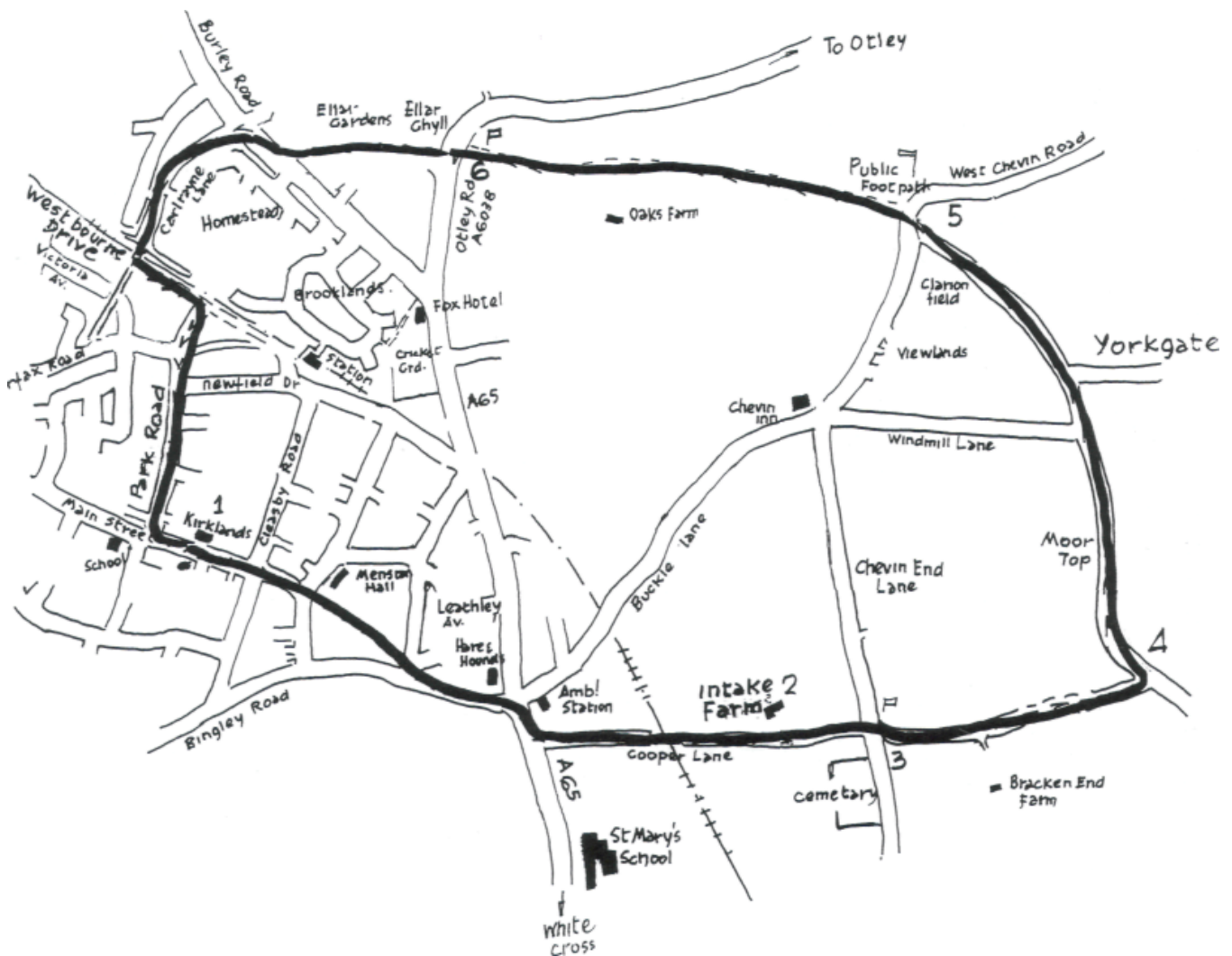


## Walk No 2: Yorkgate - Gill Brow

This walk is approximately 3.5 miles



(1) From Kirklands walk along Main Street towards the park, which you then cross to reach Bingley Road. Go along Bingley Road to the traffic lights at the Hare & Hounds. Cross the A65.

Turn right to Guiseley and take first left at the footpath sign just past the Ambulance Station. This is Cooper Lane [so called because Cooper who occupied Intake Farm built the lane to enable him to transport stone from his quarry to the site of the new Menston Asylum (High Royds Hospital)].

After crossing the railway line, the lane becomes a narrow path (muddy at times) climbing steadily and passing Intake Farm on the left (2) to meet the Chevin End - Guiseley road. Cross the road to the bridleway (3) directly opposite.

Continue upwards, ignoring any signs to left or right passing through an old shallow quarry (known as Whale Jaws Hill). To the left of the quarry is a plantation of trees reputed to be a memorial. Continue forward to meet a metalled road (Moor Road) opposite the old Yeadon Waterworks buildings (4).

At this point turn left where there are extensive views of Wharfedale including Rombalds Moor, Beamsley Beacon and beyond. After about 500 yards pass a road on the left to Menston, continue forward passing the end of Yorkgate on the right and join West Chevin Road with the Clarion Caravan site on your left (5).

Cross West Chevin Road (with care) and turn right towards Otley. After about 50 yards turn left through a stile into field. Walk straight ahead to a stile set in a hedgerow, through the stile into a second field leading to a further stile and hence into a field of rough grazing and scrub. This is Gill Brow (Gill Top), which is the top of a steep hillside overlooking Ellar Ghyll and the river Wharfe.

Move ahead on a clear track to a stile and into a field behind Oaks Farm on the left and a plantation of trees on the right. Ahead is a further stile which leads to a farm track where it joins the A6038 Menston to Otley road at Murphy's machinery and opposite Brothertons scrap yard (6).

Turn left for about 50 yards then cross the road to enter Ellar Gardens, keep on the left-hand side of the road and continue round the estate to a tarmaced footpath (footpath sign) which leads to the A65. Cross the road, turn right to join Carlrayne Lane and cross the railway line and back to Kirklands via Park Road.