

Roche Abbey Round Route – 2025

3. Firbeck to Laughton-en-le-Morthen	4.6 miles
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1. Leave the checkpoint and walk up New Road with the Black Lion on your left. In about 80m pass St. Martin's Close on your left then after a further 100m turn left at a metal Public Footpath sign going through a wooden kissing gate. Follow the obvious path 45° right across the field.
2. After about 200m you cross a wide path with a marker pole. Keep going straight ahead. In 350m pass through a gap in a hedgerow. You are heading for a wooden post with a yellow marker on it in the next hedgerow. Pass through this hedgerow and head for the next wooden post about 100m ahead. Carry on across the middle of a field to join a farm track.
3. Continue in the same direction passing a large tree stump on your left. You are then approaching a Bridleway sign. Here take the right hand path heading towards a stone house, and the opening in the corner of the field.
4. Go through the opening by the large stone block. Follow the path passing the gardens to either side. Continue on this path, now going slightly downhill. On your left you pass an old mill building, and beyond this cross over a stone bridge and turn left going uphill on the road.
5. About 20m before reaching the main road, turn left passing through the convenient small gate next to a larger gate and stile. Crossing this field you can see a road above you on your right and a stream at the bottom of the field on your left. You leave this field via a stone stile onto a road where you turn right, going slightly uphill.
6. After 30m or so turn left through a wooden kissing gate marked with a marker saying "Rowbothams Round Rotherham". Continue with a hedge on your left. After a short while you leave the hedge on your left hand side and carry on ahead across the middle of this field with Roche Abbey ahead of you.
7. Go through a kissing gate to the right of Roche Abbey, keeping the Abbey on your left hand side behind a wire fence. Where the fence ends you have a large stone house on your left. Just beyond the house turn sharp left away from the ruins of a gatehouse on your right. This is a wide track that goes over the stream and then turns left.
8. To you left you have views of the Abbey. Soon you are heading slightly downhill towards the water. Cross the stream via the large stepping stones. Once over after a few meters meet the main path and turn right. Continue on this path.
9. After about 700m reach a fork in the path. Take the right hand fork heading slightly downhill. Shortly at another fork, again take the right fork continuing downhill. Soon the path becomes wood planked. Reach a little bridge over the stream immediately after which you turn 90° left.

10. Continue straight ahead along the obvious path in the wooded area with a stream on you left. On reaching a small bridge over the stream continue straight ahead to exit the wood. You now have open fields to your right and stream on you left with trees behind. After a little while the path will turn slightly to the left. Soon after you reach a public footpath fingerpost. Here turn right as indicated to cross the field heading uphill.
11. On reaching the top of this field you meet a fence bounding the railway. At this point turn left to walk along the top of the field parallel with the rail line. On reaching the top corner of the field you will see a gap through the hedgerow by a footpath sign. Pass through this gap and continue on the narrow path with hedges to either side.
12. The path becomes gravel with a high fence to the left. Continue to reach a road where the path drops to it by concrete steps. Cross straight over to steps opposite and continue along the narrow path with wooden fence to you left and wire fence on you right. At the stile, cross over and continue straight ahead.
13. You are still on a narrow path with fences either side of you. At another stile cross over and continue straight ahead. Once at the far end of the field the path turns 90° left. Still with fencing either side of you the paths starts to head downhill. At the end of the field you reach a tall stile. Cross over and continue straight ahead heading gently downhill and then eventually leading steeply down to steps down to a road.
14. Turn right onto the road. After 200m or so turn left at the Travellers Rest pub sign as indicated by the public footpath sign as if entering the car park. Proceed straight ahead across a grassed area to the right of the pub to meet a stile in the fence. Cross over this and continue straight ahead into the field heading uphill with hedge on you right and open field to your left. At the top right corner of this field pass over a stile followed by a little bridge.
15. Continue straight ahead, hedge on your right and open fields on your left heading uphill still. At the top of the field you will meet a tarmac lane. Turn left to walk along this lane still uphill. On reaching the road junction at the top of the hill turn left to walk into Laughton-en-le-Morthern. Continue along and to your left are the grounds of Laughton C of E primary School. **This is checkpoint 4.**