

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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The Waleswood Walk around Rother Valley

Doorstep Walk 4 – Just the Words

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

1. Start at the Visitor Centre in the Rother Valley Park, head out onto the access road, go right and then cross the road bridge. Once across turn left and follow the broad path with the river immediately on your left. After a while you will see a large suspension footbridge ahead on your left.
 - 1a. To take the shortcut lookout for a path on your right more or less opposite the suspension bridge, follow this path uphill by the edge of the plantation and rejoin the main route at Point 4.
2. Keep following the path ahead, you are following part of the Trans Pennine Trail, a 350 mile route from Southport to Hull, this route forms part of a much larger European route called the E8 route which links the West Coast of Ireland to Istanbul. Some 20 miles of the Trans Pennine Trail crosses Rotherham, with many potential shorter link walks such as the one you are following. Stay on the path above the river until you see a wood ahead on your right, here the track joins an embankment and

bends slightly left. Just before this go right, down a very short bank and then immediately right again to follow a path which heads uphill.

3. Keep going straight and after a very short time the path levels out with the wood on your right. Soon you will come to a track.

To have a side trip to Aston where there is a pub and shops, head left for about 50 metres, then right across a small arched footbridge. Then go straight uphill, crossing the railway and road via bridges, eventually you will reach Mansfield Road. Carefully cross this and head straight-ahead up Lodge Lane where there is a pub and shops. Retrace your steps to return to the trail.

To join the walk from Aston start at the Aughton Lane/Worksop Road junction (where there are several shops) head downhill along Worksop Road until you pass Aston Junior and Infant School on your left. Here head left down Lodge Lane until you reach Mansfield Road, cross this (taking care as the road is busy) and head down Brookhouse Lane, keep heading straight as the lane leaves the industrial units behind and crosses the road and railway. The path heads straight downhill until you reach some ponds, keep going straight, crossing a small arched footbridge and turn left. Follow the description from 'Stay on the track...' (below) but when you reach the road bridge at point 6 do not cross it, instead turn right and head along the track, then follow the description back to the arched footbridge above.

4. Turn right and follow the track, which heads steadily uphill, (for those who have taken the shortcut you rejoin the walk here). Stay on the track, which eventually joins a road, take care on this short section.
5. Passing a farm on your right the road turns right and slightly downhill before coming to a corner where there are a couple more houses. Just before these is a path on your right, follow this along a track, this heads gently uphill, then finally steeply down, back into the park. The visitor centre is to your right, just over the bridge.