



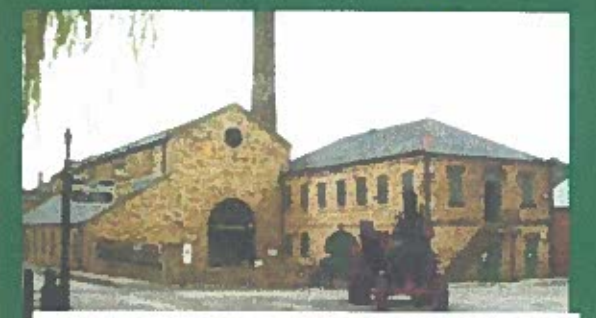
- 1 Our walk starts at the small 'Park and Stride' car park opposite St.Peter's Church at Black Lane, Tankersley. A church at Tankersley is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, and the oldest parts of the present church, St.Peter's, date from the 12th. Century. Wander around the churchyard which tells the story of the mining industry in Tankersley.
- 2 Nearby Glebe Farm takes its name from "glebeland", that being farmland owned by the parish for the benefit of the parson. This moated site is the supposed location of the original Tankersley Manor House or Hall.
- 3 From the car park follow the path around the edge of Bull Wood and then the boundary of Tankersley Park Golf Course.
- 4 Turn right then left and descend to the footbridge over the A616, Stocksbridge By-pass. Over the bridge bear left through open scrubland then steeply downhill at Westwood Country Park. Continue uphill on the footpath over the shoulder of the reclaimed pit heap to meet Greaves Lane.



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Leg 6  
Waymarked Walks 7 & 8  
~~Barnsley~~ to TANKERSLEY  
to WHARNCLIFFE WOOD

## Barnsley Boundary Walk



**BARNSELY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council



**Waymarked Walk No. 8**  
**TANKERSLEY to**  
**WHARNCLIFFE WOOD**

**Starting Point**  
'Park and Stride' car park,  
Tankersley.

**Distance**  
5.1 miles (8.2 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself up to three  
hours for exploring at a  
leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet,  
muddy or uneven ground.  
Choose footwear accordingly.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with  
a distinctive **B** circled with  
arrows.

**How to get there**  
The villages around the route  
are served by bus services and  
some railway stations.

You can make your own travel  
arrangements using the South  
Yorkshire Travel Line:  
Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use  
the car parks where these  
exist, and be considerate of  
others when parking  
elsewhere.

**Additional Information**  
The route is covered by OS  
Explorer Maps No's:  
OL3 The Peak District  
278 Sheffield and Barnsley

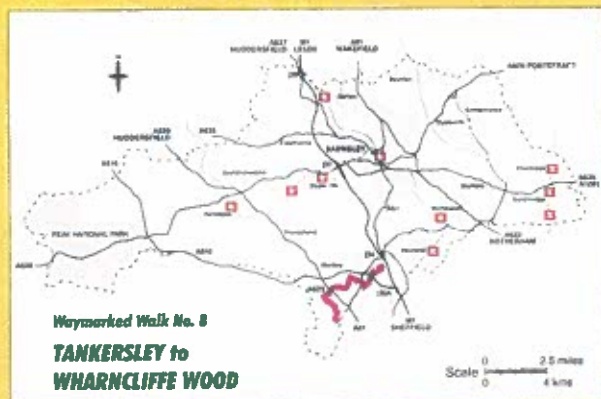
**Onward and Upward ...**

Beyond Tankersley the landscape of the walk gradually changes as we proceed via Tankersley Park Golf Course and Westwood Country Park, both transformed from former derelict industrial sites, to the rolling, wooded agricultural land around Howbrook.

From here we climb to the elevated Wharncliffe Chase, an extensive area of medieval wood pasture formerly managed as a Deer Park by the Earls of Wharncliffe. The site still contained a herd of red deer up to 1945. It remains a distinctive landscape important for nature conservation.

Here you can sense the influence of nearby Peak District gritstone moorlands to which subsequent sections of the walk proceed.

Wharncliffe Chase



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**7** Carefully cross the road onto the track and bear left after 100 yds to follow field edge paths to Bank Lane, close to Cundy Houses.

**8** Turn left onto the lane then right after 50 yds diagonally downhill to Smithy Fold.

Continue onward past the buildings then left and immediately right over the stile and across fields bearing left towards Hazelshaw Farm.

**9** Turn right along a treed lane then after 100 yds half left and uphill across one and a half field lengths. After 300 yds turn right and uphill to meet Woodhead Road, at Wharncliffe Chase. Here turn left along the road to Stansfield Ash Farm where our walk ends.

**10** A popular car park off Woodhead Road serves Wharncliffe, Wheata and Greno Woods. You can follow the main track westward (marked Trans Pennine Trail) to join the Barnsley Boundary Walk at Stead Spring.



Hazelshaw Farm/ Woodhead Road



**5** Turn left, and after 220 yds, right across a meadow into woodland to meet the A61 Sheffield to Barnsley road. Carefully cross the busy road, then down a flight of steps and follow the wood edge, then by field paths to Carr House Farm.

**6** Turn left and downhill along Bromley Carr Road to the village of Howbrook. Cross over Hollin Berry Lane to join Berry Lane. After 60 yds turn right and follow the track through farm buildings and by field paths downhill and up by the wood edge to the A629 road.

## BARNSELY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This Leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along the way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharnccliffe, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

### Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact:

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### WHARNCLIFFE WOOD to WORTLEY STATION

**Starting Point**  
Woodhead Road.

**Distance**  
6.2 miles (9.9 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself half a day or longer to explore the wood at a leisurely pace.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
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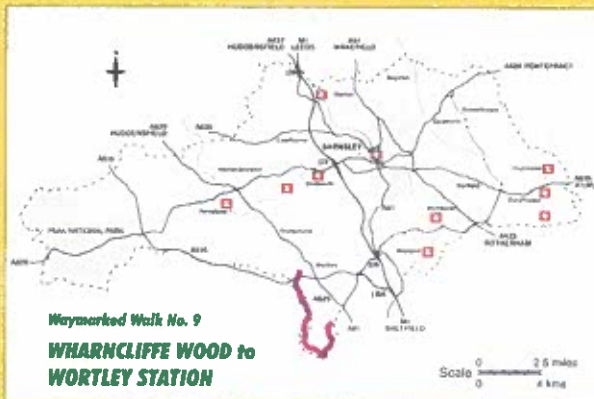
#### Wood and Crags ...

The extensive Wharnccliffe Woods have long been well frequented by walkers, climbers and nature lovers. Horse riders and mountain bikers now join them to enjoy this splendid environment courtesy of the Forestry Commission.

The walk enjoys the best of what the woods have to offer going deep into the forest, turning northwards along the well made Plank Gate track and climbing to Wharnccliffe Crags with impressive views across the valley of the River Don to the Peak District moorlands beyond.

The area was once covered in dense primeval woodland which was gradually settled and cleared in parts. However, the steep, rugged terrain aided the survival of large areas of woodland, and although Wharnccliffe is a 'working' wood it remains rich in archaeological and natural history interest.

Wharnccliffe Wood



## WOUGHTIBRIDGE



1 Walkers continuing from Tankesley can follow the walk from The Hollow; visitors using the nearby car park at Woodhead Road can join the route at Stead Spring.

At Woodhead Road turn right onto the footpath through Stanfield Ash Farm. Follow the path down the fields and right into the lane to The Hollow.

2 At The Hollow turn left and follow the footpath into Wharnccliffe Wood, heading towards Stead Spring, close to Sough Dike.

3 A popular car park off Woodhead Road serves Wharnccliffe, Wheata and Greno Woods. You can follow the main track westward (marked Trans Pennine Trail) to join the Barnsley Boundary Walk at Stead Spring.

4 The network of tracks through Wharnccliffe Wood can be confusing; following the waymarkers will keep you on the right path. Generally the route descends southwest to Wharnccliffe Wood End, then turns north west to follow the main Plank Gate track parallel to the railway line.

Wortley Station



Upper Don Trail, Wortley



- 5** Look out for the path diverging; follow the right fork climbing Pales Wood Gate track to Wharnccliffe Craggs.
  - 6** Initially the path is below but then climbs to be on top of the Craggs. The gritstone craggs of Wharnccliffe have long been a favourite venue for rock climbers.
  - 7** At the end of the Craggs follow the path down to the right and cross the embankment of a small pond. Turn left downhill between ornamental stone gate posts to rejoin Plank Gate track.
  - 8** At the end of the wood pass under the A616 Stocksbridge By-pass and join the Upper Don Trail (Trans Pennine Trail). Past the former Wortley Station turn right up the access ramp and right again into Cote Green Lane by farm buildings down to Finkle Street Lane.
- In 2003 a car park will be opened to serve the various recreational routes that converge here.

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