Responsible Walking

This walk uses just a few of our many rights of way to access 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 some of the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone's livelihood will depend on the 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!

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The Scholes Village Walk

How do I get there?

There are a number of frequent bus services to the area. Kimberworth, Thorpe Hesley and Upper Wortley Road all enjoy regular bus services from Rotherham town centre. For up to date information contact Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit **www. sypte.co.uk** for timetables.

Something to think about

This walk would not be possible without the help of local people and farmers. We would like to thank them for their help in planning this walk.

Additional walks in and around Scholes Coppice can be found in the Grange Park Area – Heritage Woodland Walks leaflet. A copy of the leaflet can be obtained from the tourist information centre on 01709 835904.

Public Paths in Rotherham are clearly shown on the OS Explorer Maps Nos. 278 and 279. Why not pick up a copy 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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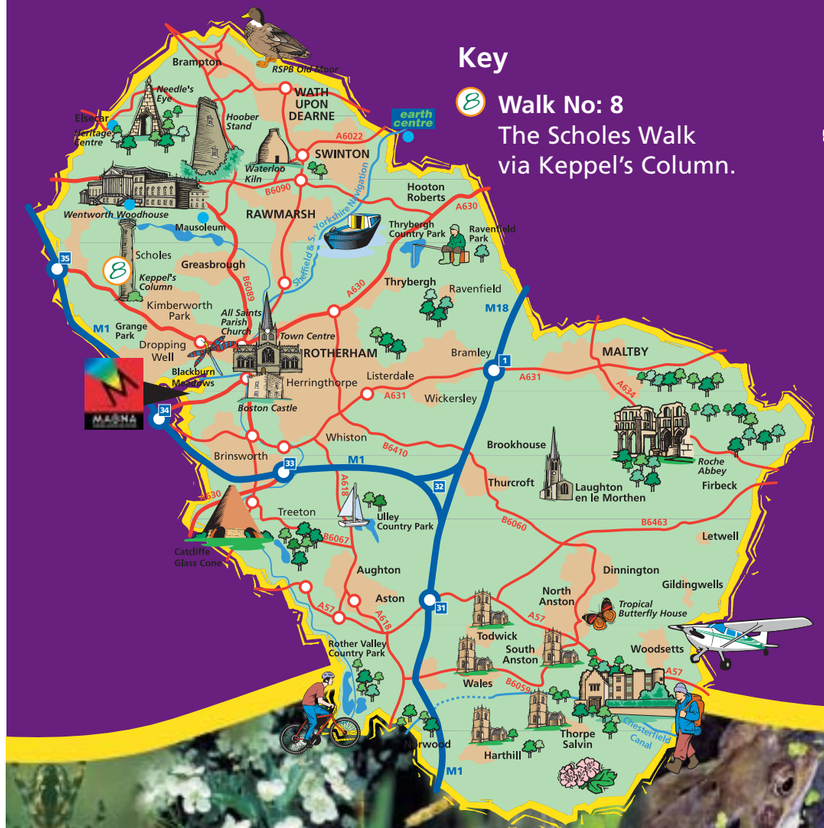
The Scholes Walk via Keppel's Column.



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Doorstep Walk No:8

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

The Scholes Walk via Keppel's Column

Doorstep Walk
Short, Easy to follow and local

Enjoy a short walk around Scholes Village and the surrounding countryside

- This walk will take around 1½ hours. The route follows a gently rolling landscape, which provides an easy but never the less rewarding walk.
- The route starts and finishes in Scholes Village. It also takes in Scholes Coppice, Keppel's Column and enjoys panoramic views of the Wentworth Estate.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

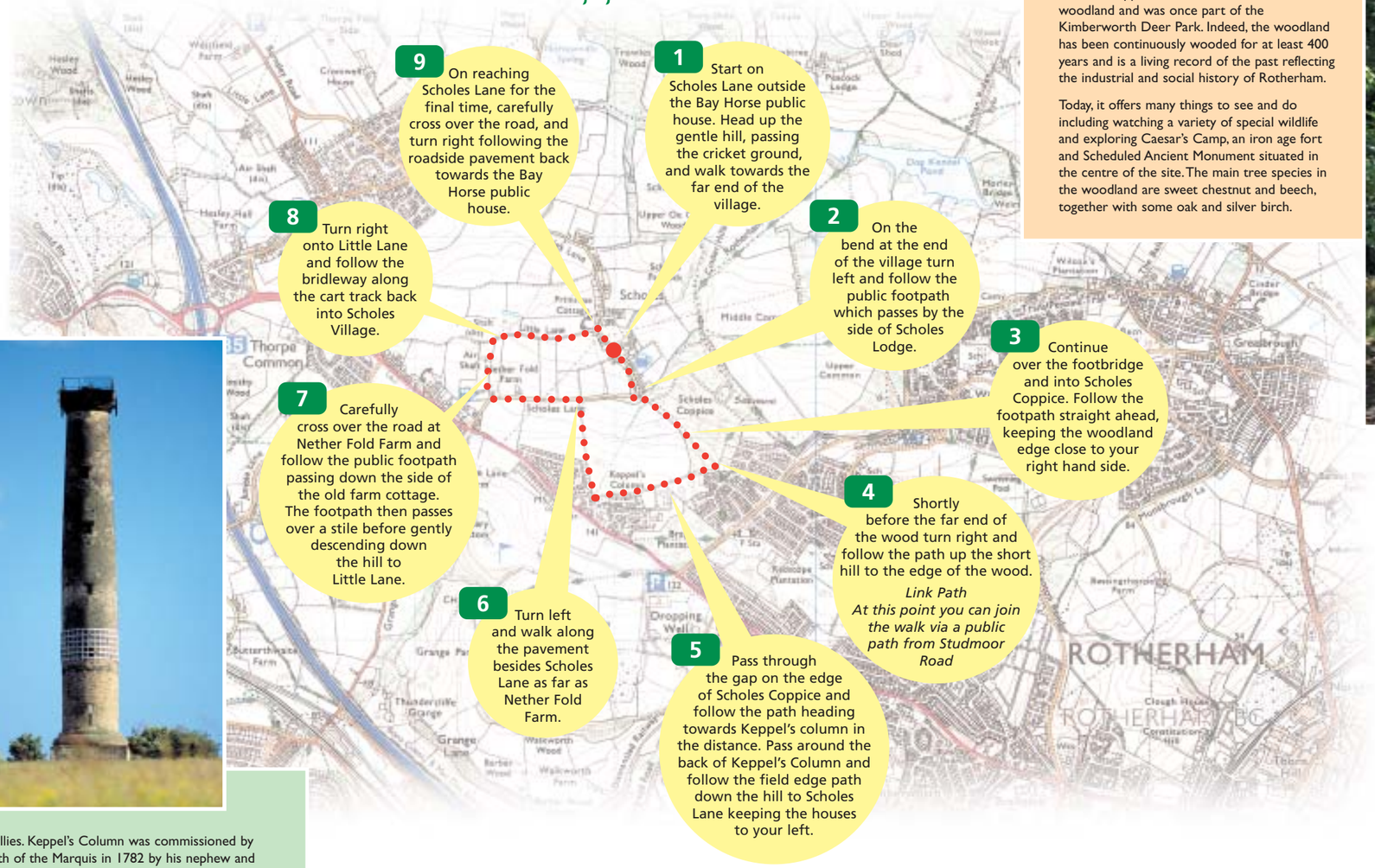
Just follow the Doorstep Waymark

Keppel's Column

At 115 feet, Keppel's Column is the tallest of all the Wentworth follies. Keppel's Column was commissioned by Charles, 2nd Marquis of Rockingham. It was finished after the death of the Marquis in 1782 by his nephew and heir, the 1st Earl Fitzwilliam.

Admiral Keppel, a friend and Whig supporter of the Marquis of Rockingham had been court-martialled for cowardice against the French in the Battle of Ushant in 1778. The column was built to celebrate his acquittal.

The Scholes Walk via Keppel's Column



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Scholes Coppice

Scholes Coppice is an ancient semi-natural woodland and was once part of the Kimberworth Deer Park. Indeed, the woodland has been continuously wooded for at least 400 years and is a living record of the past reflecting the industrial and social history of Rotherham.

Today, it offers many things to see and do including watching a variety of special wildlife and exploring Caesar's Camp, an iron age fort and Scheduled Ancient Monument situated in the centre of the site. The main tree species in the woodland are sweet chestnut and beech, together with some oak and silver birch.

The countryside around Scholes offers some great walking country. The walk time is based on an adult walking fairly slowly and having a few rests. All the paths on the route are of a good standard. However it may be advisable to take boots, especially following wet weather. There is pub on the route and there is also a shop at the junction of Scholes Lane and Upper Wortley Road.

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