

Northern Route – Meanwood Park to Leeds Minster

Distance: 3.5miles

Start time: 10.00am Saturday 28th November **Arrive Leeds Minster for 12.30pm Service**

Parking: available locally

Buses: No.51. Morley to Moor Allerton. Return stop: The Headrow H5

Assembly point: The Oates Memorial, Green lane

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Conditions: muddy after rain, slippery paths with wet leaves, some rough footpaths with roots and stones, steps, very busy road [Grove Lane].



With your back to the Oates Memorial turn right towards the car park entrance until you reach a yellow bollard.

Turn sharp left onto a zebra crossing and forward to a crossroads of paths where you turn left (fingerpost – MVT) towards a gap in a wall.

Through the gap and turn right with an abandoned cricket ground on

your left and a stream on your right. Cross over a stone bridge and emerge onto a track where you turn left. The track becomes enclosed with allotments to your right and some small holdings to your left.

Reach another MVT fingerpost (pointing in the direction you have come from). Turn left here going down past the mill pond on your left to one of the old tannery buildings (now converted into flats). Turn right here and left over a bridge spanning Meanwood Beck. Emerge onto Mill Pond Lane where you turn right and in a few yards meet Monk Bridge Road. Cross this road on the zebra crossing and turn right crossing over Monk Bridge Terrace and then over Meanwood Beck (again).

Turn left down a ginnel with a fingerpost and a MVT sign. Keep straight ahead with houses to your right. The path emerges onto Grove Lane which you cross, **with care**. Go up a track straight ahead with the houses, fences and garages on your right. Climb steadily upwards to some steps leading down to a sunken track and then climb up the steps on the other side of the track. Climb upwards until you reach a junction of five paths. Head initially towards some stone boulders and then forward to the track which has a high wall to the right.

Keep on this track ignoring side tracks to the left and right, keeping the wall on your right. Eventually you reach some metal railings where the MVT forks right to reach Delph Lane. We remain on the ridge and start descending following the direction of a fingerpost towards Woodhouse. We are now walking on tarmac and it may be slippery. You can see rows of steep terraces to the left. Go through a squeeze stile with a metal gate to its right to reach a road and a fingerpost directing us towards Sugarwell Hill and Meanwood Valley Urban Farm. Before joining Meanwood Road cross to the right hand pavement. Join Meanwood Road at the Primrose pub and turn right towards the city. Cross over Cross Chancellor Street at a mini roundabout and continue along Meanwood Road. Keep straight ahead heading towards the Salvation Army shop and then turn right up Oatland Road crossing to the left hand pavement when safe to do so. At the top of this road turn left along Oatland Lane, pass the Little London Primary School on your left. Stay on this road as it becomes Lovell Park Road crossing above first Clay Pit Lane and then the inner ring road. Immediately after crossing above the ring road turn left to walk parallel to that road. At a fork take the right hand path, cross Merrion Street via the pelican crossing and head down New Briggate.

Across The Headrow at the lights and carry on down the pedestrianised Briggate until you reach Kirkgate where you turn left. Soon the minster is in view. Cross Vicar Lane at the lights turning right after the first set of lights towards the Metro Travel Centre. Turn left (still on Kirkgate) to eventually reach the Minster via another pelican crossing.