

The Staveley Circle

This is a circular walk taking in a glimpse of everyday life of old, a small gem of a nature reserve and the Tutt, a tiny, little-known river.

Before or after your walk, be sure to wander up the road past the Old School and call into All Saints Church (1864), noted for its carved cross dating from 950 AD. This is the third church on the site, the first having lasted 700 years - and the second a mere 30.

Walk Information



The full walk inclusive of the extension to Roeclyffe is just over five-and-a-half miles (9km) and should take around three hours at a steady pace. The Staveley Circle is just over three miles (5km) and should take one-and-a-half hours. The Roeclyffe extension is two-and-a-half miles in total (4km) and should take one-and-a-half hours. Park thoughtfully in Staveley village. Start at the walk interpretation panel on the green in front of the Royal Oak pub. Follow the route shown by the turquoise waymarkers.

A level walk on pavements and rough ground, with gates, stiles and narrow footbridges.

OS Map Explorer 299 covers the area.

Buses serve Staveley (www.northyorkstravel.info)

All Saints Church, Staveley.

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Boroughbridge and the lower Ure Valley are steeped in history and support fascinating wildlife. Ure Walks Through Time enable the people who live here and the visitors who come here to explore and enjoy the riches that surround us. This is one of a series of waymarked walks leaflets available from local outlets.

Ure Walks Through Time is an initiative led by Yore Vision, the regeneration partnership for Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley, working to improve the area for people who live, work and visit here.

For further information about Ure Walks Through Time or Yore Vision, visit the Tourist Information Point, 1 Hall Square, Boroughbridge or call 01423 323373.

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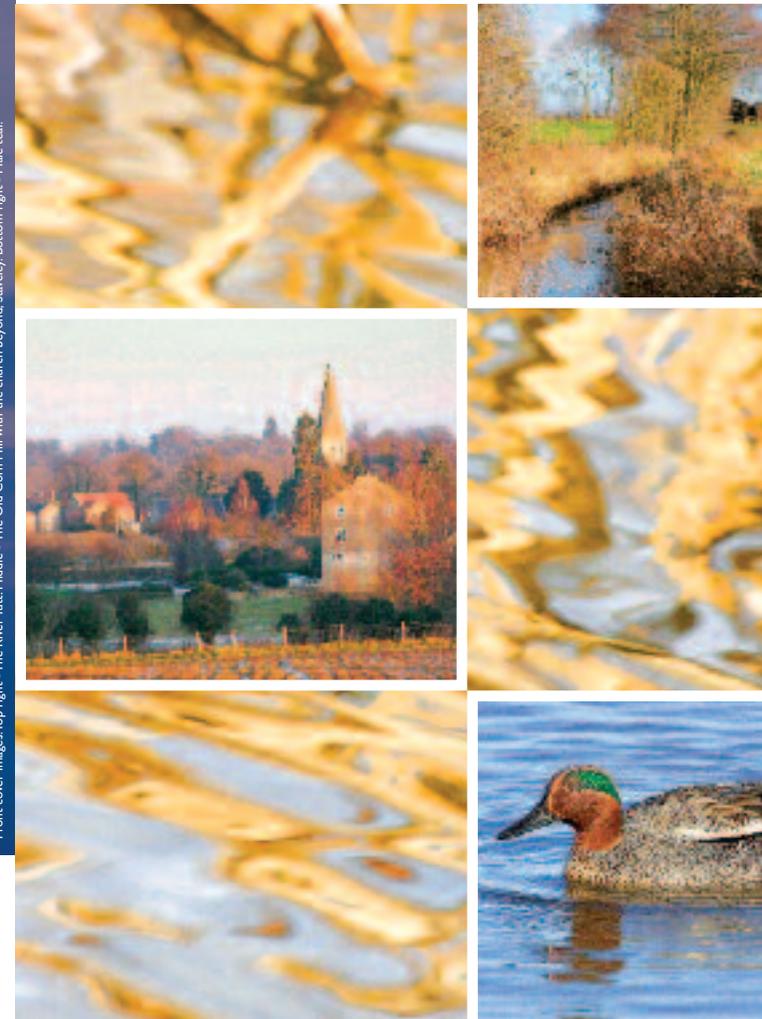
- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.



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Front cover images: Top right - The River Tutt; Middle - The Old Corn Mill; with the church beyond; Staveley; Bottom right - Male teal.



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The Route

Facing the interpretation panel, turn right and head down Main Street, towards the left fork signposted Minskip. However, you might like to take a very brief detour at that point, heading to the right of the green and, just round the bend, you'll find a circular, stone-walled structure, the village pinfold.

Pinfolds were used to keep sheep and cattle secure in the days when animals grazed common land. Each owner had a given time allowed for feeding, but if his animals were left too long they were rounded up by the pinder and kept in the pinfold until a fine was paid. There's evidence of a pinfold by the church in Staveley dating from 1679, although this one stems from 1832 and was renovated in 1986.

Returning to your route, you'll pass what was once the Wesleyan Chapel, now a private residence, on your right hand side.

Past this point, take the lane on your left between The Bungalow and Hawber's Close. When you reach the lane's end, turn right and go through a kissing gate into a willow wood - you are now in Staveley Nature Reserve.

The 40 hectare Yorkshire Wildlife Trust reserve consists of a shallow lagoon edged with reed swamp, fen and flower-rich grassland with scrub and pasture. Birds, butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies abound depending on the time of year.

The reserve is also very important for its plantlife including various species of orchid. In late June - early July thousands of common spotted-orchids grow in drier areas.

Greylag geese in flight over the nature reserve.

The path leads through another kissing gate to a view over the lagoon. This one, and others you will pass later, were formed by quarrying for gravel extraction in the past.

The route passes a bird watching hide, which is private, but another a little further on is a perfect spot to sit quietly and observe the wildlife.

As you leave the reserve, you'll cross a little wooden footbridge over the River Tutt (a Viking name) which flows into the River Ure at Boroughbridge.

(At this point, with Carr Top Farm on your right, you may choose to take a waymarked detour on a two-and-a-half mile (4km) return trip to Roelcliffe, which has its own Ure Walks Through Time route with accompanying leaflet.)

Carved stone on All Saints Church.

Continuing with the Staveley Circle, a short stroll with the river on your left will bring you to another footbridge - cross here to enjoy a charming view of the West Lake, with the elegant spire of Staveley's church and the Old Corn Mill, beyond.

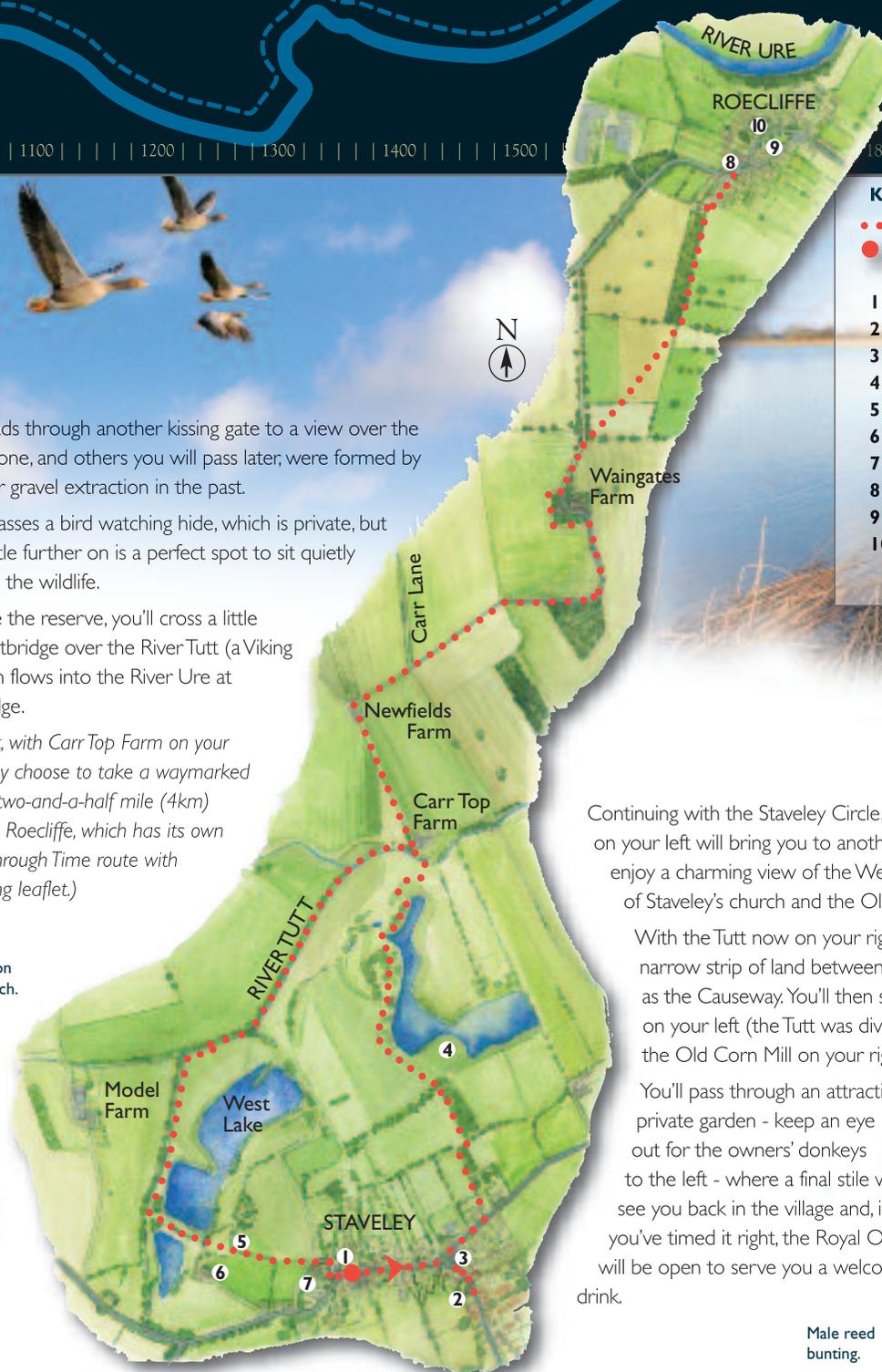
With the Tutt now on your right, the route takes you over a narrow strip of land between the two lakes, known locally as the Causeway. You'll then see a remnant of the mill race on your left (the Tutt was diverted to supply the mill) with the Old Corn Mill on your right.

You'll pass through an attractive private garden - keep an eye out for the owners' donkeys to the left - where a final stile will see you back in the village and, if you've timed it right, the Royal Oak will be open to serve you a welcome drink.

Key

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- Start of Walk

- 1 The Royal Oak
- 2 The Pinfold
- 3 The Old Chapel
- 4 Staveley Nature Reserve
- 5 A remnant of the Mill Race
- 6 The Old Corn Mill
- 7 All Saints Church
- 8 The Crown Inn, Roelcliffe
- 9 Roelcliffe School
- 10 St Mary's Church, Roelcliffe



Male reed bunting.