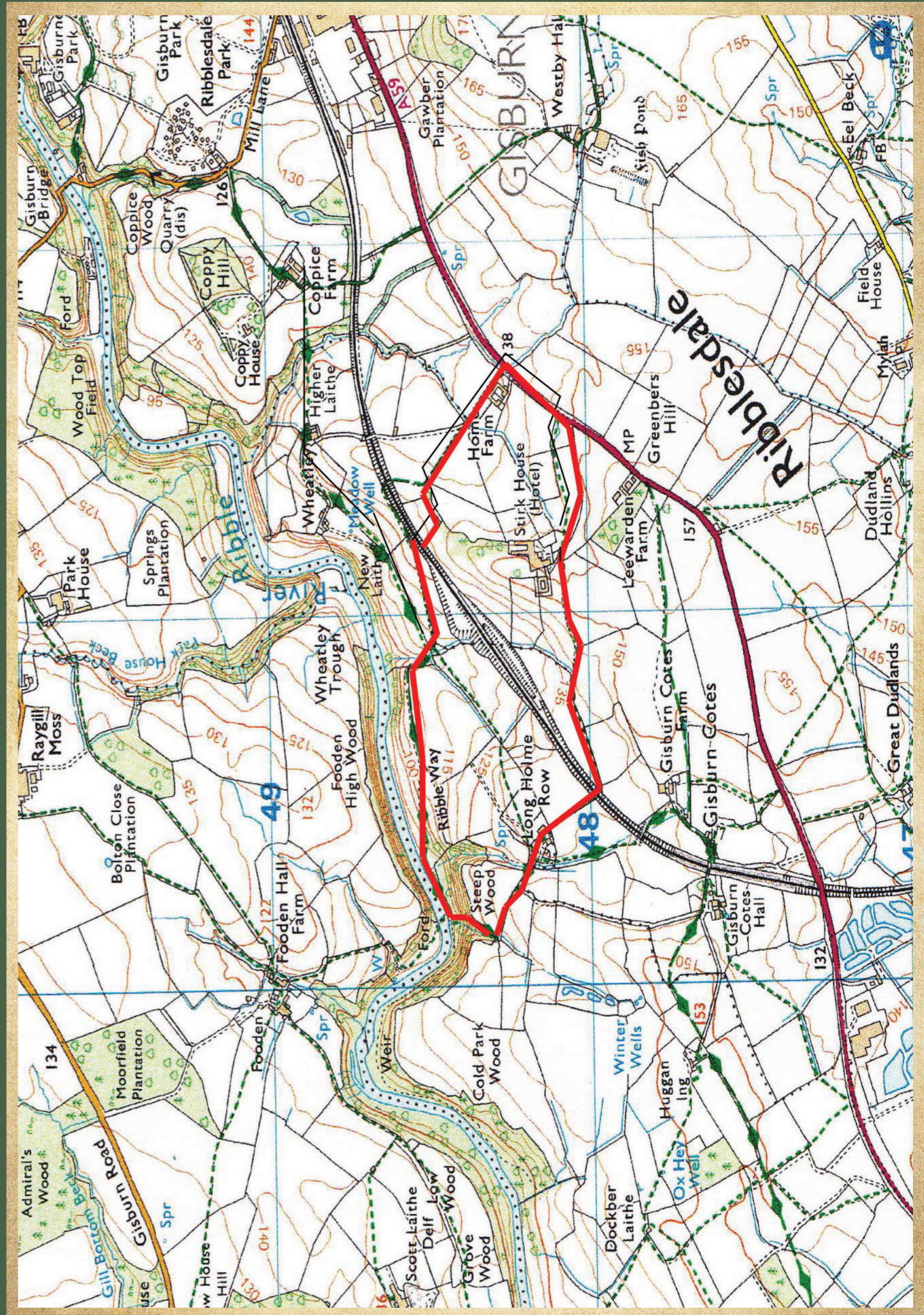


# STIRK HOUSE ROUND WALK:

APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES (1 HOUR, 30 MINUTES)

## DIRECTIONS:

- Leave the Hotel Car Park through the stone pillars and cross the stile in the hedge immediately on your right.
- Follow the path with the fence on your left (due West) up and over the rise for about 3/4 mile, until you come to the Bridge over the Railway.
- Cross over the Bridge and keeping the fence on your left, head up to the farm and through the gate at the entrance to the farm. Go through the farmyard onto the rough road, keeping the farmhouse on your left, then down a slight slope in the road then up a little rise and join the "Ribble Way" at that point. Cross the stile into the field to the right then continue from here following the Ribble Way Footpath.
- Following the "Ribble Way" with the fence on your left in a "North West" direction which takes you to a sharp turn and a stile to the "North East", which leads you to a very steep stepped path down through the woods to the River Ribble (This steep descent must be taken with care!)
- Turn right (up-stream) at the bottom of the steps (which gives you a beautiful setting by this lovely river) and follow the bank of the River along the Ribble Way, which then moves away from the river up to the right, rising up the side of the valley.
- Follow the Ribble Way until you see an isolated Barn. The Ribble Way passes through a gate about 100 yards before the Barn then proceed left along the side of the hedge into the distance. Our walk leaves the Ribble Way at this point and turns sharp right up the field along the side of the hedge to the Railway fence at the top of the rise.
- Turn left at the Railway fence and follow it until you meet the bridge over the Railway. (Spectacular views back over the River Valley at this point!)
- Cross over the railway, then turn immediately right along the fence by the railway, turn left along the fence straight ahead (which actually runs along the side of our land) then follow the fence all the way around the field back to Home Farm and join the A59.
- Turn right to follow the A59 for about 200 yards back into Stirk House drive and grounds.



MIXED TERRAIN WITH ONE VERY STEEP SECTION BY THE RIVER.

GOOD WALKING SHOES OR BOOTS RECOMMENDED.

PLEASE TAKE EXTREME CARE ON THE STEEP SECTION.

