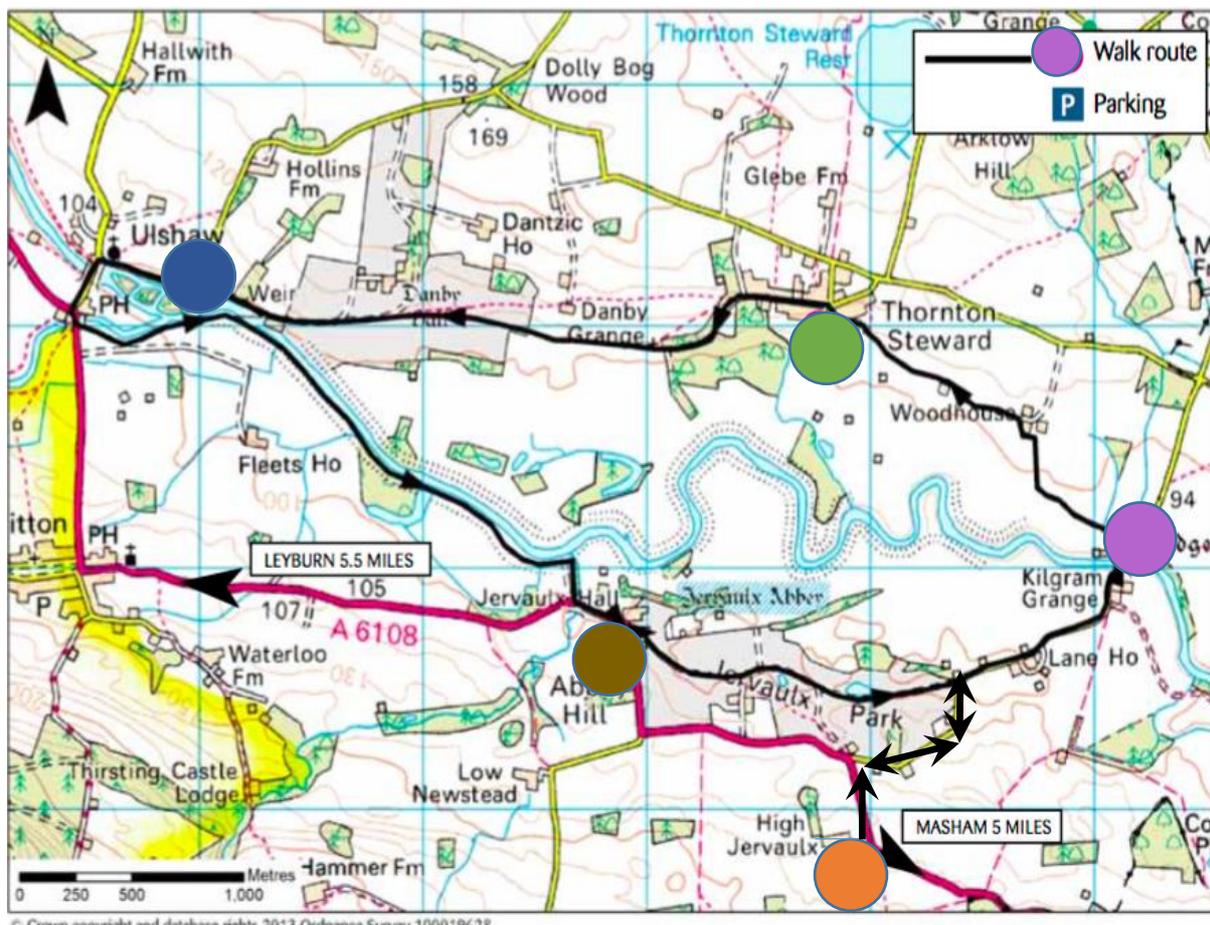


## A CIRCULAR WALK FROM BRYMOR ICE CREAM TO THORNTON STEWARD

This beautiful walk takes in the fascinating ruins of Jervaulx Abbey, through stunning parkland and pastures through the historic village of Thornton Steward before passing Danby Hall and crossing the River Ure over two historic bridges.

Distance: 7.5 miles 3-4 hours

Parking: There is ample free parking at Brymor and the parlour, café and shop are open during the winter from 10am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday.



### The Route

-  From the car park, turn left out of the Brymor main entrance and after 500 metres, turn right on to Kilgram Lane. Follow this quiet, tree lined road until you cross the River Ure.
-  Shortly after crossing the river look for a footpath on the left. Once into the open field follow the way markers. (Take care - the gateways can be a bit boggy!) Cross this field and the next field before turning right and heading up to Woodhouse. Follow the way markers, which take you to the left of the buildings and turn sharp left at the gate that goes into the farmyard. Head northwest along the edge of a field keeping the hedge to your left. Keep following the line of the hedge until you pass a small plantation on your left. Continue past the plantation and follow the edge of the field until you reach a stile. Cross the stile head across the field, go through two

more gates in quick succession in front of the houses and you'll pick up a track bringing you up to a road in the middle of the village.



Joining the road turn left following it through the village. At the end of the village go through a gate and follow the track past Manor Farm and down through a wood to St Oswald Church. Go through the gate at the end of the car park and walk along the edge of the field keeping the fence to your right. After two fields go through a gate with a small stream just beyond it. Follow the line of the wall but this time, keep it to your left. Just past a small plantation on your left go through a gate. Beyond the gate follow the same wall but keep it on your right. At the end of the field go through the gate and bear left. You will join a track which runs in front of Danby Hall and takes you past Danby Mill and onto the road.



Join the road turning left. At the T-junction turn left over the bridge. When you reach the Coverbridge Inn turn left and over another bridge. Just beyond the bridge join a path on the left heading downstream to Jervaulx Abbey.



Continue along the path until it joins Kilgram lane. Turn right on to the lane and after 500 metres, turn left on to the main road and in 500 metres, turn right back to the Brymor car park for well deserved refreshments!

## Points of Interest

### Jervaulx Abbey

This is one of the very few privately owned Cistercian Abbeys open to the public. The Abbey and Jervaulx estate was bought by its present owners, the Burdon family, in 1971. Founded in 1156 by Cistercian Monks who had arrived from France following the Norman Conquest, this enchanting Abbey eventually became one of the busiest and wealthiest religious houses. It takes its name from the medieval word for valley, and the River Ure or Yorre, 'Jur'. This beautiful site is now carefully managed with conservation in mind and it is noted for more than 180 species of wild flowers and shrubs growing amidst its ruins. It is a place of great beauty, tranquillity and history and is a wonderful site to visit. The Abbey is open all year round during daylight hours. There is an honesty box at the Abbey entrance. More info at [www.jervaulxabbey.com](http://www.jervaulxabbey.com)

### Thornton Steward

The walk takes you past this quiet village which can be traced back to 1041 in a pre-Conquest Saxon Land Charter. In 1890 it is recorded as being a small parish lying on

the north bank of the river Ure comprising of a township of its own name and the hamlet of Danby. At that time the village had a postmistress, a cowkeeper, joiner, Joiner's shop, sexton, shopkeeper, boot maker, miller, blacksmith, schoolmistress and gardener. St Oswald's Church is reputed to be one of the oldest in Wensleydale.

Its doorway is Norman and is embellished with a war memorial from the 1st World War.

However, as a result of an archaeological dig in 1966, human remains date the church site back to as early as 680 AD.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE. CLOSE GATES, KEEP DOGS ON LEADS AND DON'T LITTER OR PICK FLOWERS