

Wakefield Bridge Club

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Wakefield Bridge Club is located on the ground floor of the former Wakefield College in Thornes Park, which is Wakefield's main open space less than a mile from the city centre.

The entrance to the park is on the A642 Horbury Road which runs south-westwards from the city centre towards Horbury and Huddersfield, just after the A642 separates from the A638 Dewsbury Road. A small retail park including Domino's Pizza and Vets4Pets stands on the opposite side of the road, directly opposite the park gates; there is a traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing very close to the entrance.

Once inside the park, follow the road gently uphill for one quarter of a mile. Pass the car park on the left and the stadium and skate park on the right; continue up the hill and directly opposite a small building on the left turn into the large car park on the right. Take the steps up to the college building, and find the bridge club in the left-hand wing of the building. For disabled drivers: continue past the car park until the college building appears ahead; park directly outside the bridge club rooms.

From Wakefield town centre: take the A642 Horbury Road under the railway bridge at Westgate station, and continue along the short section of dual carriageway formed when the A638 joins from the left. As St Michael's church appears ahead, prominent in the middle of the road, keep left on the A642 (marked to Huddersfield) as the A638 Dewsbury Road turns sharply away to the right. The park entrance is 100 metres beyond the junction. If you reach the pedestrian crossing you have gone too far.

From Barnsley and the south-west: take the A61 Barnsley Road into Wakefield, then at the canal and river crossing by the Hepworth Gallery keep left onto Ings Road, the A638 Dewsbury Road. (It is also marked as to Huddersfield.) Continue along Ings Road past the retail parks and under the high railway bridge before the A638 swings left and merges with the A642 in a short stretch of dual carriageway. As St Michael's church appears ahead, prominent in the middle of the road, keep left on the A642 (marked to HUDS) as the A638 Dewsbury Road turns sharply away to the right. The park entrance is 100 metres beyond the junction. If you reach the pedestrian crossing you have gone too far.

From Doncaster and the south-east: take the A638 Doncaster Road into Wakefield, then at the canal and river crossing by the Hepworth Gallery keep left onto Ings Road, the A638 Dewsbury road. (It is also marked as to Huddersfield.) Continue along Ings Road past the retail parks and under the high railway bridge before the A638 swings left and merges with the A642 in a short stretch of dual carriageway. As St Michael's church appears ahead, prominent in the middle of the road, keep left on the A642 (marked to HUDS) as the A638 Dewsbury Road turns sharply away to the right. The park

entrance is 100 metres beyond the junction. If you reach the pedestrian crossing you have gone too far.

From Dewsbury and the north-west: take the A638 Dewsbury Road towards Wakefield, and take the outside lane passing several large car showrooms on the approach to the city. At the Just Tyres depot (on the right) give way; then alongside St Michael's church take the right-hand lane marked A642 HUDS. Make a U-turn around the church and keep left on the A642 (marked HUDS) as the A638 Dewsbury Road turns sharply away to the right. The park entrance is 100 metres beyond the junction. If you reach the pedestrian crossing you have gone too far.

From Huddersfield, Horbury and the west: take the A642 Horbury Road toward Wakefield, and watch for the trees and grass of the Park on the right, and a small retail park including Domino's Pizza and Vets4Pets on the left. A traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing marks the entrance to the park - turn right into the park immediately after the crossing.

From the M1 North: Leave the M1 at Junction 40 and take the A638 Dewsbury Road towards Wakefield. Take the outside lane passing several large car showrooms on the approach to the city. At the Just Tyres depot (on the right) give way; then alongside St Michael's church take the right-hand lane marked A642 HUDS. Make a U-turn around the church and keep left on the A642 (marked HUDS) as the A638 Dewsbury Road turns sharply away to the right. The park entrance is 100 metres beyond the junction. If you reach the pedestrian crossing you have gone too far.

From the M1 South: Leave the M1 at Junction 39 and take the A636 Denby Dale Road towards Wakefield. Continue along the dual carriageway for 1.5 miles, and at the low railway bridge and traffic lights turn left into B6475 Thornes Road, with the park on the right. Half a mile further, pass the Cathedral Academy on the left, and turn right into Gill Syke Road. Continue along this road until it joins Horbury Road with the trees and grass of the Park on the right, and a small retail park including Domino's Pizza and Vets4Pets on the left. A traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing marks the entrance to the park - turn right into the park immediately after the crossing.



The park offers 60 hectares of open space to explore and enjoy including a 2 mile circular path that follows the boundary of the park - and if this is not challenging enough there are several exercise stations on the route. There is a mound in the centre of the park which was once the site of a motte and bailey castle and now provides spectacular views of Wakefield.