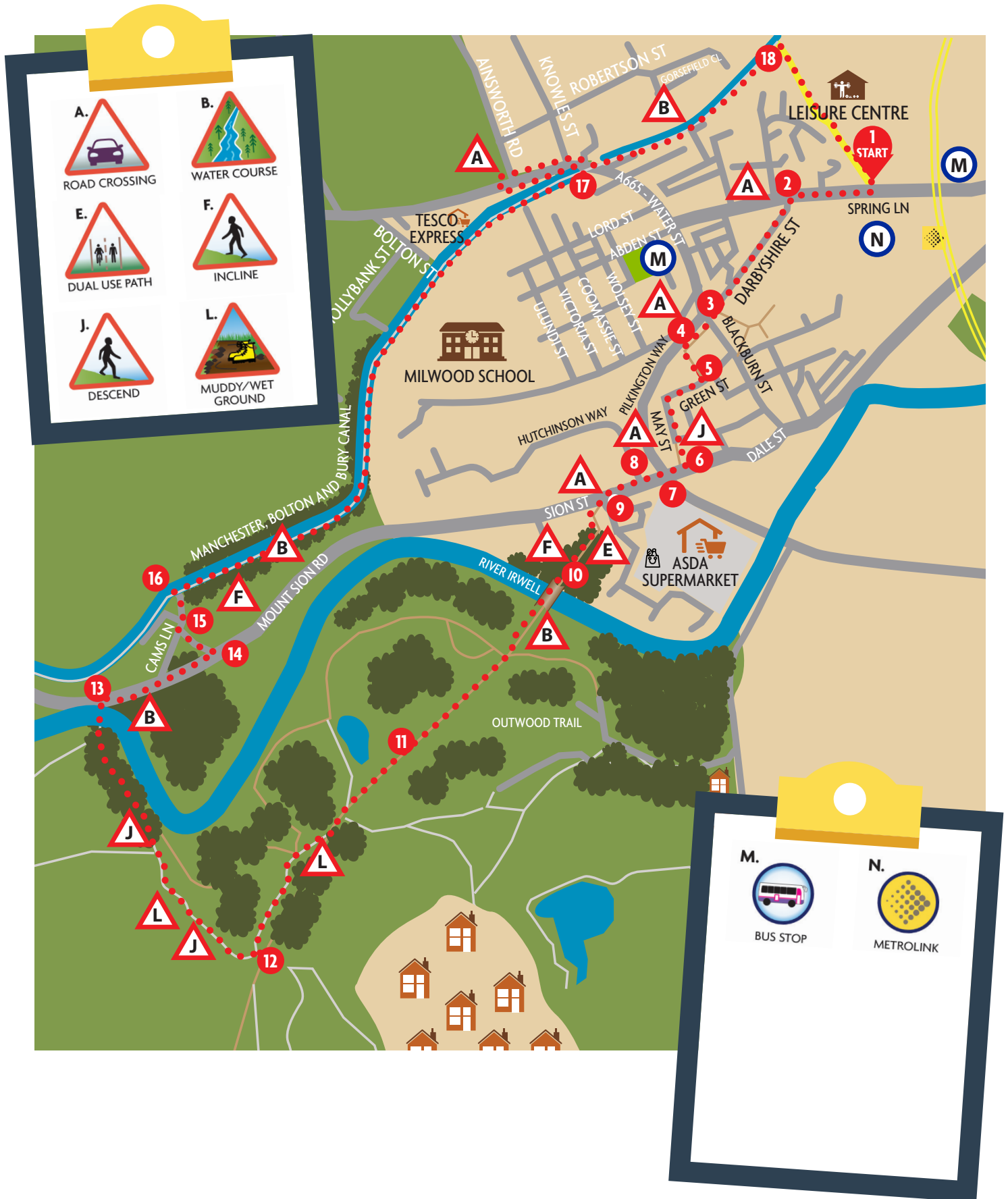


BURY SELF - LED WALKS ROUTE MAP

RADCLIFFE AND OUTWOOD - RADCLIFFE, OUTWOOD TRAIL AND CANAL-SIDE WALK



WALK NAME: Radcliffe, Outwood Trail and Canal-side Walk

ADDRESS: Radcliffe Leisure Centre Car Park, Springs lane, Radcliffe M26 2SZ

BUS SERVICE: 512; 524; 91: 98

DISTANCE: 4.9 km / 3 miles • **DURATION:** 60-90 minutes • **STEPS:** Approx 6,400

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 With the Leisure Centre behind you, turn right and walk along Spring Lane to the next pedestrian crossing.
- 2 Once across, turn left onto Darbyshire Street and cross the street following the path that goes through the trees and runs along the former railway line.
- 3 At the end of the street, cross Blackburn Street at the pedestrian crossing and continue straight ahead onto Pilkington Way.
- 4 Continue along Pilkington Way for about 20m, then take the path to the left that leads to the car park.
- 5 On reaching the car park, turn left onto Green Street, keeping the car park on your right and the wooden fence to your left. At the end of this path turn right onto May Street and continue to the end of the path.
- 6 Take the car park access road to the left, using the pavement on the right hand of the road. At the end, go right then immediately left down a steeply descending footpath.
- 7 At the bottom of this short path, turn right and cross Pilkington Way at the lights. (N.B. No light signals for pedestrians here.)
- 8 Once across, continue along the right hand side of Sion Street, taking care when crossing the junction with Hutchinson Way.
- 9 When opposite the start of the Outwood Trail, cross Sion Street and take the gently rising path. Be aware this path is initially a dual use path for both walkers and cyclists.
- 10 At the top, cross the bridge over the River Irwell. Once over the bridge, the path becomes triple use to include horse riders.
- 11 Follow this broad path straight ahead until it splits after about 600m. Keep to the right hand path.
- 12 After about 300m you will come to a very large sculpture. Turn right up a short incline to the junction, take the narrow gently descending path opposite. Follow this path downwards for a few 100m to the bank of the River Irwell which you now cross using the footbridge.
- 13 Once across the river, turn right and walk along Mount Sion Road for about 250m, ignoring the turn into the cottages on the left.
- 14 Turn left up the hill. Follow the track round to the right, ignoring an access road to a short terrace of cottages to the left.
- 15 Just before the brow of the hump back bridge, take the ginnel on the right. This leads down to the towpath on the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal.
- 16 Walking right, (back towards Radcliffe) keep to the canal towpath for the next couple of kilometres until the towpath leads up to the roadside to meet Water Street. In the area of the junction, a number of sculpted reminders of the canal age are to be found.
- 17 Turn left along Water Street as far as the pedestrian crossing, cross over the road and then turn right and cross again at the bottom of Ainsworth Road. Continue straight ahead crossing Knowles Street and the entrance to a care home facility before reaching the Royal Oak. Turn left down the left-hand side of the pub to re-join the canal towpath.
- 18 At the junction with the locally known banana path, turn right and follow the footpath to the end entering Spring Lane by Radcliffe Leisure Centre where this circular walk ends.



Fairly Easy: Suitable for most walkers, some woodland trails, and off road footpaths, mainly level terrain with some inclines and occasional steps.