



A uniquely independent and stylish Yorkshire Inn with 12 bedrooms, The Inn South Stainley offers a wonderful overnight experience, each room tastefully decorated with a mix of classic furnishings and contemporary style including fluffy bath robes (in our Lodge Superior King Rooms), luxury products, Egyptian cotton bedding and complimentary Wifi and car parking.

You can relax in the country pub and bar area at the heart of The Inn which offers classic and contemporary interiors, relaxed seating and open fires. Enjoy country pub classic food dishes including daily specials and fine wines, cocktails, real ales and craft beer.

Head Chef Shane White and his team have created a menu inspired by the seasons and resources and celebrates the amazing produce North Yorkshire has to offer.

Set in over an acre of grounds there are some stunning spots to sit and enjoy the local scenery or enjoy breakfast on your personal bedroom veranda in our Lodge Superior King rooms. We are dog-friendly in the Bar area (pre booking required) and accommodation areas (Lodge Superior King Rooms only and by request), and we also include some little doggy luxuries!

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and pump house and walk up past the village green. **18** At the top of the green, follow Scarah Lane left. **19** Opposite the gable of a white-painted house, turn right onto a footpath. **20** This path runs along the edge of a field then, in the corner, drops down into woodland. **21** Walk down between the trees and bear right at the bottom to a field. **22** Turn left along the field edge until you reach a track (ignore the OS map here, which shows the definitive line running diagonally across the field). **23** Turn right and follow the track beneath power lines and over a bridge. **24** The track winds its way to the top of a low hill, then levels off. **25** When the main track bends left towards Stainley Hall (marked 'No Public Access'), follow the footpath ahead, along the edge of a field towards a wood. **26** Climb a stile and walk to the right of the woodland. **27** Climb another stile on the left and follow the right-hand edge of the next couple of fields. **28** Pass to the left of the churchyard of St Wilfrid's and descend to a final stile into the main street in South Stainley. **29** Turn right past the church steps, then bear left across the bridge over the Stainley Beck. **30** Retrace your earlier steps along Church Lane back to The Inn.

## Ripley Castle 8½ miles: moderate

Allow 4–5 hours. Field paths may be muddy and the two fords may be awkward after heavy rain. Some road walking.

**1** From the front door, cross the A61 at the traffic island and turn left. **2** Turn right into a track and pass under an old railway bridge. **3** After about ¼ mile, carry straight on past a farm track on the left, and pass a property and another track, also on the left, after a similar distance. **4** After another ¼ mile, carry straight on at a junction of tracks. **5** At High Cayton Farm, ignore the signposted bridleway to the right and walk between the house (left) and a barn, then bear left through two gates past another farm building into a field. **6** Bear half-right to another gate in the far right-hand corner of the field, then turn right along the side of a wood and through a gateway, with a carved rock to the left of the path (which here coincides with the Nidderdale Way). **7** Continue along the woodland edge with a boggy area to your left, to a hand-gate into the wood. **8** Ford a stream and join a wide track, turning left (ignoring a gateway on the left marked as private). **9** Follow the track out of the woodland and then past another wood on the right to a road. **10** Turn left (past an entrance on the right). **11** Pass the entrances to Low Kettlespring Farm and Mole Country Stores, both on the right, remaining on the road. **12** At a T-junction with the B6165, cross and turn right along the narrow pavement beside the wall. **13** Cross a stream and ignore a track and driveway on the left. **14** Just after the lodge house, turn left through a gate on a signposted public footpath. **15** Follow the wall on your left through a series of fields, bearing left twice at corners, joining a farm track that meets another

at a T-junction near High Rails Farm. **16** Turn left (away from the farm buildings) and pass Park Lodge on your left. **17** Continue along the track outside the Ripley Park wall past a farmyard to another junction of tracks. **18** Turn left, signposted 'Public Bridleway Ripley Castle + Village' on a well-surfaced path. **19** Descend towards the lake with your first views of Ripley Castle. **20** Cross Ripley Beck below a semicircular weir and climb gently towards the church. **21** Pass between the church and castle entrance into Ripley village. **22** By the war memorial, market cross and village stocks, turn left past the Boar's Head. **23** Pass between the Town Hall (right) and school (left) then, opposite Town Hall Cottages on the right, follow a driveway on the left leading to the B6165. **24** Cross the road and, ignoring Birthwaite Lane opposite, turn right towards the roundabout. **25** Just before the road sign, go through a gate on the left onto a signposted public footpath. **26** Cross the field, keeping well to the left of a small barn. **27** At the left-hand end of a gappy line of hawthorn trees, climb a stile by a projecting fence corner. **28** Head for the far left-hand corner of the field, where you go through a gate and ford a small stream. **29** Bear left past some trees and climb the slope to a gate onto a driveway, opposite an entrance. **30** Turn left past a second entrance and cross a cattle grid. **31** Follow the drive and keep right when a track forks left. **32** The drive curves right and left past a house (Cayton Grange). **33** Beyond the house, at a grassy triangle on a left-hand bend, turn right through the left-hand of two gates onto a bridleway, which then runs along the edge of a field with a fence and gappy hedge on the right. **34** Beyond a hand-gate, turn right and follow the field edge along a hedge and ditch. **35** After a projecting corner, where you follow the hedge round to the right, turn left between two open fields towards a patch of woodland. **36** Pass to the right of the trees and follow the track across another field to the A61. **37** Turn left along the verge, then cross with care into the side road signposted to Brearton, by a milestone. **38** Cross a bridge over the old railway then, at a bend, follow the private road on the left with a Mountgarret Estates sign. **39** Pass Green Lane Farm on the left and, beyond a barrier, look out for a wooden kissing gate through the hedge and fence on your left.

Now follow steps 10–18 of the **Stainley Beck** walk, overleaf, to return to The Inn.



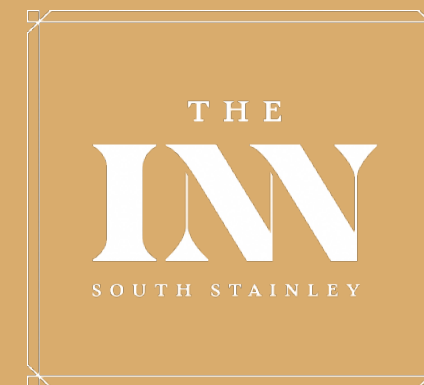
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### Stainley Beck 1¾ miles: fairly easy

A streamside walk past a historic house, with views over South Stainley village.

### Burton Leonard 4½ miles: moderate

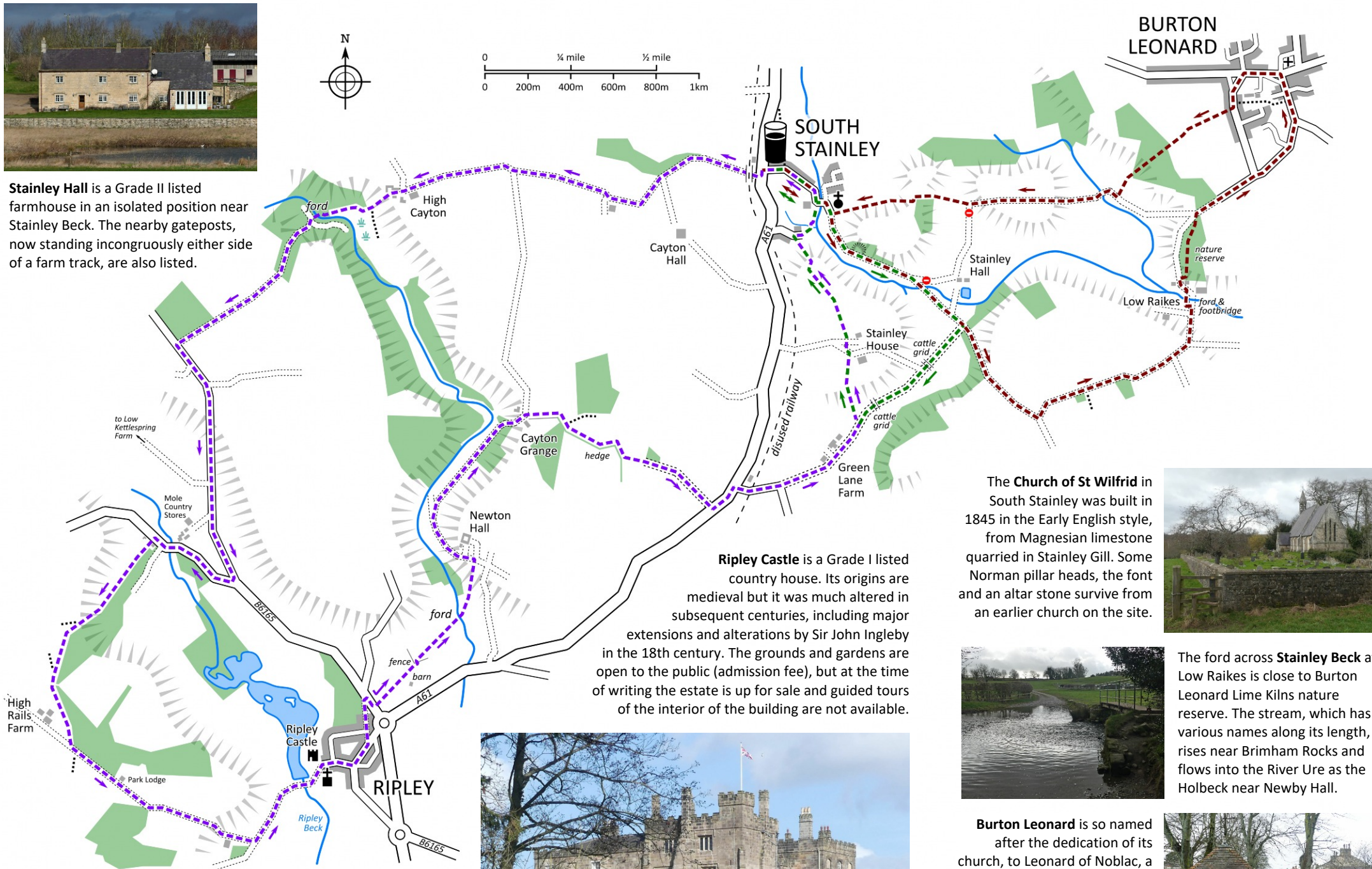
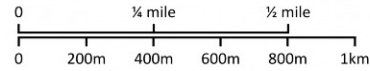
Walk to a pretty village via a wildflower-filled nature reserve in a former limestone quarry.

### Ripley Castle 8½ miles: moderate

Visit the historic village of Ripley, with views of the castle and lake.



**Stainley Hall** is a Grade II listed farmhouse in an isolated position near Stainley Beck. The nearby gateposts, now standing incongruously either side of a farm track, are also listed.



**Ripley Castle** is a Grade I listed country house. Its origins are medieval but it was much altered in subsequent centuries, including major extensions and alterations by Sir John Ingleby in the 18th century. The grounds and gardens are open to the public (admission fee), but at the time of writing the estate is up for sale and guided tours of the interior of the building are not available.



The **Church of St Wilfrid** in South Stainley was built in 1845 in the Early English style, from Magnesian limestone quarried in Stainley Gill. Some Norman pillar heads, the font and an altar stone survive from an earlier church on the site.



The ford across **Stainley Beck** at Low Raikes is close to Burton Leonard Lime Kilns nature reserve. The stream, which has various names along its length, rises near Brimham Rocks and flows into the River Ure as the Holbeck near Newby Hall.

**Burton Leonard** is so named after the dedication of its church, to Leonard of Noblac, a 5th-century Frankish saint. The village was mentioned in the Domesday Book. The attractive sloping village green features a 19th-century pump house.



## Stainley Beck 1¾ miles: fairly easy

Allow 1–1½ hours. Field paths may be muddy in places.

- 1** From the front door of the Inn, facing the main road, turn left and left again into Church Lane. **2** Follow the road through the village to the bridge over Stainley Beck. **3** Cross the bridge and follow the road to the right, passing below the church steps. **4** Continue along the lane (signposted "Mountgarret Estates: Unsuitable for Motor Vehicles") with the stream on your right, passing some rock faces on your left. **5** At a fork, turn right over the beck ('Pooh Bridge'). **6** Continue along the track, with views left over the stream and pond to Stainley Hall. **7** As the track starts to climb, turn right onto an unfenced road with a line of trees on the right, signposted as a public bridleway. **8** Cross a cattle grid and ignore the turning on the right, continuing ahead to pass a second cattle grid. **9** Look out on the right for a kissing gate in the hedge and leave the track to follow the footpath beyond. **10** Walk roughly parallel to the left-hand field edge to a stile by a water trough. **11** Walk up the next field, to the left of Stainley House, to a metal kissing gate. **12** Take a few steps to the left along the driveway, then take a path on the right along a metal fence. **13** Cross a second driveway and continue along the path ahead to a stile. **14** Follow the hedge then bear right at the bottom of the field. **15** Turn left towards the village and walk down to a hand-gate opposite some houses. **16** Turn right, and beyond the last house continue along a path and over a footbridge. **17** Follow Stainley Beck to the bridge and turn left. **18** Retrace your steps along the village street back to The Inn.

## Burton Leonard 4½ miles: moderate

Allow 2 hours. Field and woodland paths may be muddy in places.

Follow steps 1–6 of the **Stainley Beck** walk, above, to Stainley Hall.

- 7** Ignoring the driveway (signposted as a bridleway) on the right, continue uphill past Tindalls Wood. **8** After 600m, turn left at a T-junction with a sign for Low Raikes. **9** Ignore a bridleway on the right and continue past a small wood. **10** After a track off to the right, you come to a junction, where you turn left downhill and towards the houses, again signposted to Low Raikes. **11** At another junction, carry straight on to a ford, which is bypassed via a footbridge to the left. **12** Pick up the lane beyond, and bear left past the house entrance on the right. **13** Just after Lime Kilns Cottage there is an entrance into Burton Leonard Lime Quarries nature reserve; turn right through the gate and follow the path as it bears left through the reserve. **14** Re-emerging on Limekiln Lane, bear right and follow the lane to a road junction on the edge of Burton Leonard village. **15** Carry straight on past the entrance to Grove Avenue to the junction with Apron Lane, just beyond a bench. **16** Turn left and walk up to the centre of the village, passing the Royal Oak on the left. **17** Turn left by the post office

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