

Silsden Stroll 8

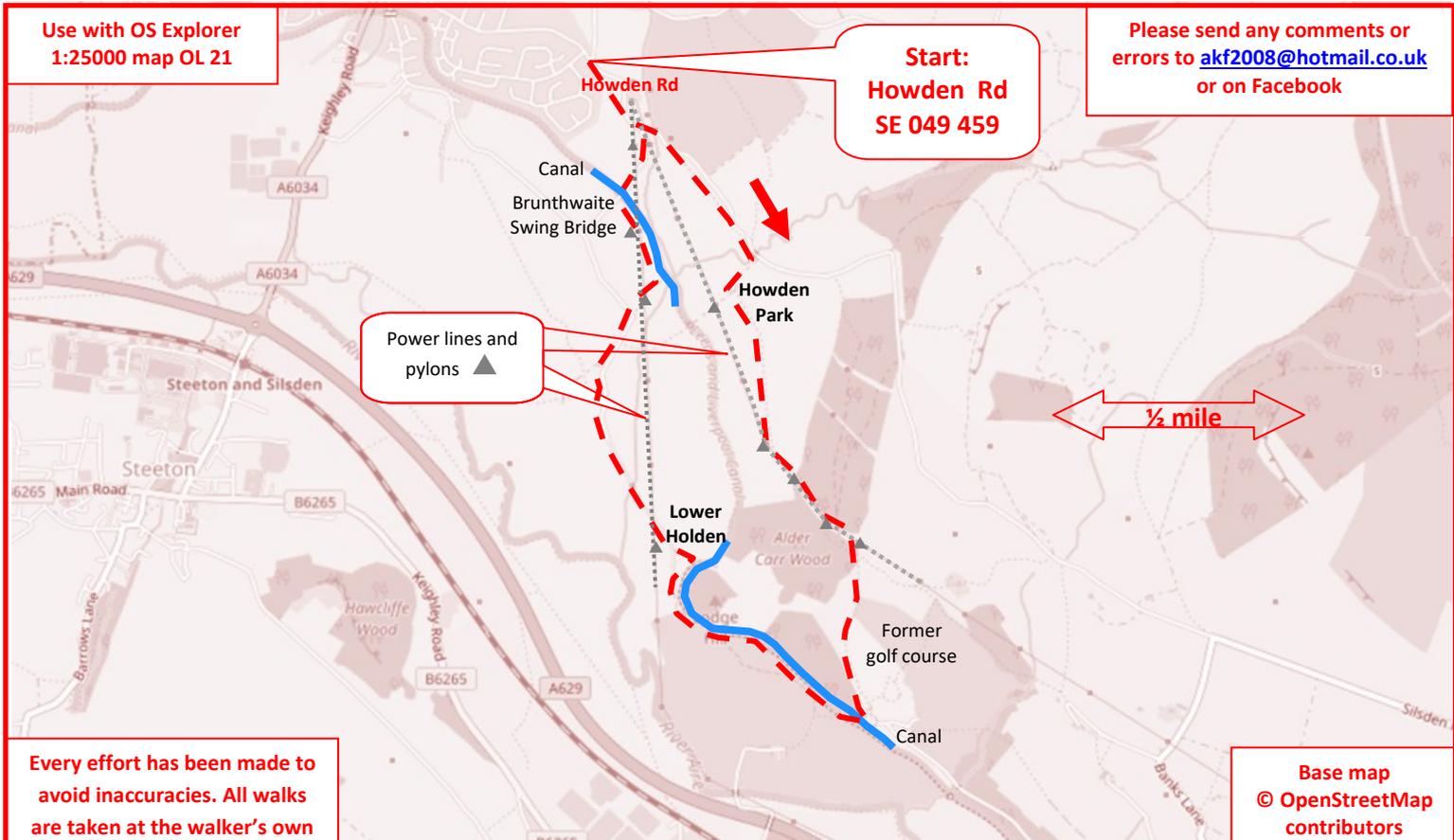
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3¾ miles. Other than the short steep climb through Alder Carr Wood this is the flattest of all the Strolls. The canal towpath, grazing meadows and an ex-golf course provide easy strolling, with the enjoyment of gongoozling narrow boats at Brunthwaite bridge. Sturdy footwear always; sun barrier, hat and water in summer.

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Start:
Howden Rd
SE 049 459

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Park with consideration on either Ingsway or on Howden Rd near junction with Hawber Lane. Walk away from town along path parallel with Howden Road, rejoining it; then go with care (ears and eyes) along road, walking under power lines and passing Brunthwaite Bridge Lane. Soon, take stile on right, go left through gate, then stile under power lines. Exit again at stile just before nearer of two gates. Follow road right, then turn right through Howden Park Farm buildings. After corrugated shed on left take the walled path ditto along the ridge's foot, passing through r/h of two gates, then following fields' edge to pylon.

Here, walk diagonally uphill parallel to power lines to stile on edge of Alder Carr Wood. Ahead 25 yds., then take obvious track right, climbing steeply to second pylon. Slightly less steep here, climb continues to crossing of paths and derelict yellow JCB – keep ahead still, to stile in top wall on wood's edge. Climb this.

Turn right, follow wall 100 yards down along shallow but clear gully to small corner gate. Path brings you to golf course. Follow r/h wall via narrow gravel track or parallel with it the entire way round course (though you may well cut a large corner, and why not?) Descend eventually to brick garage and then boarded up clubhouse. After new metal swing-arm barrier drop right, descending to bridge over canal. Turn right and follow towpath for about ½ mile. Shortly before the accommodation bridge take the stile on the left and go down the track to Lower Holden farmyard. Turn right and exit via gate.

Follow the well made track for ¾ mile as it becomes tarmacked, passing Holden House on left. Where road bends sharp left under low power lines go through obscure stile in "elbow" on right. Turn left to follow wall to stile on to canal. Follow canal left to Brunthwaite Bridge, cross it and go along lane to end. Left on Howden Road, and after a few yards' careful walking, take stile on left and retrace steps to start.