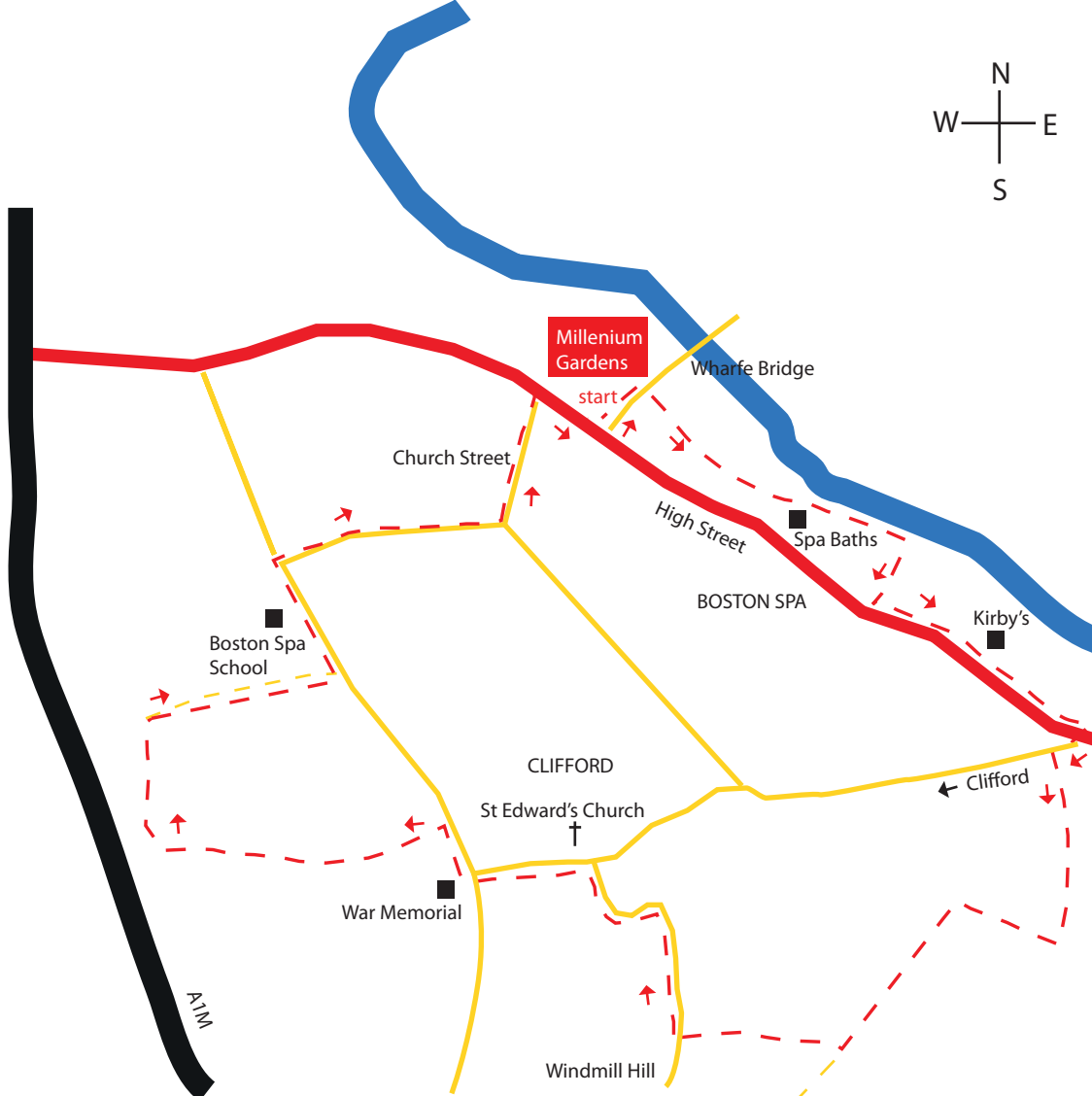


# Walk 5 Boston Spa and Clifford circular

6.5 miles



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Starting in Millennium Gardens walk down Bridge Road on the right hand side and follow signs for the footpath to Spa Baths, carry on along the riverside footpath past the Spa Baths and follow the path until it turns right up Gas Works Lane ( now called Wharfeside) and at the end you will come to the High Street. Turn left along High Street towards Tadcaster, where the road dips you will need to cross to the opposite side of the road as there is no footpath on the left before crossing back to the left side once the footpath on the right disappears.

Follow the road up the hill passing Kirby Building Supplies on the left then take a right turn into Bar Lane (signposted to Clifford), 20 yards along this road on your left you will see a signpost for a footpath, go over the stile and follow this path. The path leads you through beautiful farmland with views over Clifford and Boston Spa and on a clear day you can see as far as the White Horse at Kilburn to the north.

Follow this path, as it passes a farm and changes from a footpath along the side of a field to a farm track, for about 1 mile. You will then see a footpath sign pointing across a field to the right, take this footpath as it leads you down to Windmill Hill in Clifford (you will see the Windmill at top of the hill). If you miss this sign post don't worry as the track you are on continues up and comes out near the top of Windmill Hill. This track is called Heygate Lane.

Turn right on Windmill Hill and follow the road as it brings you into Clifford, you will pass the Old Mill buildings which are now residential flats behind large gates, on your right and as you reach the end of the road you will come to St Edward's Church. St Edward's was built in the 1860's to serve the large Catholic community of flax mill workers. Were there still flax mill workers in Clifford in 1860 ?

You are now on Clifford High Street, turn left up the High Street passing the Old Star and Bay Horse Pubs and when you reach the War Memorial turn right along Willow Lane. After only 100 yards turn left taking the footpath marked 'Great North Road'. Follow this path through a gate and along a path between fields, the path meanders around an ancient hedgerow before dropping down to meet another footpath and a bridleway. Take the bridleway to the right that is signed 'Boston Spa' and 'Wetherby' and continue along this path between buildings used by the stables until you reach Rhodes Lane. Turn right down Rhodes Lane until you reach Clifford Moor Road, turn left towards Boston Spa, past Boston Spa School then take the right turn on to Primrose Lane.

At the end of Primrose Lane turn left on to Church Street, continue along Church Street until you reach High Street where a final right turn will take you back to the centre of the village.

