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Gargrave ramble

6.5 miles (10.6 km) – easy circular walk

Walking from Gargrave

As walks on the Pennine Way go this has to be one of the easiest with only a few gentle rolling hills.

The walk starts in the middle of Gargrave by the bus stop and public toilets. Alternatively, you can start at the railway station and join the route at point 2

1 Cross over the river on the stone arched bridge, passing the church on your left.

2 Follow the signpost marked Pennine Way, Trenet Bridge 2 miles, crossing the stone wall into the fields through the stone stile.

3 Turn left along the track passing over the railway line.

4 Crossing the cattlegrid, go over the stile and head for the fingerpost to your right on the horizon. Follow the obvious path across the fields, eventually crossing a small footbridge before coming out onto a track by Trenet Bridge.

5 Follow the track across the stone arched bridge.

6 Cross the stile signposted Pennine Way East Marton 1/2 mile. Follow the path along the edge of the woodland and horse fields onto the minor road.

7 Follow the minor road towards East Marton.

8 Turn left down onto the towpath and follow the towpath for 200m to view the double arched bridge over the canal.

9 Having seen the bridge turn round and walk back to where you first joined the canal, but this time walk under the bridge and along the towpath.

10 At Bank Newton the towpath stops and joins a minor road for a short distance before you can rejoin the towpath.

11 As you approach the A65 go through the tunnel under the road and continue on the canal.

12 Leave the canal and turn right back into Gargrave Village.

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Start Gargrave village

Distance 6.5 miles (10.6 km)

Terrain Fields, tracks and towpath

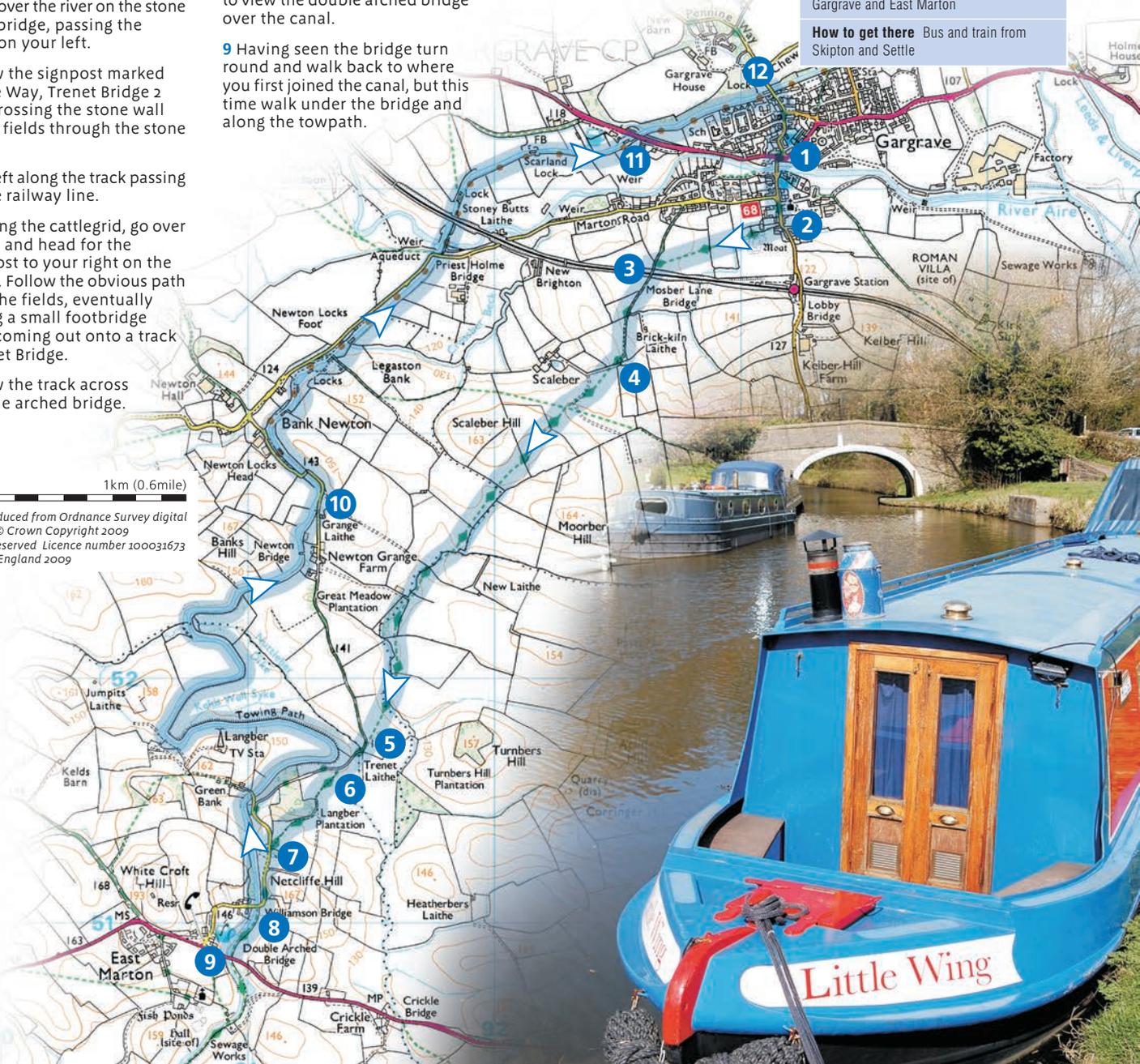
Time 3 hours

Refreshment & public toilets Public toilets in Gargrave. Cafés and pubs in Gargrave and East Marton

How to get there Bus and train from Skipton and Settle

0 1km (0.6mile)

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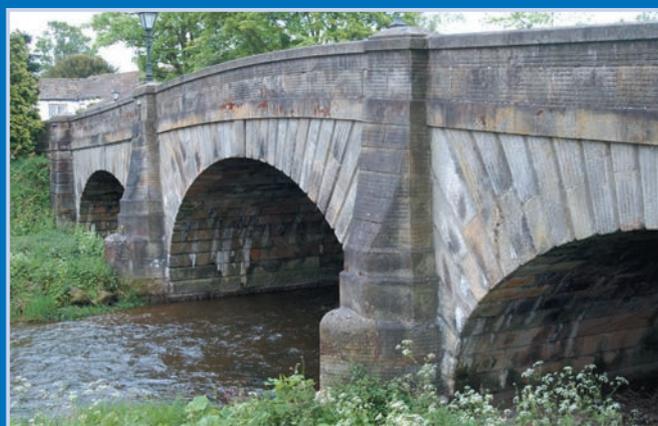


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Roman Ford. This walk starts by crossing the road bridge over the River Aire. In Roman times the river was crossed by means of a beautifully constructed paved ford. This very rare intact Roman ford was discovered in 1967 when work was carried out to clear the river bed of centuries of accumulated debris. It is located downstream of the bridge and can easily be seen when the river level is low.



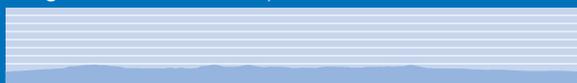
The Leeds to Liverpool Canal - At 127.25 miles, the Leeds and Liverpool is the longest canal in Britain. It links the seaport of Liverpool with the Aire and Calder Navigation at Leeds, creating a through route between the Irish Sea and the North Sea. There are 92 locks which enable the canal to reach its highest point of 487.5 feet above sea level on the summit at Foulridge.

In the middle of the 1700's, Yorkshire was a well established woollen manufacturing area, while Lancashire's industries were still in their infancy. Consequently it was in Yorkshire that the canal was first proposed. In the 1760's Yorkshire merchants were keen to improve the supply of lime and limestone from the Craven district. This they used to improve the fertilisation of agricultural land and to produce a better mortar

which allowed them to increase the size and height of buildings used for weaving. Liverpool merchants, however, were more interested in acquiring a good supply of coal for Liverpool from Wigan. By 1777, when the canal was open from Liverpool to Wigan and from Leeds to Gargrave, the company ran out of money. Construction ceased until 1790 when the economy improved and more finance was available. By then East Lancashire was rapidly developing as an industrial area and the canal proprietors realised that there was a greater opportunity for trade around Blackburn and Burnley. The proposed canal was altered accordingly and it finally opened in 1816.



Gargrave ramble route profile



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Double Arched Bridge
near East Marton