

## Wharnccliffe Woods round walk

Drive towards Wortley on A629.

Turn left before village, onto Finkle Street.

Towards bottom, turn right and take track to car park behind Cote Green Farm. (Drive slowly, horse stables and riding school).

From car park, turn left heading to the trans-pennine trail.

Turn left onto trail, walking ahead on level ground.

After two or three hundred yards, step through and onto wide track, keep straight ahead.

Shortly, pass under underpass and keep left to gradually ascend.

You will now ascend through woodland for 30-40 minutes, keep ahead and keep ascending on good track, about 2-3 metres wide.

After a while, you will see through the trees a small pond.

When you reach the top, a wall will emerge on your right and the path will significantly narrow.

Keep that wall on your right.

(At the top, enjoy the extensive views across the Chase towards High Bradfield, Deepcar, the shrill of the birds and the bleating of the sheep)

Keep wall on right for approx. 100 metres.

Immediately after very large dung heap, take path on left across the field, following grassy track.

(Take time to look at very extensive views sweeping from Rotherham to Wakefield and distant cooling towers)

Exit field, and take wide track straight ahead. (Do not turn right)

Follow level wide track between walls. (see, Emley Moor TV mast and Thurgoland in distance)

(Large fishing pond on right)

Pass through farm yard gate, keeping straight ahead.

Take track above house, keeping ahead.

At gate, keep on open track following it as it descends and gradually sweeps right, towards Stocksbridge bypass.

At bypass, track turns sharp right.

Turn left under bypass, following track, keeping cottage on right.

Shortly emerge onto Finkle Street.

Turn left, follow footpath downhill, making your way back to the car.

**Statistics:** 3.5 miles, total ascent 473feet, approx. 2 hours. (Suitable also for cycling)

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