

The Bentham Line Self-guided Walks

This leaflet describes one of a diverse collection of twelve walks linking neighbouring stations along the Bentham Line between Heysham Port and Skipton.



Skipton Station

Walk No.	Route	Miles
1	Heysham Port - Morecambe	5.3
2	Lancaster - Morecambe	3.8
3	Morecambe - Bare Lane	2.5
4	Bare Lane - Carnforth	5.6
5	Wennington - Carnforth	11.3
6	Wennington - Bentham	3.9
7	Clapham - Bentham	5.0
8	Clapham - Giggleswick	9.4
9	Giggleswick - Long Preston	5.6
10	Long Preston - Hellifield	3.8
11	Hellifield - Gargrave	7.0
12	Gargrave - Skipton	5.0

Timetable

For train times on the Bentham Line pick up Northern Timetable 7 or the Airedale Metro Timetable, or use the websites below.

Fares and Service Information

National Rail Enquiries:

telephone: 08457 48 49 50

textphone: 0845 60 50 600

website: nationalrail.co.uk

Customer Helpline

Northern comments and enquiries:

telephone: 0800 200 6060

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Rail Websites

leedslancastermorecambecrp.co.uk



lasrug.btck.co.uk



northernrailway.co.uk



Tourist Information

Leeds: visitleeds.co.uk

Skipton: skiptononline.co.uk

Bentham: aboutbentham.org.uk

Yorkshire Dales: yorkshiredales.org.uk

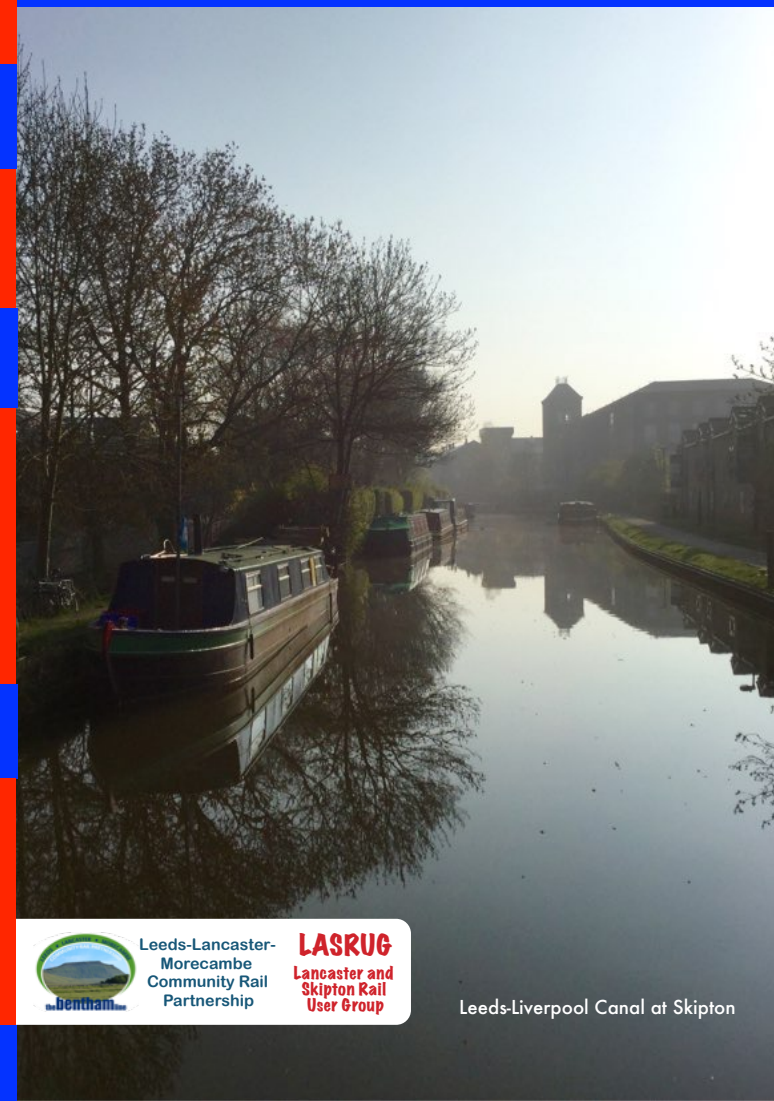
Lune Valley, Lancaster and Morecambe:

citycoastcountryside.co.uk

Rail to Trail Walk Guide

The Bentham Line

Walk 12 - Gargrave to Skipton



Leeds-Lancaster-Morecambe
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Lancaster and
Skipton Rail
User Group

Leeds-Liverpool Canal at Skipton

Walk 12 - Gargrave to Skipton

Enjoy Canal Wildlife and Tranquility

Canal towpath

Easy

OS Explorer Map: OL2

5 miles

GARGRAVE TO SKIPTON

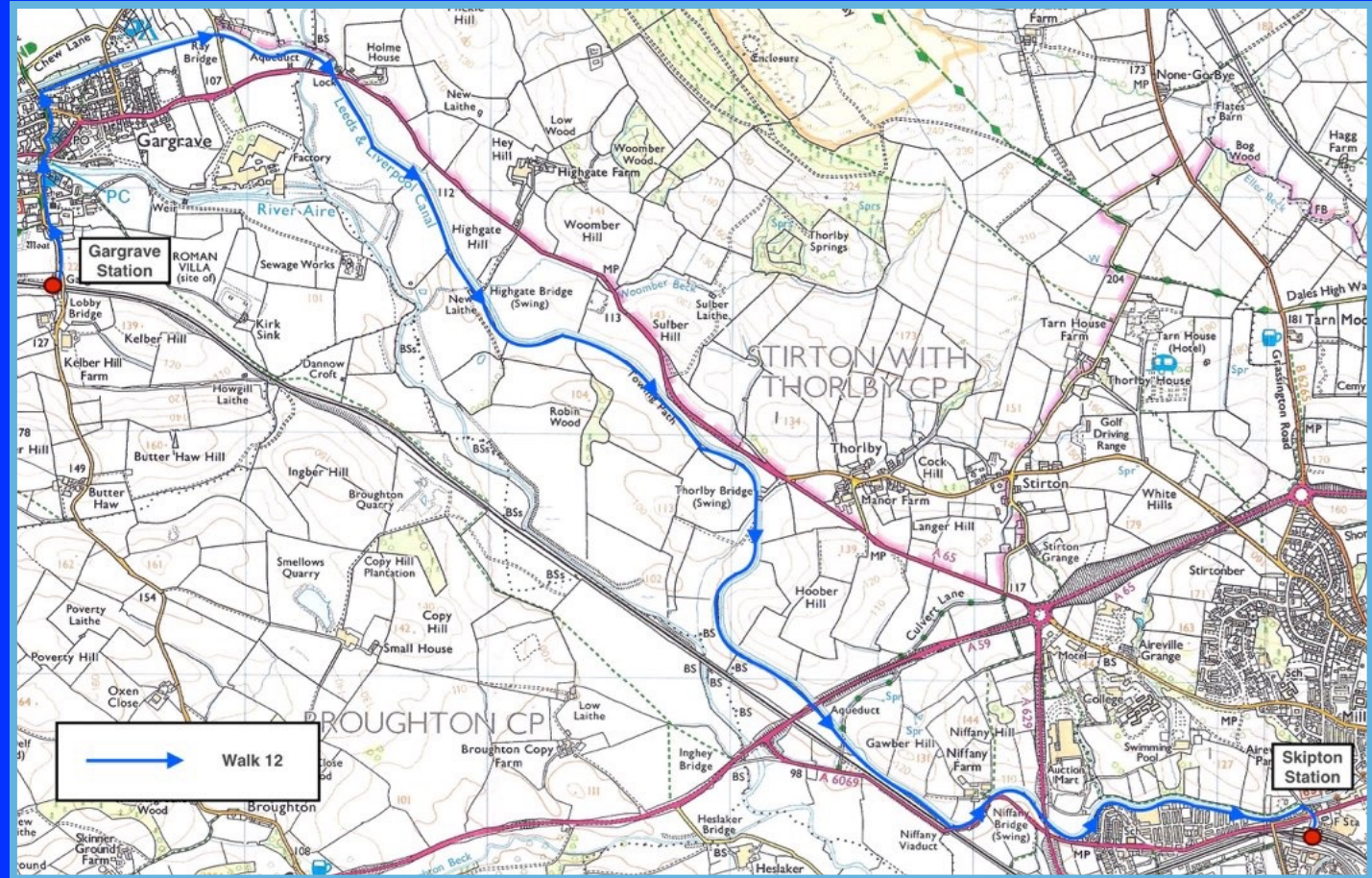
Time: 2 hours Distance: 5 miles / 8 kilometres
Total Ascent: 61metres Total Decent: 81metres
Walk grade: Easy

Exit either platform at Gargrave for surfaced road. Turn left (L) and follow the road downhill (Church St) passing between St. Andrew's Church on the right (R) and the Masons Arms pub (L). Cross River Aire to reach A65. Toilets to right.

Cross A65 towards the Dalesman Café and go straight ahead along West Street passing Village Hall (R) and public car park (R). Go straight ahead uphill (still West Street) towards Leeds-Liverpool Canal. Just before the canal bridge turn right down flagged path onto towpath, which goes through Skipton.

Continue along towpath, pass lock and road bridge No171 (L) and Canal Wharf across the canal (L), and small industrial estate (R). Pass under road bridge No172. Cross Eshton Beck aqueduct and descend steps beside the lock. Pass under the A65 road bridge No172a. Continue along towpath and pass between swing bridge No173 and barn (R), pass Thorlby swing bridge No174 and continue along Thorlby aqueduct. Pass under concrete A59 road bridge No174a and along another aqueduct. Pass Niffany Moorings across the canal.

At the end of this stretch of towpath a gate leads onto a pathway beside the old Skipton Road, between the canal railings and a crash barrier, which re-joins the towpath at Niffany swing-bridge No175 (L). Continue on towpath towards Skipton alongside another mooring across the canal.



Pass under the concrete Skipton by-pass bridge no.175a supported on three pillars. Pass row of houses (R) that follow the canal curve, and the bottom field of Skipton Auction Mart across the canal (L). Pass an old single-storey mill and a red-brick chimney with metal strapping (R), and rows of stone terraced houses (R).

Arrive at swing bridge that leads into Aireville Park (L). Leave the towpath here and descend the hill (R) to the Station which is directly ahead across the road. There is a pedestrian crossing to the left.

From here, continue along the towpath into the centre of Skipton to explore the Town; or join the Skipton Circular Walk (5.5km, 2 hours 10 minutes) which runs from here and passes by the marina basin, below the wall of the castle, and up through Skipton Castle Woods.