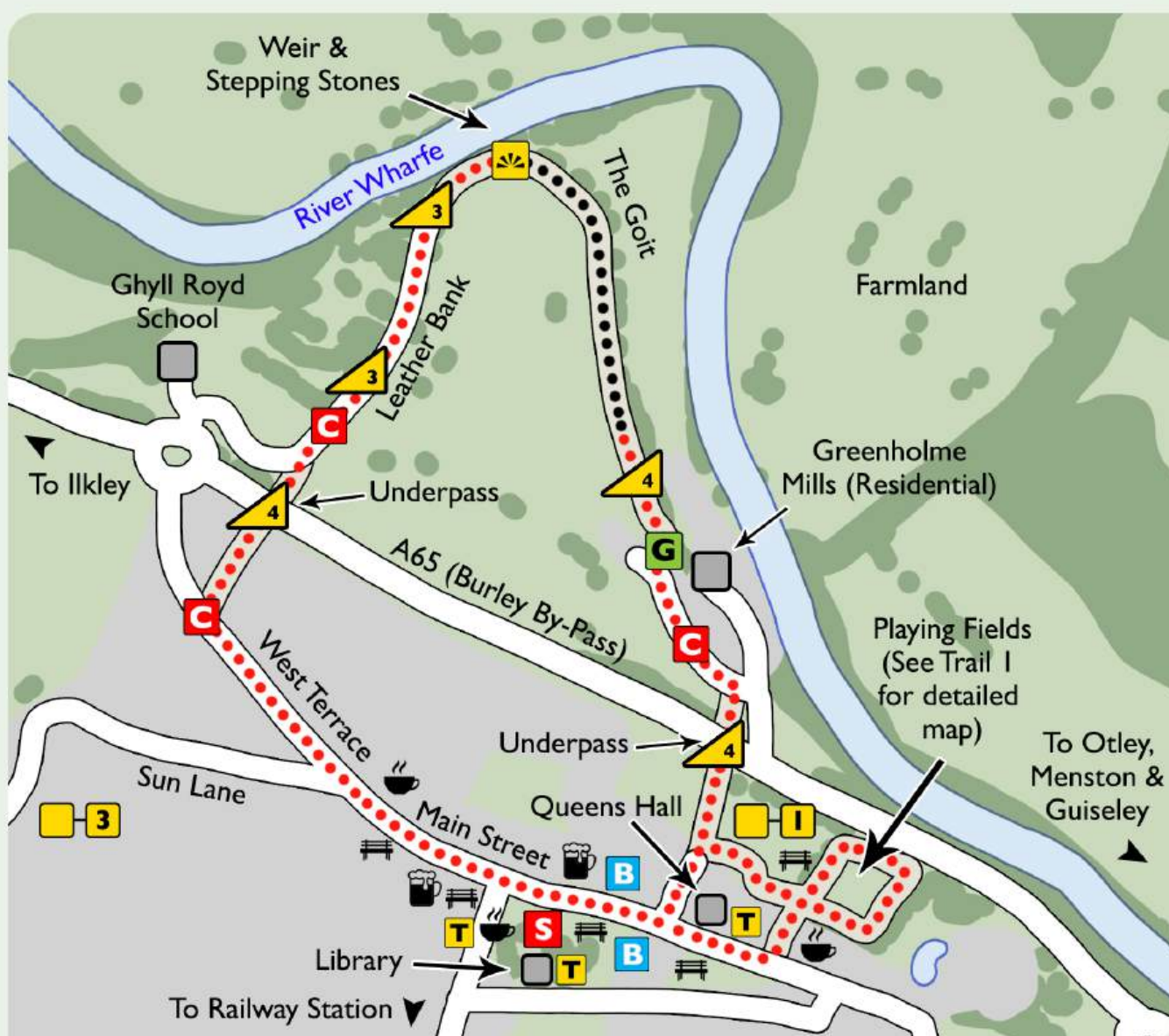




**Public Transport:** Regular trains between Bradford, Leeds and Ilkley from Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station, 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from the route start point. Bookable assistance available. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds & Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley stop adjacent to the start of the route.



**Route Details:** The route combines tarmac, crushed stone and compacted soil paths (D). There are some short inclines through the underpasses and down to The Goit (4). The section of path by The Goit can get boggy during or after wet weather and is heavily rutted with tree roots in places. Caution must be taken on the road sections of the route.







**i** **Brief Description:** Sun Lane Nature Reserve is a beautiful haven for wildlife on the edge of Burley-in-Wharfedale village. Once a former tip, nature has well and truly reclaimed the site. With spectacular views over the Wharfe valley, this location offers up to 1 mile (1.6 km) of scenic paths.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. Alternative Accessible Toilets are located at the Queens Hall and Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for What3Words. Free on-street parking is available on Sun Lane, see location information below.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Bird Watching, Butterflies, Information Boards, Nature Trail, Pond, Spectacular Views, Wildflowers, Wildlife, Woodland.



**Location:** Sun Lane, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7LU.  
**What3Words:** [tributes.redouble.case](https://www.what3words.com/tributes.redouble.case).

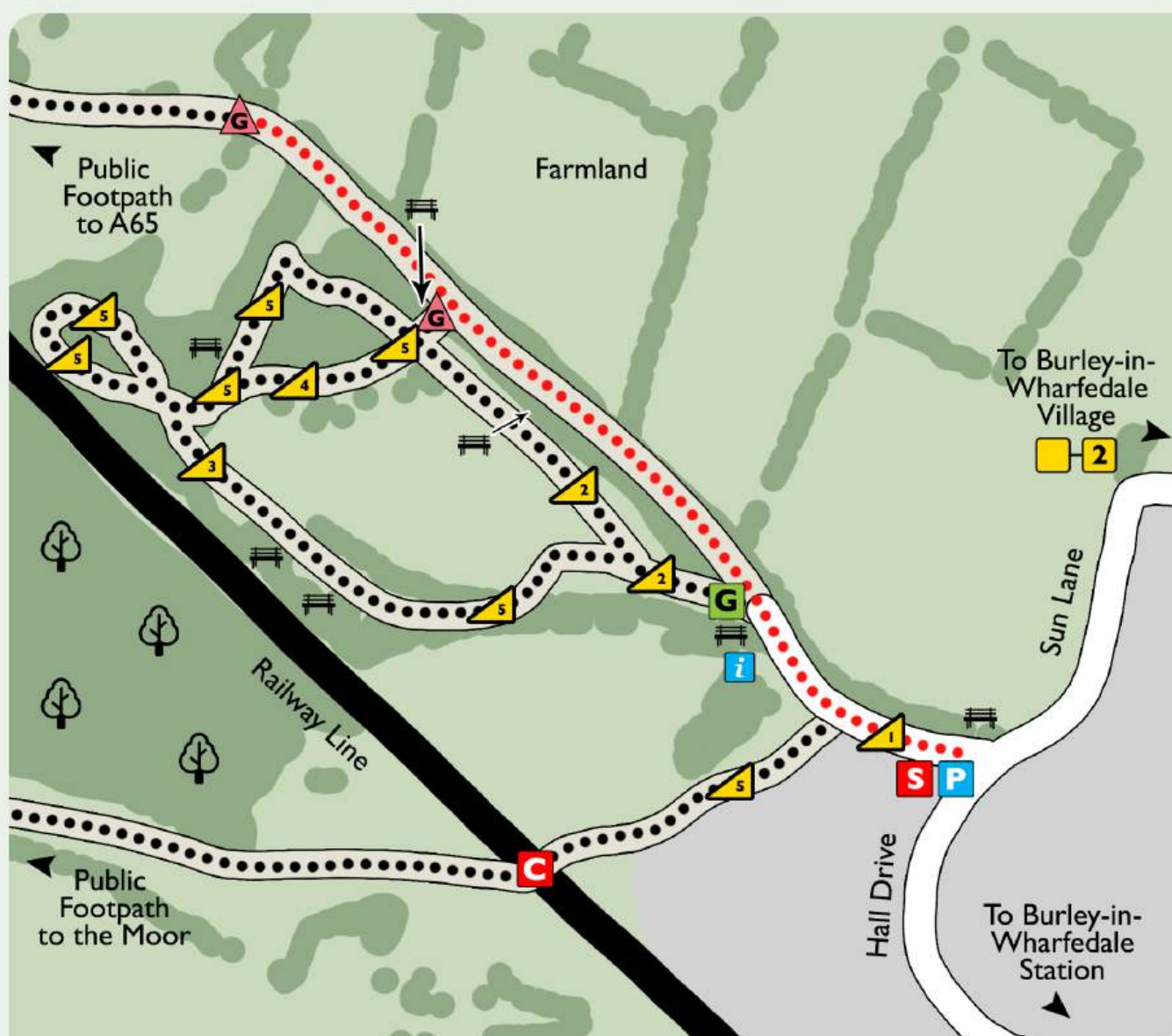




**Public Transport:** Burley-in-Wharfedale railway station is 0.7 miles (1.1 km) from the start of the trail. Bookable assistance available. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds and Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley both stop 0.5 miles, (0.8 km) away, at the junction of Sun Lane and Main Street.



**Route Details:** There is a level section of track at the bottom of the reserve made of crushed stone (C1). The rest of the reserved is accessed via a 1 metre wide gap. Paths on the reserve are steep and made of grass and earth (D5). This section of the route is recommended for ambulant pedestrians or all-terrain chair users.







**Brief Description:** Hag Farm Road is a public right of way along a private leafy lane from Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station towards the bottom of the moor, providing a pleasant 2 mile (3.2 km) route. A bench situated below Hag Farm offers breathtaking views over the Wharfe valley.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. **What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. Alternative Accessible Toilets at the Queens Hall and Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for What3Words. Free Parking is available in the station car park (4 Blue Badge Bays).



**Features of Interest:** Bench, Countryside Views, Wildlife.



**Location:** Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station, Station Approach, LS29 4BE.

**What3Words:** windows.automate.town.

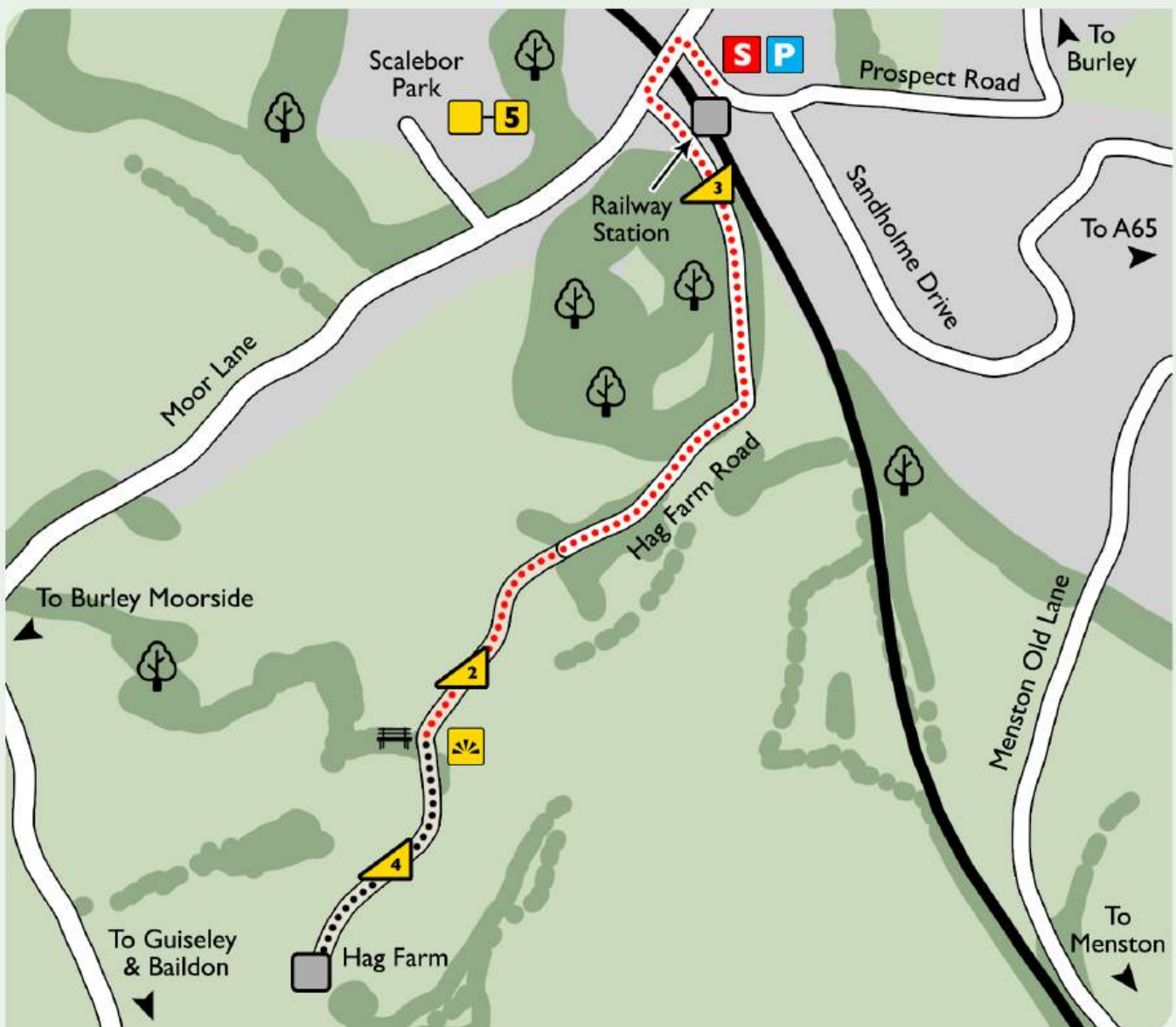




**Public Transport:** Regular trains between Bradford, Leeds and Ilkley from Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station. Bookable assistance available. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds & Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley stop in Burley-in-Wharfedale Village, 0.3 miles (0.4 km) from the start of the route.



**Route Details:** The majority of Hag Farm Road is made of tarmac (A). The last section, towards Hag Farm, is made of crushed stone, with some potholes (C). There are slight inclines at the beginning and end of the route (up to 3). The optional section, beyond the bench, has a steeper incline (4). Be aware that traffic uses this road.







**Brief Description:** Scalebor Park is on the site of a former hospital asylum. It offers 0.6 miles (1km) of trails through quiet streets and along leafy paths. With interesting historical features, pockets of nature and accessible walking, it is perfect for an easy stroll.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. **What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. See access information card for alternatives. Parking is available at Scalebor Recreation Ground Car Park and on William Fison Ride.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Children's Playground, Cricket Pitch, Football Pitch, Historical Features, Interesting Architecture, Woodland.



**Location:** Scalebor Recreation Ground Car Park, off Moor Lane, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7SQ.  
**What3Words:** shocking.drawn.weddings.

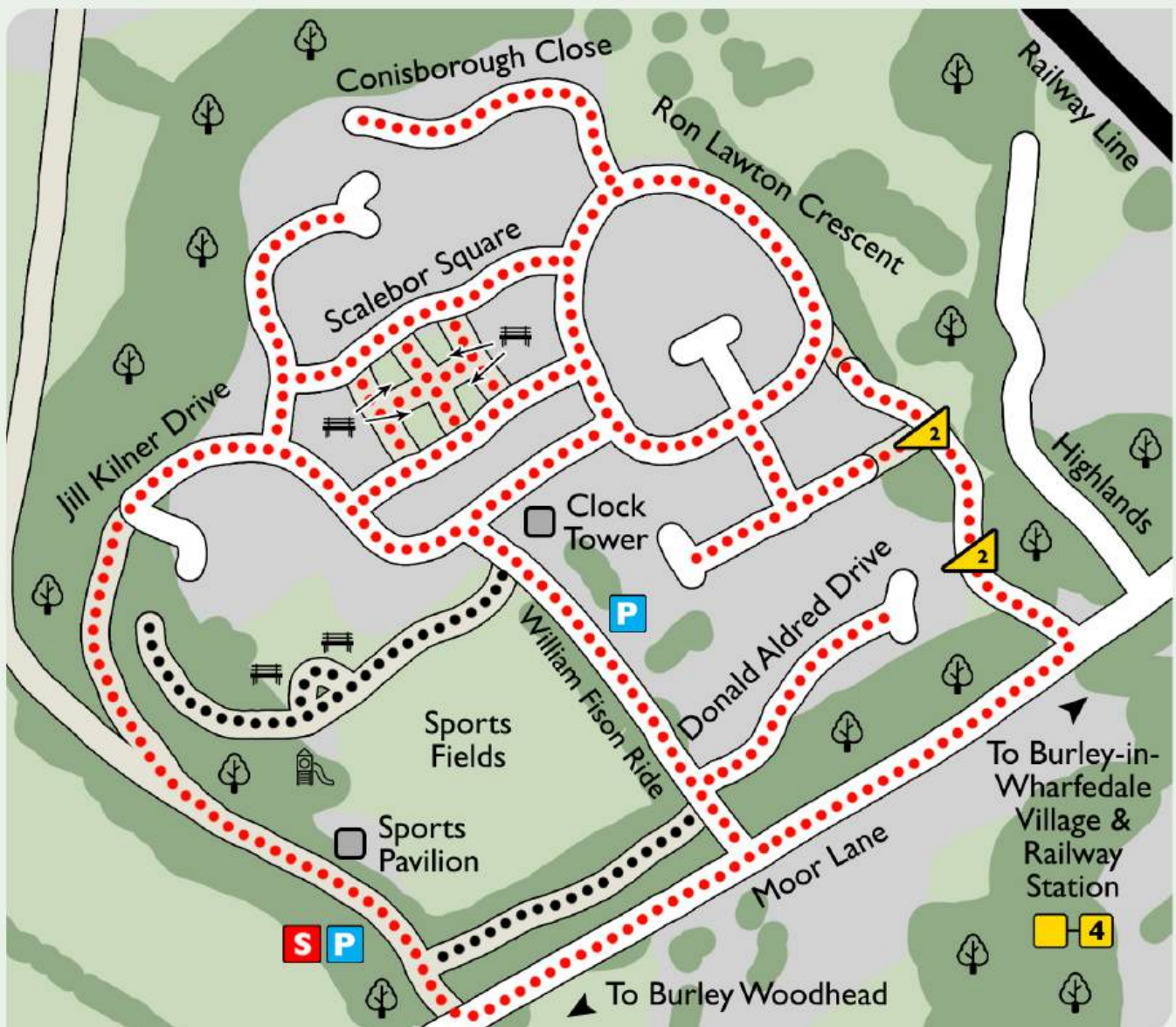




**Public Transport:** Burley-in-Wharfedale railway station is 0.4 miles (0.6 km) from the start of the trail. Bookable assistance available. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds and Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley both stop in Burley-in-Wharfedale Village, 0.8 miles, (1.3km) from Scalebor Park.



**Route Details:** The majority of paths around Scalebor Park estate are made of tarmac (A). There are some paths that are made of crushed stone around the parkland (B). Paths are at least 1.5 metres wide throughout with a few short inclines (2).







**Brief Description:** Stead Lane provides a 1.2 mile (2 km) out and back trail along a tarmac track near the edge of the moor. With plenty of opportunities to stop and take in the spectacular views over the Wharfe valley below, this trail is perfect for mobility scooter users.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times. **What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. Alternative Accessible Toilets at the Queens Hall and Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for details. Limited Blue Badge parking is available in the small car park at Robin Hole Guiding Centre, by landowner's permission. Alternative Parking opposite Stead Lane on Moor Road.





**Features of Interest:** Countryside Views, Refreshment Van (closed Wednesdays), Wildlife.

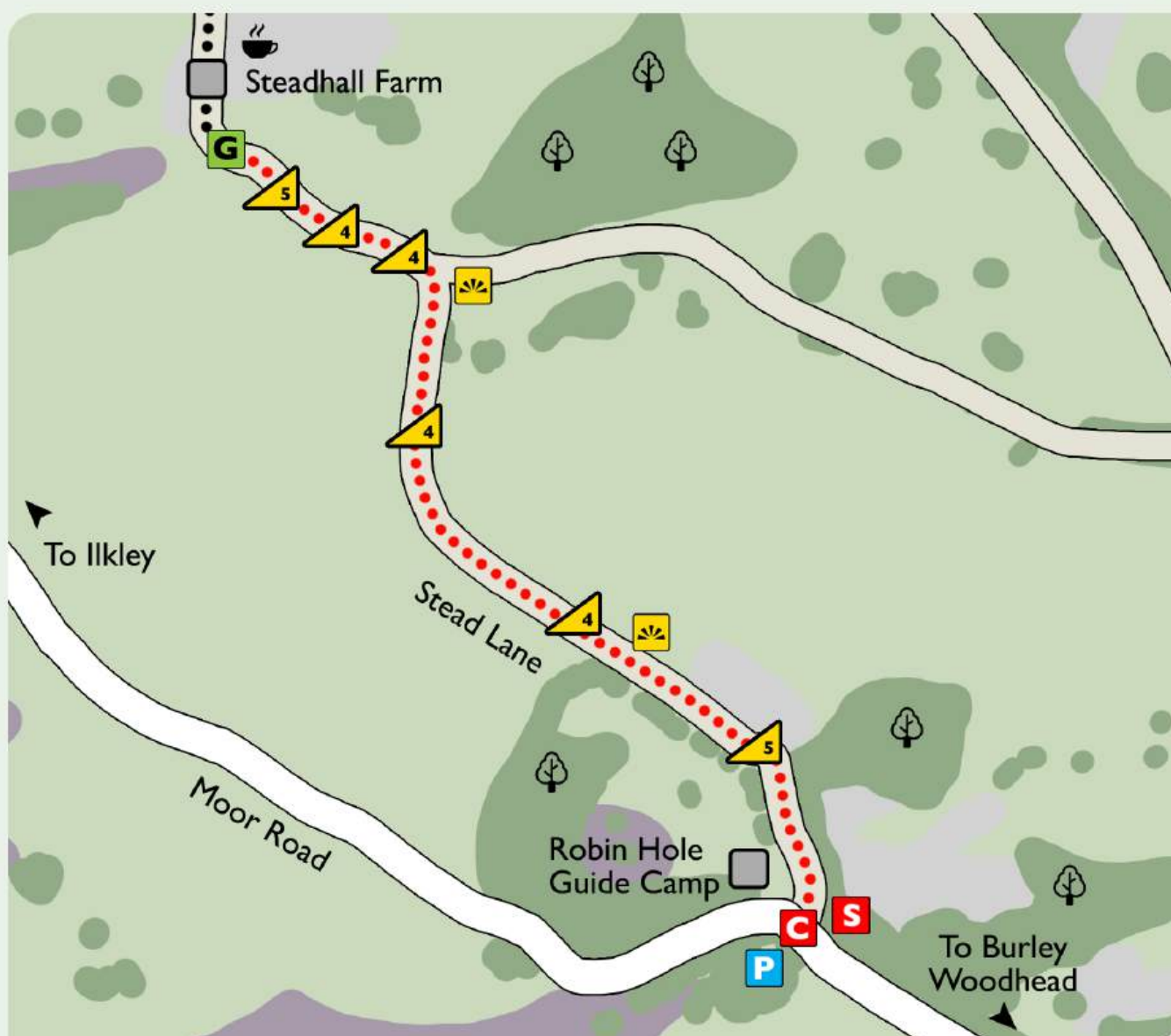


**Location:** Robin Hole, Stead Lane, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, LS29 7SD. **What3Words:** undercuts.reporters.season.



 **Public Transport:** Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds and Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley stop in Burley-in-Wharfedale Village, 1.3 miles (2 km) from the start of the route. Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station is 1.1 miles (1.7 km) from the trail. Bookable assistance available.

 **Route Details:** Caution must be taken when crossing Moor Road to access the route. Stead Lane is made of tarmac (A). The track to access the refreshment van at the end of the route is heavily rutted (D). The lane is undulating throughout with steep sections (up to 5). Be aware that traffic uses this route.







**Brief Description:** Otley Old Road and Eastfield Lane offer up to 2 miles (3.2 km) of accessible paths. Explore this rural corner of Burley-in-Wharfedale, crossing through farmland, with views towards the moors and Otley Golf Course. The route can be extended across the golf course to Otley for ambulant pedestrians.



**Access and Facilities:** Free On-Street Parking, Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Burley-in-Wharfedale Library. See [burleylibrary.org](http://burleylibrary.org) for opening times.

**What3Words:** paddocks.metals.systems. Alternative Accessible Toilets at the Queens Hall and Cock Pit Farm Tea Rooms. See access information card for What3Words.



**Features of Interest:** Bench, Countryside Views, Golf Course, Wildlife, Woodland.



**Location:** Otley Old Road, Burley-in-Wharfedale, LS29 7DY.  
**What3Words:** touchy.husky.fired.





**Public Transport:** Regular trains between Bradford, Leeds and Ilkley from Burley-in-Wharfedale Railway Station, 1 mile (1.6 km) from the route start point. Bookable assistance available. Bus Nos. X84 between Leeds and Ilkley and 962 between Otley and Ilkley stop on Main Street in Burley-in-Wharfedale 0.3 miles (0.5 km) from the start of the trail.



**Route Details:** Paths are made from a combination of tarmac, crushed stone and grass (D). The route is mainly level, apart from some slight inclines (up to 4). The section across Otley Golf Course and loop back to Otley Road is recommended for ambulant pedestrians only.







**Brief Description:** With up to 5 miles (8 km) of pathways circling the grounds of a former psychiatric hospital, High Royds Estate offers large areas of accessible green space to explore. From ponds and woodland to rolling farmland and meadows, you can easily while away the hours walking, wheeling or cycling through this beautiful landscape.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located at Aldi Supermarket, 0.4 miles (600 m) from the start of the trail. **What3Words:** passports.signature.neckline. Alternative Accessible Toilets at The Wetherby Whaler and Twenty8 Coffee House adjacent to Aldi Supermarket. These can be accessed via a Puffin crossing over the A65.





**Features of Interest:** Benches, Clock Tower, Countryside Views, Cricket Field, Football Pitches, Information Boards, Meadows, Ponds, Wildlife, Woodland.

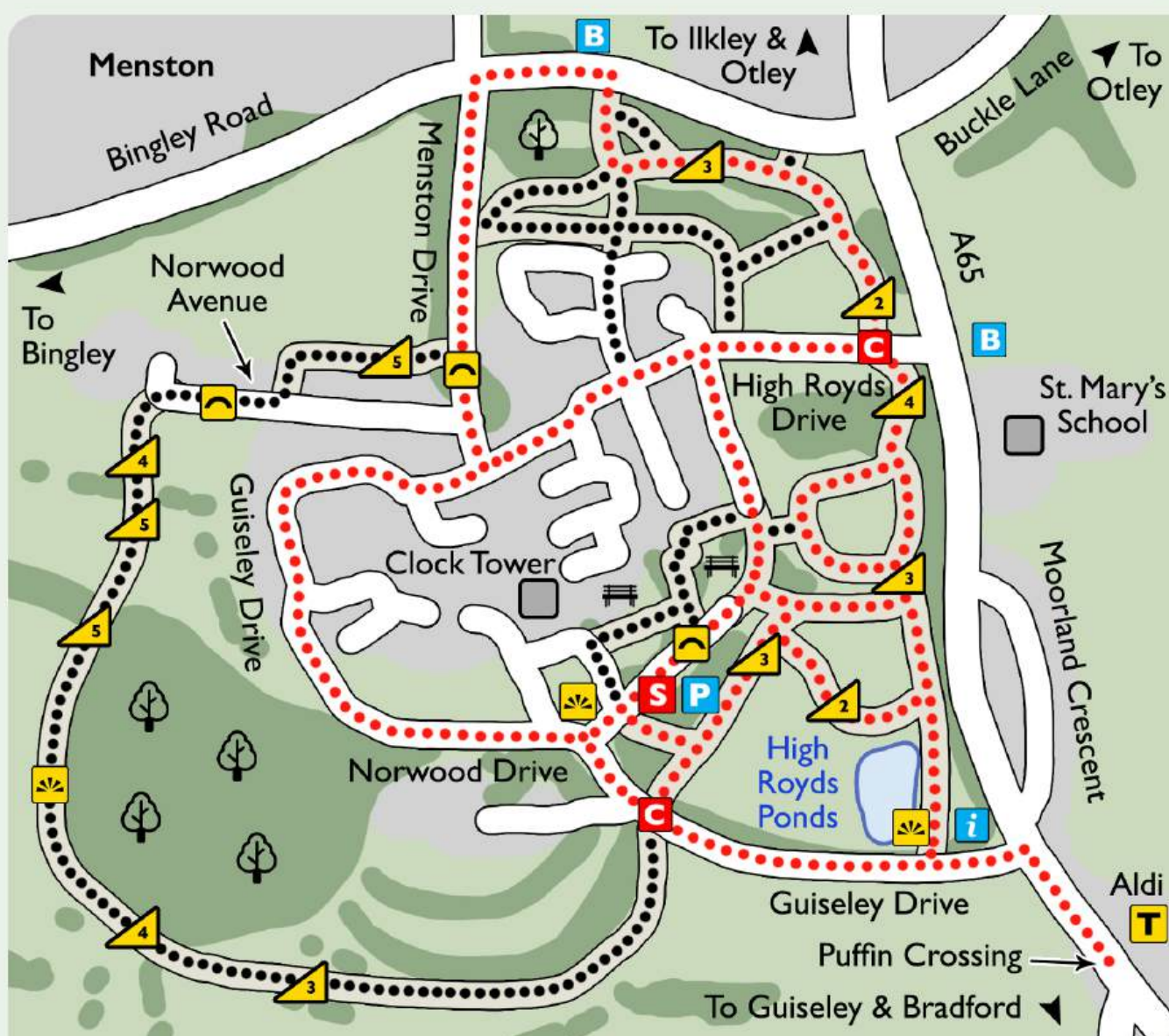


**Location:** On-Street Parking at the end of Guiseley Drive, Menston, LS29 6AE. **What3Words:** boarded.outfit.unusable.



 **Public Transport:** Bus No. 34 between Leeds & Otley stops at the junction of High Royds Drive and the A65 and on Bingley Road, Menston. Menston Railway station is 0.7 miles (1.1 km) from the start point. Lift access available. Guiseley Railway Station is 1 mile (1.6 km) from the start point.

 **Route Details:** All paths around the site are made from tarmac (A) or crushed stone (B). There are some sections that have eroded due to surface water (C). Paths are undulating throughout (up to 5), however, steeper sections can be avoided. Puddles are likely to form during or after wet weather. Caution must be taken when crossing roads.







**Brief Description:** Ben Rhydding Nature Reserve offers a 1 mile (1.6 km) out and back route along the banks of the River Wharfe. The trail passes through a variety of wildlife habitats making it a perfect spot for bird watching. If you are lucky, you may even catch glimpse of deer and otters.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located at Moss & Moor Garden Centre, 500 m down the road from the reserve. **What3Words:** nobody.shorten.hockey.

Limited parking is available in a lay-by at the reserve entrance or in the Garden Centre car park when open.

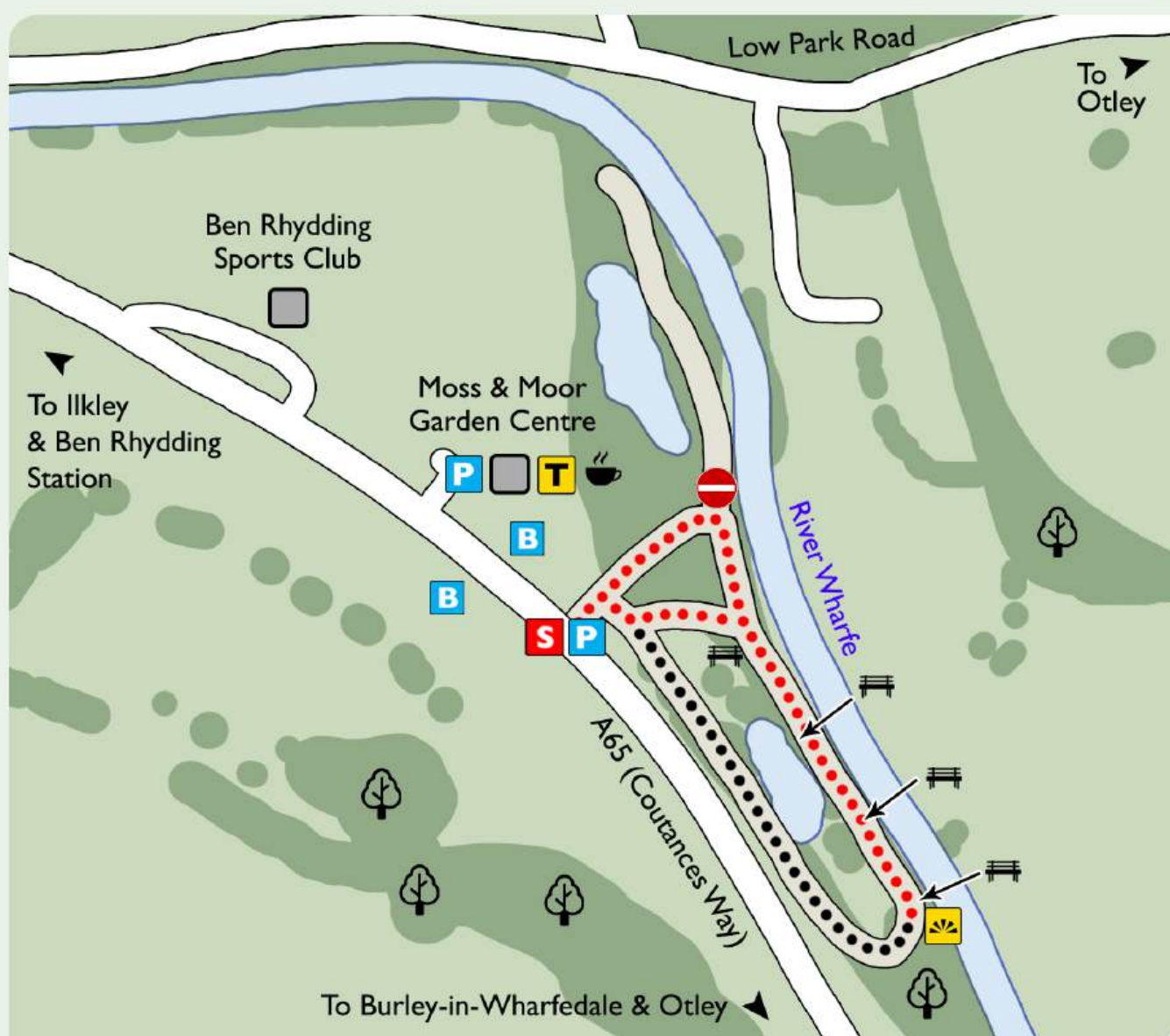
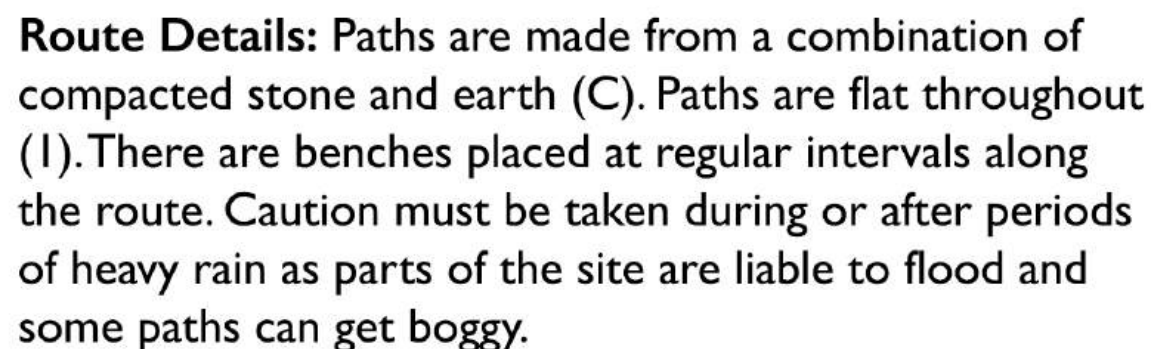
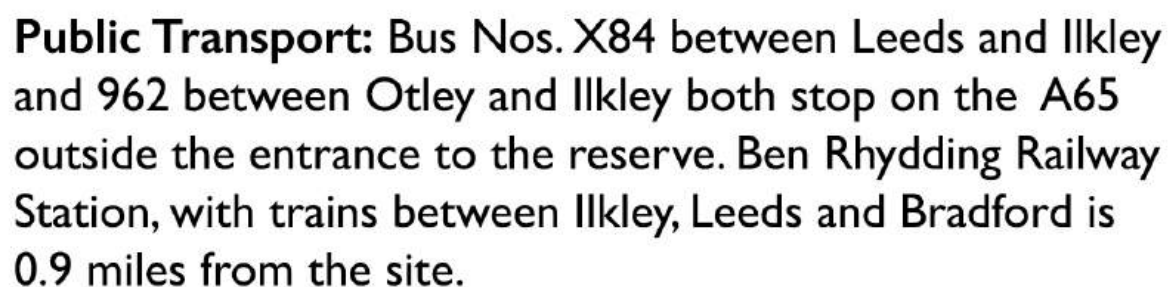


**Features of Interest:** Benches, Bird Watching, Countryside Views, Garden Centre with Café, Nature Trail, Ponds, River, Wildlife.



**Location:** Lay-by at the entrance to the reserve on the A65, Coutances Way, Ben Rhydding, LS29 7HQ.

**What3Words:** dance.pools.lifeguard.







**Public Transport:** Ilkley Railway and Bus Stations are 0.4 miles, (0.6 km) from the route. Trains from Leeds and Bradford operate every 15 minutes. Buses X84 & X85 run regular services from Leeds. Bus No. 62 provides a service to Ilkley from Keighley, No. 64 from Skipton and 961 & 962 from Otley and Ben Rhydding.



**Route Details:** Paths are mainly flat, however, there are some steep sections, especially at bridge crossings (4). Paths are made of a combination of tarmac and crushed stone (B) and are at least 1.5 metres wide throughout. There is a narrow gate, which mobility scooters and large buggies may struggle to get through. This can be avoided by using Denton Road instead of the riverside path. (See map for details). The route can be shortened at various points to suit different abilities. There are benches at regular intervals. Caution must be taken when crossing roads and when navigating along roadside pavements.



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## Ilkley Riverside Gardens

B5



**Brief Description:** Ilkley Riverside Gardens offers a 1.5 mile (2.4 km) route alongside the River Wharfe, a short distance from town centre amenities. The route can also be extended to take in Ilkley Cemetery; a peaceful, wooded area close to the river.



**Access and Facilities:** Accessible Toilet located adjacent to Ilkley Riverside Hotel. **What3Words:** sisters.unafraid.island. Free parking on Denton Road (on-street) and at Ilkley Cemetery. Parking on New Brook Street is Pay & Display.

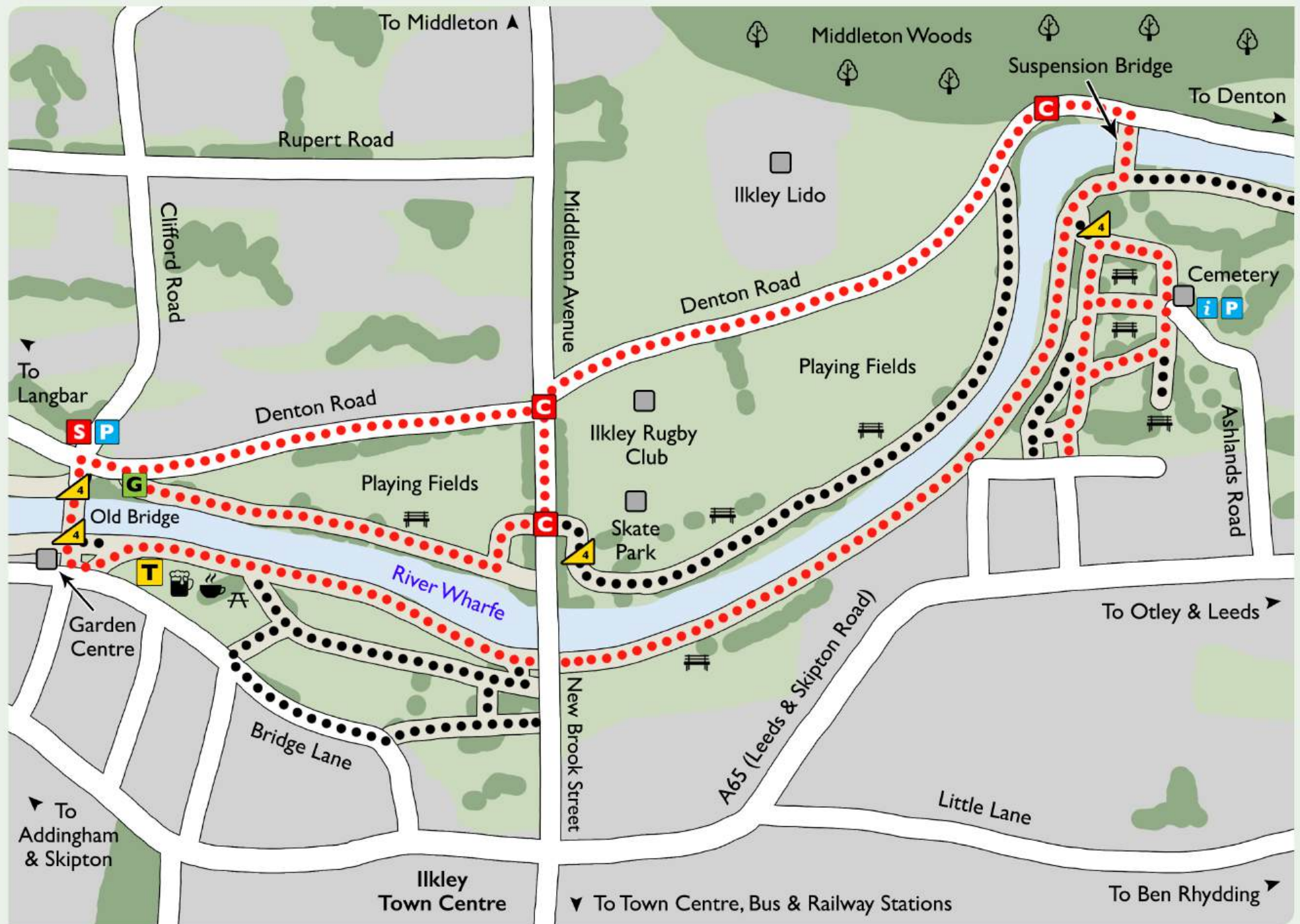


**Features of Interest:** Benches, Café, Children's Playground, Ilkley Cemetery, Ilkley Old Bridge, Old Bridge Nursery, Picnic Benches, Playing Fields, Pub, Riverside, Skate Park, Suspension Bridge, Town Centre Amenities (400 m).



**Location:** The Route Start Point is at Ilkley Old Bridge, off Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0DA.  
**What3Words:** auctioned.using.lifetimes.









**Brief Description:** A Victorian Tarn offering a pleasant stroll on the edge of Ilkley Moor. There is plenty of wildlife to spot and stunning views over the Wharfe valley below. This site combines the accessibility of a town park with the rugged, rural surroundings of wild moorland. Darwin Gardens is also a great spot for a picnic.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilets are located in Ilkley's Central Car Park, 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from the start of the trail. **What3Words:** thuds.timed.page.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Covered Seating, Information Boards, Millennium Maze (in Darwin Gardens), Moorland, Picnic Benches, Spectacular Views, Wildfowl, Wildlife.



**Location:** Darwin Gardens Car Park, Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9JS. **What3Words:** badly.summer.apes.

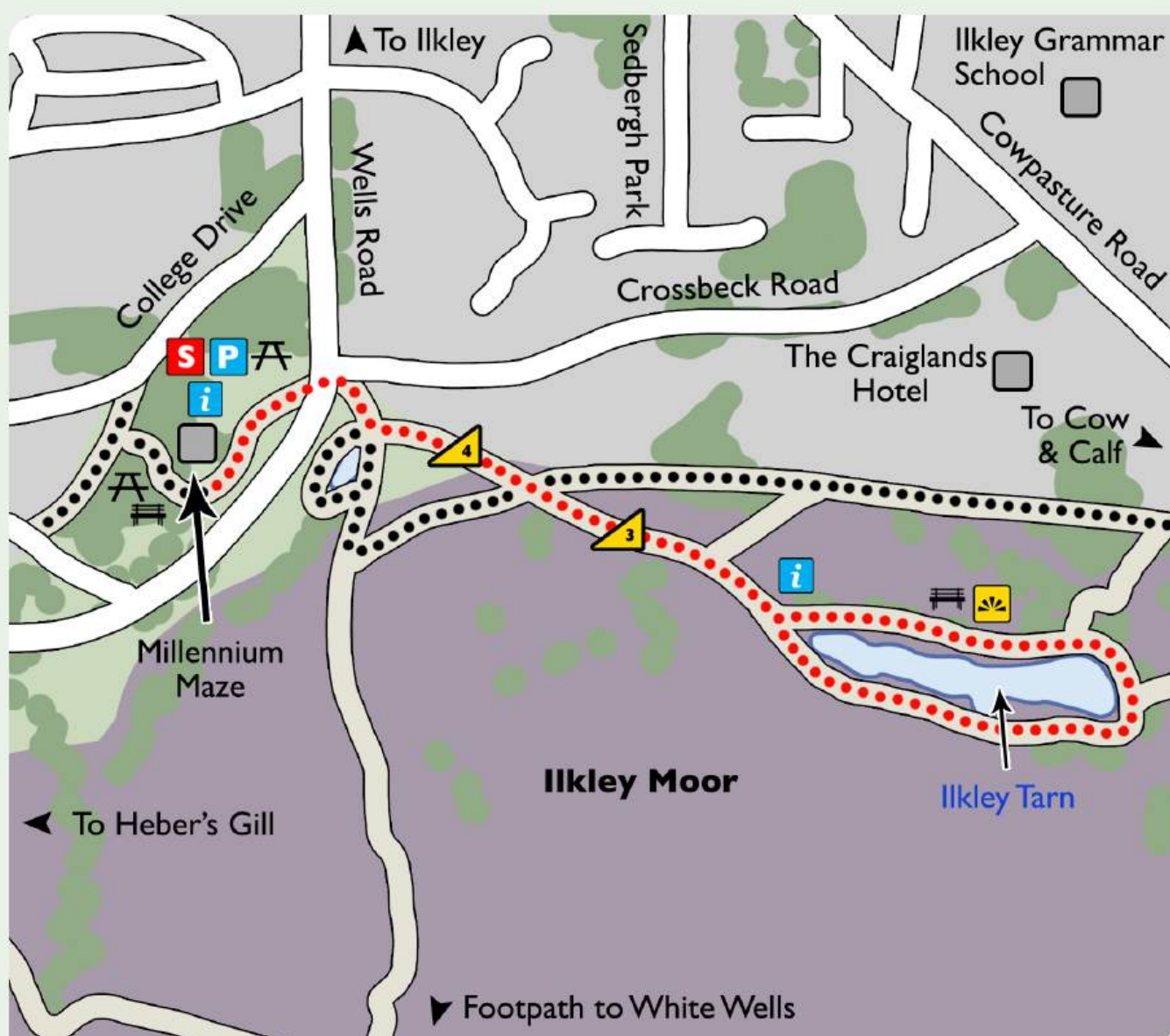




**Public Transport:** Bus Nos. X84 and X85 run services between Ilkley and Leeds and No. 64 runs between Ilkley and Skipton. The bus and railway stations are 0.4 miles (0.7 km) from the start of the trail, with trains from Leeds and Bradford.



**Route Details:** All paths around the site are wide and made from tarmac (A). There are some steep sections to access the tarn (4). Paths around Darwin Gardens are narrow in places, however those to the Millennium Maze and benches are wider. Access to the site from Ilkley town centre via Wells Road is up hill (4).







**Location:** The route can be started from Main Street in Addingham. **What3Words:** suitcase.eruptions.averts or from Old Lane at Low Mill.

**What3Words:** routine.lightly.wheat.



**Public Transport:** Bus Nos. 62 and 64 from Ilkley operate regular services via Addingham Main Street.



**Route Details:** Paths are mainly flat, however there are some gradual inclines (3). The route is along quiet tarmac roads and pavements (A). There is a short ramp up to a gap in a wall near Low Mill Hamlet. This is accessible to most manual and powered wheelchairs as well as pushchairs, however, the turn may be tight for mobility scooter users. The ramp is a suitable place to turn and make this an out and back route to and from Addingham. The pavement along Ilkley Road can get narrow due to overgrowing foliage.



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## Addingham & Low Mill

A3



**Brief Description:** This 2.6 mile (4.3 km) circuit or 2.1 mile (3.4 km) out and back route along quiet lanes and pavements, follows the River Wharfe from Addingham towards the quaint hamlet of Low Mill, site of the world's first successful Worsted Spinning Mill, built in 1787.



**Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Addingham Community Hub, The Old School Room, Main Street, Addingham, LS29 0NS. See [addingham-pc.gov.uk](http://addingham-pc.gov.uk) for opening times. **What3Words:** chew.caressing.frown. Free Car Park with limited space on Bolton Road, Addingham, LS29 0NQ.

**What3Words:** corded.prepared.clearcut. On Street Parking is also available on Main Street in Addingham and on Old Lane at Low Mill. **What3Words:** routine.lightly.wheat.



**Features of Interest:** Benches, Café, Countryside Views, Local Shops in Addingham, Low Mill Hamlet, Pubs, River, St. Peter's Church, Weir.



