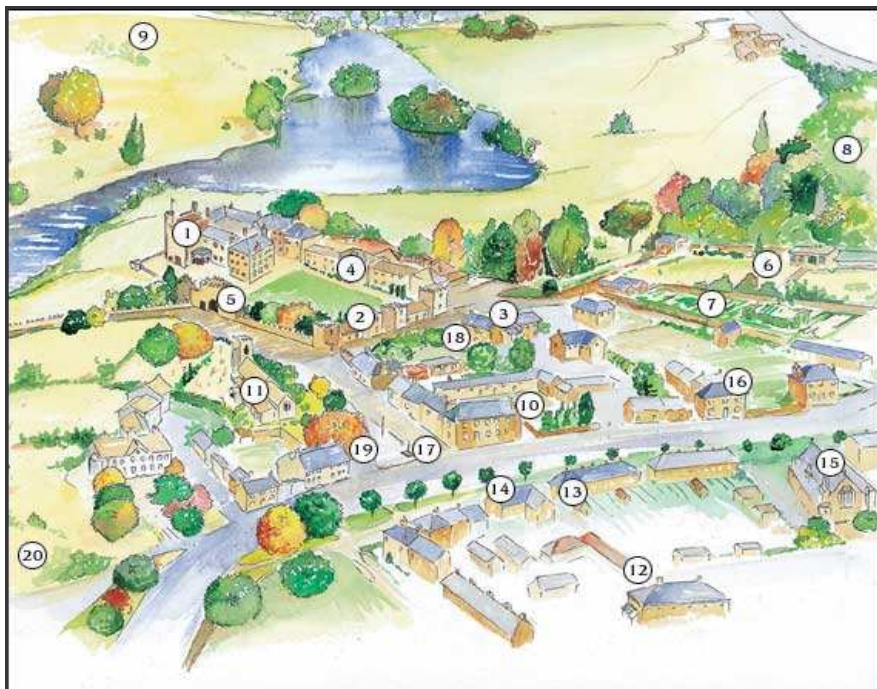


Village Plan



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| 1. Castle | 11. Church & Weeping Cross |
| 2. Castle Shop & Ticket Office | 12. Birchwood Farm Museum |
| 3. Castle Tea Room | 13. Chantry House Art Gallery |
| 4. East Wing | 14. Village Store |
| 5. Castle Gatehouse | 15. Hotel de Ville |
| 6. Walled Garden & Palm House | 16. Ripley Endowed School |
| 7. Kitchen Garden | 17. Cross & Stocks |
| 8. Pleasure Grounds | 18. Hopkins Porter (wine & cheese) |
| 9. Deer Park & Lake Walk | 19. Boar's Head Fountain |
| 10. Boar's Head Hotel | 20. Car Park & Public WC's |
| 11. The Butler's Pantry | |

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Walks In The Yorkshire Dales A Day Out At Ripley 4¾ Miles



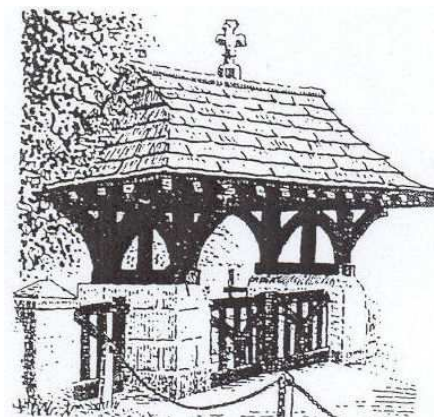
This short stroll in Lower Nidderdale is perhaps a little out of the true Dales region. It is included primarily for the benefit of those (and there are many) who visit Ripley, a village of considerable interest and charm. On a sunny afternoon a tour of the castle, this walk and a picnic would constitute an excellent family outing.

Ripley's history dates back to the Danes, but the village was completely rebuilt in the 1820's by Sir William Amcotts Ingilby, in the style of a French village of Alsace-Lorraine. The Castle has been the home of the Ingilby's for over 600 years. It's oldest part is the gatehouse, which bears the marks of bullets where Cromwell's troops, after the Battle of Marston Moor in 1644, shot several Royal prisoners. A tour of the castle takes about an hour. The church was built in 1400, and its interior is dominated by memorials and tombs of the Ingilby family. In the churchyard is the base of an ancient 'weeping' or 'penitents' cross - the only one in Yorkshire. It is circular and contains eight niches intended to receive the knees of worshippers. The cross is thought to be between 600 to 800 years old.

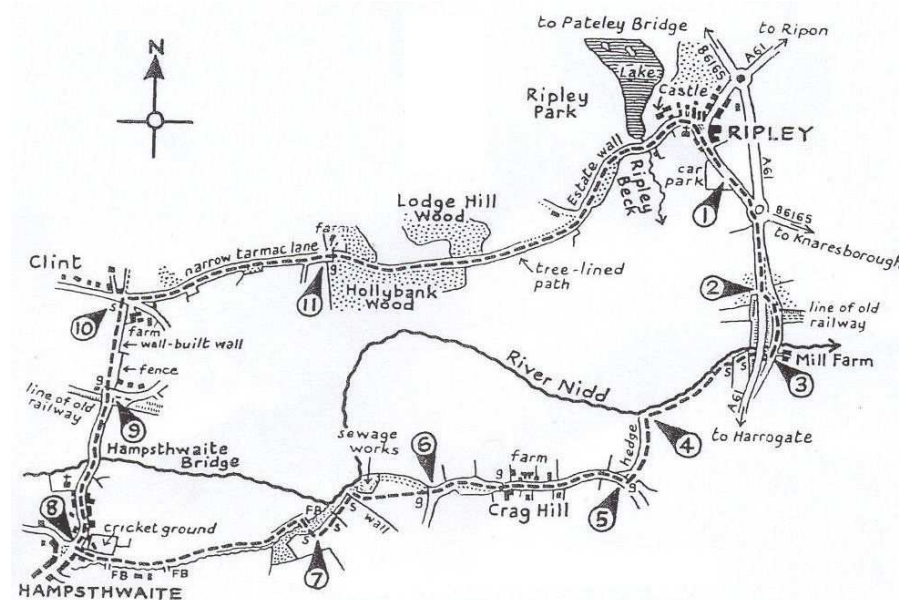
Parking at Ripley, just off the A61 Harrogate to Ripon road. There is a large, free car park at the south entrance to the village.

Route Directions:

1. From the car park go to the roundabout on the main road and proceed along the A61 towards Harrogate.
2. On reaching a sign 'River Nidd' cross the road and go down a by-passed section of the former main road to the old bridge.
3. Just beyond the bridge turn sharp right on a cart track to pass under the new bridge to a stile. Follow the river to another stile and continue along the riverside path until a hedge bars the way.
4. Turn left and follow the hedge up to a tarmac lane.
5. Turn right along the lane. When the tarmac ends keep straight on through a gate and along a rough-metalled road.
6. When this road bends left, turn off it through a waymarked gate on the right. Don't go down the drive to the sewage works. Cross the field, aiming to the hedge corner, then go down alongside the hedge to a wall. Follow the wall to the right and just before reaching the river turn left through a stile. Go forward over a fence stile and then look out for a waymarked stile on the right giving access to a woodland path.
7. Pass through the wood, cross a footbridge and turn left to walk beside a tiny stream. Pass to the left of a cricket field to enter Hampsthwaite.
8. Turn right and follow the road out of the village.
9. When the road turns sharp right go forward through a field gate immediately to the left of 'Stone How' (a house). Go up the steep field by a fence and then a wall to reach a stile at Clint.
10. Detour left along the road for about 100 yards to see Clint cross, then return to point 10 and bear left down a narrow tarmac lane with a no through road sign.
11. When the tarmac ends at a farm entrance, go through a small gate (Nidderdale Way) to a path leading into the wood. Follow this wide bridleway all the way back to Ripley.



lych gate, Hampsthwaite Church



The sizeable village of Hampsthwaite stands at the site of an important Roman river crossing, where the highway from Ilkley to Aldborough forded the Nidd. The first bridge was probably Saxon. The church was almost entirely rebuilt in 1901, apart from the Perpendicular tower. At Clint is a 4 tier base of an old stone cross, which was renovated by Nidderdale Round Table in 1977.