

Responsible Walking

This walk uses just a few of our many rights of way to access and enjoy the countryside. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone's livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

Follow the Country Code, happy walking!

The Village Walk

How do I get there?

Ulley Country Park has excellent bus links to other areas in the Borough, for up to date information call the

Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables. Cars can be parked at the visitor centre car park for a small charge. The walk starts at the Visitor Centre in the Park.

Something to think about

As ever, this walk would not be possible without the help and enthusiasm of local farmers and landowners.

We would particularly like to thank local farmer Michael Longford and landowner Lord Halifax who have dedicated a number of permissive paths through the Countryside Stewardship scheme. They are allowing the public access to land where previously none existed, and ask only that you follow the country code and stick to the waymarked routes.

Remember that farmers livelihoods depend on the success of their land, please play your part by taking your litter home, sticking to the line of paths and keeping dogs on leads through farmland.

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All paths around Ulley are shown clearly on the OS Explorer Maps 278 - Rotherham and 279 - Doncaster. Why not pick up copies at your local bookshop and devise your own walks.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168

Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.

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6 Walk No: 6
The Village Walk at Ulley Country Park.



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Doorstep Walk No:6

An easy way to explore the beautiful, local countryside on your 'doorstep'.

The Village Walk at Ulley Country Park



Doorstep Walk Short, Easy to follow and local

Take a walk in the hills above Ulley Country Park and explore the historic village of Ulley.

- Allow an easy morning or afternoon to enjoy this walk which takes you from the reservoir valley up into the hills above, visiting picturesque Ulley village.
- Following ancient tracks and crossing rolling farmland this land is steeped in history, the fields and lanes around Ulley are rich in wildlife and flora.
- The Royal Oak pub at Ulley is half way round the walk, and refreshments are available at Ulley Country Park (please check for opening hours).
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

Just follow the GREEN Doorstep Waymark



Permissive Paths

Many farmers are happy to allow access along new paths providing these routes are not claimed as public rights of way for all time, this allows us to open up more of the countryside for you and ensure that the farmers land value will not be affected because of access. Watch out for other walks using the landowners permission but always remember to stay on paths and do not stray over land where you may not only damage crops but disturb ground nesting birds and wildlife.

The Village Walk from Ulley Country Park



You may wish to check out more of the paths Michael Longford and Lord Halifax have allowed access to on the Ulley Farmland Trail (Doorstep Walk 7), available from the Rights of Way team.

For more details, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow



Ulley village

Worth 40 shillings in the Domesday Book, the settlement of Ollei, a 'forest glade rich in owls' was once in the ownership of monks from Worksop. In the 17th century the village passed into the hands of the Halifax estate, and much of the farmland, including a large portion of the land you walk across, remains in the estate of Lord Halifax, the Queens second cousin.