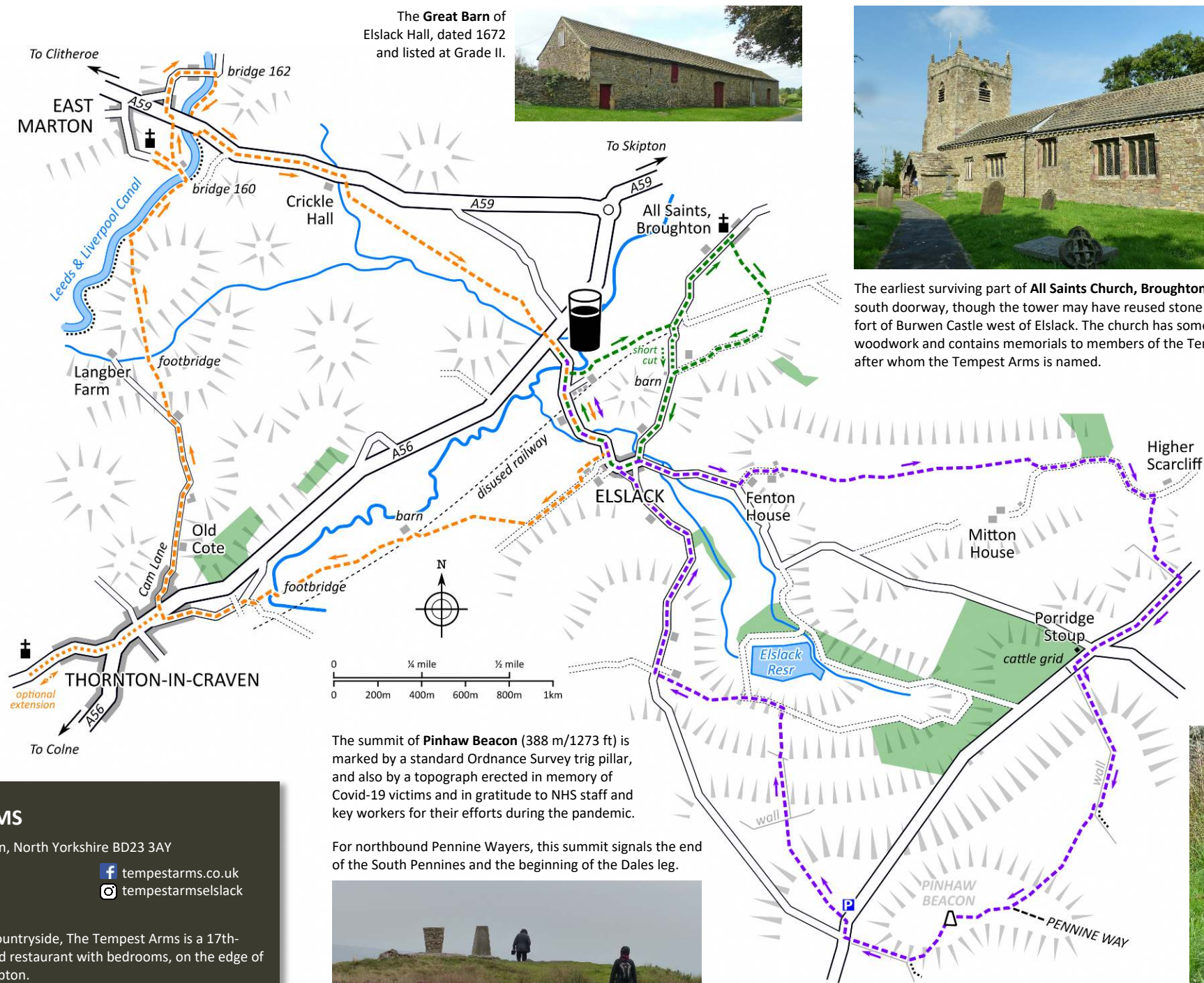




A milepost on the **Leeds and Liverpool Canal** at East Marton. The canal dates from the beginning of the Golden Age of British canals, when speculators rushed to invest. The coming of the railways from the 1830s onwards marked the end of the boom, though leisure use prompted a revival from the 1960s. The Leeds and Liverpool is 127 miles long and uses the 'Aire Gap' to avoid the higher parts of the Pennines.



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three circular walks from



The Tempest Arms

ELSLACK nr SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE



Broughton Church & Elslack

1¼ or 2 miles: Easy

Stroll to a historic church returning via our pretty local village.

Thornton & East Marton

5¼ miles: Moderate

Sample the Pennine Way and the Leeds & Liverpool Canal via two interesting villages.

Pinhaw Beacon

6¼ miles: Fairly strenuous

Climb to our local landmark for stunning views to the Yorkshire Dales.

Broughton Church & Elslack

1¼ or 2 miles: Easy

Allow a little over an hour for the full walk, including the church. Parts of the route may be muddy or stony. Cattle or sheep may be encountered. Some road walking on quiet lanes.

1 From the car park entrance, turn left and walk up the lane, away from the main road. **2** Cross a stream and turn immediately left through a hand-gate and down some steps into the field. **3** Cross to a gateway and continue up the right-hand of the next field, with the bank of a disused railway on your right. **4** After 350 m, go through a field gate and continue towards the retaining wall of the old railway bridge ahead. **5** Go through a gate to the left of the wall, into Church Lane. *For a shorter walk, omitting Broughton church, turn right here and jump to step 11.* **6** *For the longer walk*, turn left and follow the winding lane for 470m to the church. **7** Having viewed the church, retrace your steps past the Church Hall and take a footpath on the left, by a gate beneath a telegraph post. **8** Follow the fence on the left then strike out across the field, to the left of a lone tree, and continue to a gateway into a drive that follows the line of the old railway. **9** Cross straight over through another gate and bear slightly right to a wooden kissing gate on the far side of the field. **10** Turn right and follow a track for 450m to a gate into Church Lane opposite a barn, where you turn left. **11** Follow the lane to Elslack village. **12** Turn right past The Grange, and then keep right at the triangular junction with Clogger Lane. **13** Pass the entrance to Elslack Hall and its fine barn on the left, and follow the road beyond back to the Tempest Arms.

Thornton & East Marton

5¼ miles: Moderate

Allow 3 hours. Some paths may be muddy and sheep and cattle are likely. Some unavoidable road walking beside the busy A59.

1 From the car park entrance, turn left and walk up the lane, away from the main road. Cross the stream and climb past some houses on the left, then cross the line of the old railway and pass Johnson’s Gate Farm on the right. **2** Cross another stream and continue along the road for a further 150m. **3** Take a footpath over a stile to the right of a farm entrance on the right, just before the long stone barn of Elslack Hall. **4** Follow the fence past the farm buildings then turn left over another step stile on the left. After a squeeze stile in a wall, turn right into a farm track past the last of the farm buildings. **5** Follow the track for 270m, then leave it via a gate on the right, marked with a waymark disk. **6** Head diagonally left, over a low hill, to a stile with a wall to the left and a fence to the right. **7** Cross the stile and bear slightly right across the next field to a bridge over the old railway. Do not cross, but go through a squeeze stile next to the left-hand parapet and drop down the bank to the old trackbed. **8** Turn left for a short distance,

then turn right off the old railway through a gate by a stone barn. **9** Turn left along the remnants of an old hedge, which you follow on your right for 650m, at first parallel to the old railway. **10** The line of trees and shrubs leads down to a stream, where you pass through a hand-gate on the right and cross a footbridge. **11** The path beyond leads shortly to a tarmacked farm drive, where you turn right. **12** On meeting the public road, turn left under the arch and walk up the road to the A56 in Thornton-in-Craven. *(You are now following the route of the Pennine Way, which this route follows for the next mile and half. A shortcut climbs the grass verge to the A56. However, if time permits, continue ahead along the main road then take a right-hand turn to visit Thornton church and its Saxon holy well.)* **13** Returning to the Pennine Way route, cross the main road and follow Cam Lane (sign-posted as a no-through road). Passing the primary school entrance on the left, continue along the lane uphill and then down to pass to the left of Old Cote. **14** The lane continues past a barn and then crosses a cattle grid. Just beyond a farmyard, leave the track at a Pennine Way fingerpost, and climb a low hill to the right. From the top, follow the field boundary to a gateway then descend to a slab bridge over a stream. **15** Go through the metal hand-gate and cross to a second, before climbing another small hill to a third gate in the corner of the field. **16** The path now descends to a footbridge between two hand-gates, before finally climbing to a gate in the right-hand corner of the next field, beyond which is the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. **17** Turn right along the canal, and follow it for 350m to bridge 160. **18** Cross the bridge and leave the canal and the Pennine Way here, following a footpath past a stone barn to East Marton Church. **19** Having visited the church, retrace your steps towards the canal but, partway down the hill, go over a stile in the fence on your left. **20** Follow the path beyond round the shoulder of a hill to the main road in East Marton village. **21** Cross and take a few steps to the left, then turn right past the Cross Keys pub (closed at the time of writing). Follow the no-through road downhill beyond the pub, and round a right-hand band. After a set of stone houses and a farm, cross a bridge over the canal. **22** Turn right along the towpath and follow it to the double-arch bridge. **23** Immediately beyond the bridge, turn left up steps to the main road. **24** Turn right and follow the busy main road with care for half a mile. Just beyond a handsome farmhouse called Crickle Hall, the road crosses a stream. After the bridge, take a foot-path on the right. **25** Follow a bank with intermittent trees across the field, then strike out to a stile on the far side. **26** Cross the next field to another stile, then follow the field boundary ahead, before crossing a further field. **27** Eventually the path descends to a stile in a field corner and then continues along a fence above the valley to the right, climbing slightly before descending towards the main road. **28** Cross a stile in the fence on your right and descend a steep, scrubby bank to a wall-stile onto the main road. **29** Cross carefully to return to the Tempest Arms.

Pinhaw Beacon

6¼ miles: Fairly strenuous

Allow 3–4 hours. The route crosses open moorland, which may be boggy in places. Stout footwear recommended. Livestock possible. Numerous stiles to be climbed.

1 From the car park entrance, turn left and walk up the lane, away from the main road. Cross the stream and climb past some houses on the left, then cross the line of the old railway and pass Johnson’s Gate Farm on the right. **2** Cross another stream and continue along the road into Elslack, passing Elslack Hall and its impressive Great Barn on the right. **3** Keep left at the triangular junction with Clogger Lane, then right at the next junction (signposted to Lothersdale and Crosshills). **4** Follow the lane, crossing the stream partway along, for 480m, then turn left into the driveway at the entrance to Fenton House. **5** Walk up the driveway past the first house and continue to the farmhouse at the end. **6** Go through the yard and exit over a stile next to a gate between two outbuildings into a field. **7** Follow the wall on the right, then strike out across the field to a metal field-gate with a built-in hand-gate on the far side. **8** Cross the next field along the faint remains of a former field boundary to another gate. **9** Continue along a rough track to a wall-stile in the corner (which can be bypassed via a gap in the wall on the left). **10** Continue ahead to another wall-stile and stay along the wall beyond. Cross the top of a gully by a gate (below a farm) and continue to another wall-stile to the left of a gate at the end of the field. **11** Return to the wall and follow it, and then a fence, to a final wall-stile and continue as before. **12** Just short of the corner of the field, turn right through a gate and bear half-left to meet a track. **13** Follow the track to the right of a conifer plantation and climb to a passing place, then continue towards Higher Scarcliff. **14** Just before the house, turn right off the track onto a grassy path through the heather, which climbs gradually to pass between two low hills. **15** The path meets a wall and follows it down to a gate and into a road. **16** Turn right and follow the road uphill to a crossroads. **17** Go straight on, past a historic stone guide-stone (Porridge Stoup). **18** At a cattle grid, turn left over a wall-stile onto the moor. Follow the wall uphill, sticking with it as it bends right. **19** Just before the next bend, turn right through a gate in the wall and follow a path to the left. This path finally leaves the wall and winds pleasantly across the moor towards the low summit of Pinhaw Beacon. **20** A little way short of the highest point, the path meets the Pennine Way, which it follows right, up to the trig point and topograph. **21** Having admired the view, continue along the Pennine Way as it passes above some shooting ponds before meeting a wall and another footpath at a projecting corner. **22** Follow the long-distance path to the right, down the obvious track to the road. **23** At the road junction turn right, then turn left onto a signposted path just before a parking area. **24** This path leads downhill across the moor; as you approach the wall at the bottom of the moor, ignore a path off to the left and continue to a gate at a wall junction. **25** Follow the wall ahead down the side of the

field then, when it bends left, go over a stile into felled coniferous woodland. **26** The path ahead winds down between bracken and tree stumps above Elslack Reservoir until it meets a forestry track. **27** Turn left and follow the track, ignoring a path off to the right that leads below the reservoir. **28** At the end of the path leading ahead is a gate that leads into fields. Follow the bottom edge of the field past a farmhouse to a gate out into the road. **29** Turn right and walk down the lane for three-quarters of a mile to Elslack village. **30** At the triangular junction, turn left and walk past Elslack Hall and barn. **31** Retrace your earlier steps along the road for a further half-mile back to the Tempest Arms.



The footpath to **Pinhaw Beacon**.



The curious **double-arched bridge** at East Marton crosses the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and the Pennine Way. Theories abound, but it appears to have been like this since construction in the 1790s.



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