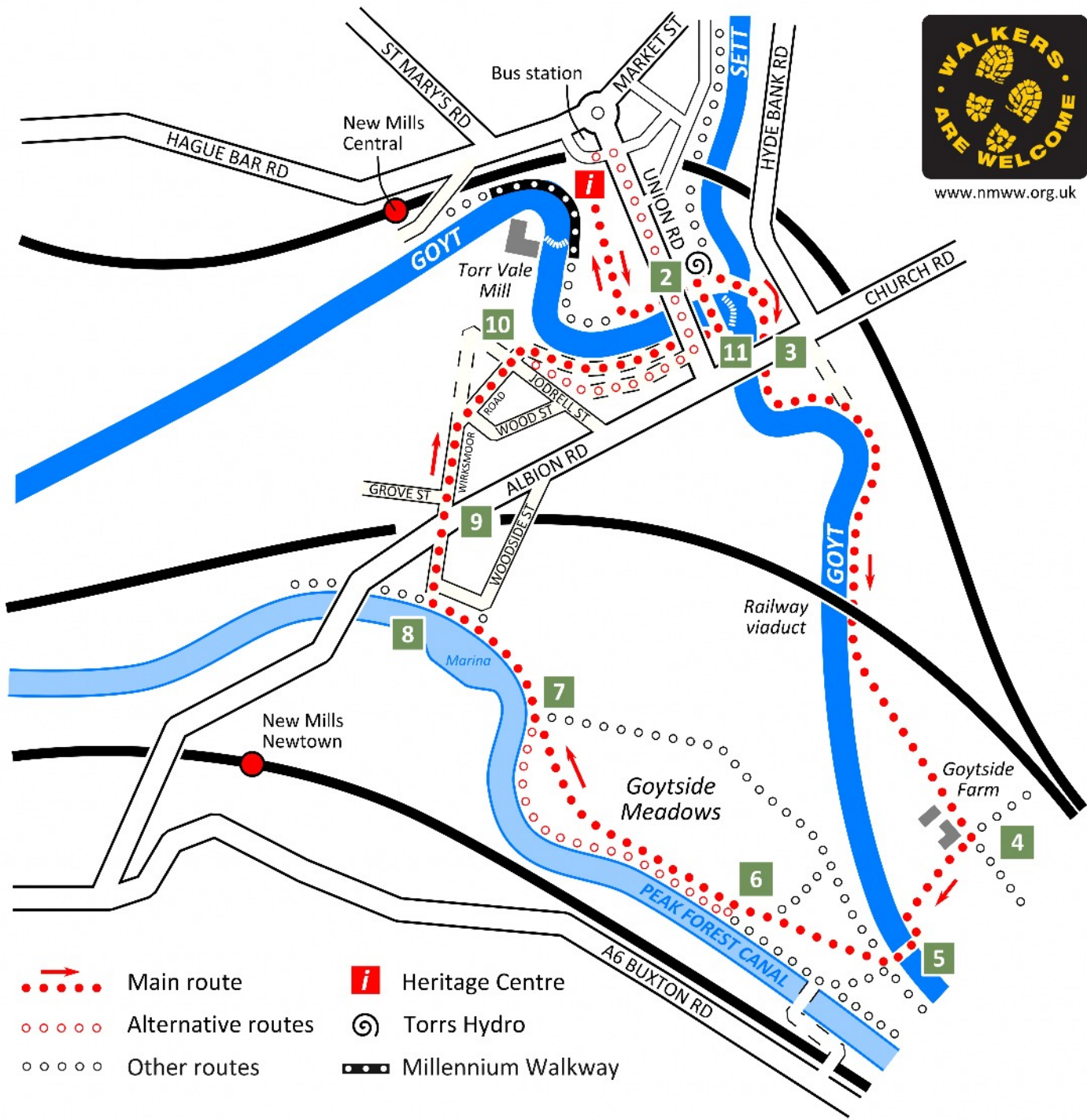


WALK 1 GOYTSIDE MEADOWS



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Walk 1: Goytside Meadows

1¾ MILES – ALLOW ONE HOUR.

An easy ramble with one short steep climb and two steep flights of steps.

1 Turn left from the Heritage Centre and go down the steps. On reaching the bottom of the steps, turn left.

2 Pass under the Union Road Bridge. The path brings you to the remnants of Torr Mill, within which is the Community Hydro Scheme. Walk beside this to the wooden bridge – the Millward Memorial Bridge – which will take you over the River Sett.



3 Follow the path, keeping to the path beside the River Goyt, and pass under the Queens Bridge and the railway viaduct in turn. This brings Goytside Farm into view.

4 At Goytside Farm, there are three possible tracks to follow. Just beyond the farm buildings, turn right, signed as Goyt Way by the red sign on the post to the left of the track. Follow the path until it brings you to the metal bridge across the River Goyt.

5 Cross the river and Goytside Meadows is beyond the fence on your right. Enter the nature reserve through the gate. The Pasture Path takes you up the

hillside on your left. (If the weather has been wet, the Meadow Path, which lies ahead of the gate across the meadow, might be slightly less muddy.)

6 Follow the path uphill to the gate. Through the gate, the path threads its way across the side of the hill. Reaching the top of the hill, you have a choice. The more obvious gate will continue the Pasture Walk.

Alternatively, slightly above and to the left lies another gate which will bring you out onto the canal towpath. If you choose this option, turn right out of the gate.

7 Continuing the Pasture Path brings you to another gate which lies at the top of the hill and also brings you onto the canal towpath. Turn right.

Walk along the canal until you have nearly passed the marina. (You will pass a bench by the side of the towpath, and ahead of you a bridge crosses the canal by the Swizzels Matlow works – breathe in and you may just detect the sweet smell of their products.) Turn right.



8 A short stretch of road brings you to Albion Road. Your way lies directly ahead, but for the sake of safety, use the pelican crossing which you will find a few metres from the junction on your left hand.

9 After crossing Albion Road, follow Wirksmoor Road, veering right at the junction with the private road and continuing on until you reach the Rock Tavern and garage.

10 Again, you have a choice. You can take the track down into the Torrs again. Or, if energy is running low, take the footpath (Hurst Lea Road) which runs along the top of the Torrs and brings you out beside the police station on Union Road. If this is your choice, turn left on Union Road and proceed uphill to the centre of town again.

11 Going down the track brings you back into the Torrs. The bridge at the bottom crosses the River Goyt. Turn left once you've crossed the river, and the steps back up to the Heritage Centre are 50 metres away on your right-hand side.

Climb the steps and reward yourself with a cup of tea or coffee in the Heritage Centre.

