

GARGRAVE – a walking tour of historic road and canal waymarkers

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A level circular 1.9 mile (3km) on road walk from the village hall, including a section of well surfaced Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath.

1 From the village hall car park entrance turn left along West St to the junction with the A65.

Turn right to see the fingerpost in front of The Dalesman café, **YW_SD9354**. Yes, you've just walked part of the Pennine Way!

Cross the A65 at the pedestrian refuge and continue straight ahead on Church St to the bridge over the River Aire.

It is believed there was a Roman ford across the river downstream of the current bridge. An information panel, adjacent to the A65 bus stop, provides more details.



2 Continue along Church St to the Masons Arms pub on your right.

Opposite the pub entrance on Marton Rd spot the guidestone for Broughton & Gisburn, **YN_XXBG**, and adjacent mounting block at the base of the drystone wall. It may well be hidden behind a picnic bench or parked cars.

3 Retrace your steps along Church St. After crossing the River Aire turn right past the bus stop and public toilets. Continue ahead, into and along South St.

Spot an old Tea Room sign on the first house and note the several attractive listed buildings on this section.

At the junction with East St turn left and continue to the A65.



4 Cross the A65 and turn right heading away from the village centre.

At the Eshton Rd junction spot the guidestone for Malham/ Cracoe & Skipton, **YY_XXMCS**, on the opposite corner.

Turn left along Eshton Rd. At the canal turn left to join the towpath at the Grade 2 listed Low Warehouse Bridge (No 171) and integral Lock.c1790

Spot a canal quarter mile marker, **LLC-093¼** immediately after the lock.



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5 Continue on the towpath and cross West St. Rejoin the towpath at the Grade 2 listed Higherland Bridge (170) and integral Lock. Built c1790.

Notice the bridge marker **YW_GARGR01br**

Approximately 50 metres further along the towpath you will spot canal mile marker, **LLC-093**.



6 Continue along the towpath and after passing underneath Anchor Bridge bear left to walk up to the A65. Turn right along the footway to head back along the A65, the former Keighley and Kendal Turnpike, into Gargrave.

Just after the 30mph sign spot the milepost partially buried in the verge, **YN_KEKN14**, one of the standard West Riding casting. Installed by the County Council in the 1890's and in need of TLC!

Spot the river stepping stones as you return into the village.

Cross the A65 opposite The Dalesman café and return along West St to the village hall.

Note: The reference numbers on the map, and in bold in the text, relate to the national database of The Milestone Society. Explore this further on our website.

Access information:

There are public car parks on North St and West St.

A bus stop, with services to Skipton, Settle and Ingleton, is on the A65 at West St.

The railway station is located on Church St approx. 500m south of the village.

