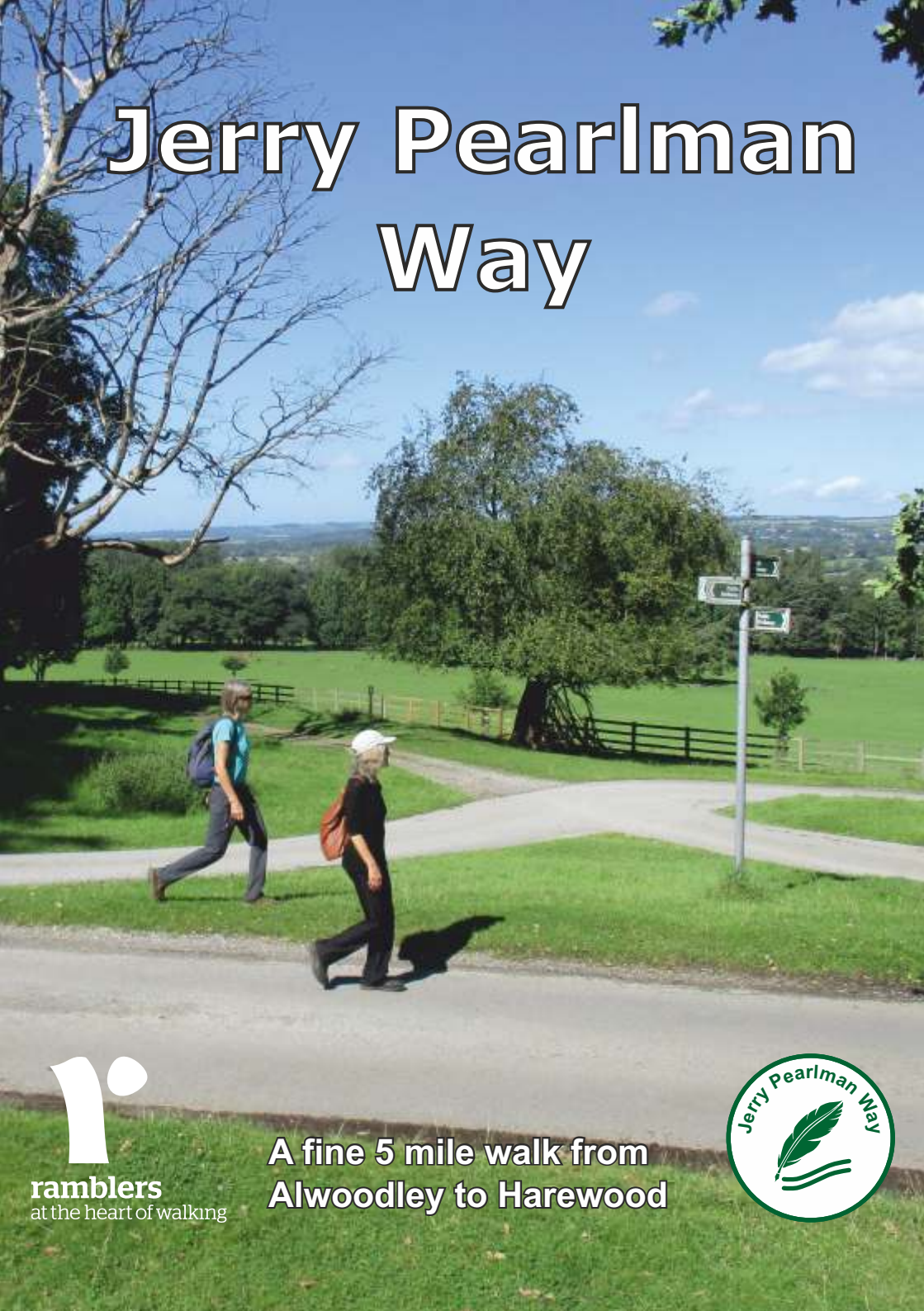


Jerry Pearlman Way



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**A fine 5 mile walk from
Alwoodley to Harewood**



THE JERRY PEARLMAN WAY

Jerry Pearlman MBE (1933-2018) was a former national Vice President of the Ramblers Association, President of the West Riding Ramblers, the Leeds Law Society, a founder-Trustee of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and for 18 years a leading Member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.



Jerry Pearlman (right) with (from left) Paddy Tipping, Janet Street-Porter and Kate Ashbrook, holding the Access Bill which Jerry drafted, outside Jerry's cottage at Stalling Busk where Janet had just unveiled the plaque, 7 October 2017

He gave much of his 60 year career as a solicitor in Leeds to protecting public rights of way and access to the countryside. Among his many achievements was crucial work on the drafting of the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act which secured public rights of access to open countryside throughout England and Wales, including the magnificent open fells and moors of West Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales.

Jerry lived for many years in Alwoodley, very close to the start of this easy, five mile walk dedicated to his memory, which goes through some exceptionally beautiful countryside within the Leeds City boundary, yet on the edge of his beloved Yorkshire Dales between Alwoodley and Harewood village, therefore linking two aspects of Jerry's life.

FACT FILE

Distance: 5 miles (8 km)

Allow 2 - 2½ hours

Terrain: Field paths, tracks and traffic free estate roads. Short sections can be muddy after wet weather. Boots or heavy duty trainers recommended. Dogs should be kept on leads especially through the Harewood Estate with livestock.

Grade: Easy – moderate. Mostly level but two moderate ascents. Five styles.

Refreshments: Muddy Boots Café in Harewood village behind Village Hall – open daily from 10am - 4pm. Harewood Arms in village centre on A61 open daily.

Toilets: In café or pub for customers.

Public transport - bus service: Outward: First Leeds 7A from Infirmary Street, Leeds to The Drive terminus. Mondays-Saturdays half hourly; Sundays hourly. Return: Transdev Harrogate 36 Harewood Leeds – weekdays every 10-20 minutes, Sundays every 20 minutes from bus stop near Harewood Arms inn. Details plus information about other connecting bus services www.wymetro.com.

Parking: Motorists can park (without blocking drive entrances please) close to the junction of The Avenue/The Drive and either return the same way or via Eccup Reservoir Loop (see map); alternatively catch the (frequent) 36 bus from Harewood to Alwoodley Gates for 1 mile walk along Alwoodley Lane to parked vehicle.

(Note there is no entrance to Harewood Gardens on this walk – but the walk can be combined with a visit to the House and Garden which can be accessed along the main entrance drive from Harewood village – opening times and details www.harewood.org).



The Jerry Pearlman Way

(1) The walk starts at the 7A bus terminus at the little parade of shops on The Avenue, Alwoodley, close to its junction with The Drive. From the bus stop, continue in the same direction the bus has taken, but take the first turn left along The Drive, a pleasant suburban road continuing for 200 metres, crossing The Quarry, but after another 150 metres, opposite Edgbaston Walk, look for an enclosed “ginnel” or alleyway on the right between a wooden fence and hedge. Follow this to where it crosses Alwoodley Lane continuing as a signed footpath between hedges, then crossing Lakeland Crescent towards a small pedestrian gate ahead.

You are now in superb open countryside, following a field path that offers the walker magnificent views that Jerry knew well. Across the fields is Eccup Reservoir fringed by trees, but the longer vista extends across the Vale of Mowbray as far as the Hambleton Hills in the North York Moors National Park.

(2) The path follows a fence and hollow along the edge of the field to a stile. Cross, descend the field to a second stile where you join the Leeds Dales Way link – part of one of Britain's most popular long distance walks through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the Lake District, a Ramblers project that Jerry also supported. The next stile leads past the small area of woodland at the end of Eccup Reservoir, before reaching a broad, well-used path between arable fields, alongside a hedge before a stile leads into Eccup Moor Road. Keep right on the lane to face the occasional oncoming cars and cyclists, as the lane dips down to cross the bridge over Eccup Beck and into the hamlet of Eccup.

Eccup hamlet is little more than couple of farms and cottages. Because it lies within the reservoir catchment area, the hamlet has not been allowed to develop which is why this area of countryside even within the Leeds City boundary remains so unspoiled.



--- Main route

--- Spur route to New Inn

--- Optional return route



(3) Keep ahead at the junction below the hamlet, but after 40 metres take the signed bridleway and farm track left before Bank House Farm. At the farm keep ahead and slightly left along what soon becomes a beautiful, narrow enclosed bridleway (watch out for cyclists and occasional horses) between hedges.

For an optional short spur to the New Inn at Eccup, a real-ale pub that Jerry loved, look for a wooden stile on the left 250 metres beyond the farm. Cross the field to the stile opposite, keeping ahead across the next field to a stile by a tree leading into Eccup Lane. Turn right 250 metres to The New Inn (take care with traffic). Return the same way over the stiles to rejoin the bridleway.



(4) Follow this path for a mile (2km) as it zigzags between fields. Keep to the main path at each field corner, following Leeds Country Way signs, through farmland and a short area of woodland. For most of the way this path is surfaced, but there can be short muddy sections.

This way between the fields is probably a post Enclosure route dating from the 18th century but incorporates an earlier important packhorse way from north Leeds to the original old village of Harewood and onwards toward the ancient market town of Knaresborough.

(5) The path reaches a stony lane. Turn left here to join the broad track climbing past Stub House Farm.



The village you see just across the fields on the right is actually a clever replica – the location and set of one of Britain's most popular long running television soap operas, Emmerdale. There is strictly no public access to the village, which is a film set, but you may well see television crews and actors in the vicinity. (If you want to visit Emmerdale village, check out www.emmerdalestudioexperience.co.uk)

(6) Keep directly ahead at the junction of tracks to enter attractive woodland, Stub House Plantation. Where the track descends to another junction, you leave Leeds Country Way, by the lower path, half left, at about 11 o'clock from where you are standing, which descends a hollow way to join another track. Turn right here as this track curves down towards a gate leading past Carr House - now holiday cottages. Go through the gate to follow the track which leads down alongside an open area of parkland.

Carr House Cottage is where the York architect John Carr lived during the building of Harewood House for landowner Edwin Lascelles, the first Baron Harewood, between



1759 and 1771, close to the old village of Harewood which was completely removed and rebuilt on its present site on the Leeds-Harrogate road. Ahead is a superb area of parkland, over a thousand acres landscaped by the great Capability Brown. You can now enjoy its carefully planted woodlands, mature trees, and intriguing glimpses of Harewood Lake in the gardens. There are usually Highland Cattle grazing here - it is essential here all dogs are on leads. Walkers are not permitted to leave the well signed public rights of way through the estate.

(7) Keep left then first right as you join a wide estate road. This now ascends to a gate then continues past Home Farm and Harewood Yard offices. Continue over a cattle grid. The road soon bears to the right. At the junction and signs, keep right as the tarmac lane climbs to follow the edge of the ridge, climbing steadily to give ever more impressive views across and down Lower Wharfedale. You soon pass a junction (the track right leads to the now disused but protected Harewood Church), continuing ahead along pleasant Church Lane, between walls and tall trees to emerge at the gate by the Village Hall (Muddy Boots Café is to the rear of the hall). Keep ahead to the centre of the village and the main A61 road. Cross at the pedestrian lights for the Harewood Arms and the 36 bus stop for Alwoodley Gates and central Leeds.

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