

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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The Wentworth Countryside Walk

Doorstep Ride 9 – Just the Words

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

1. Start on Main Street outside the Rockingham Arms. Facing the public house turn right and walk through the village on the pavement by the side of Main Street. At the end of the village turn left onto the public footpath opposite the war memorial and follow the path across the field to Clayfield Lane.
2. On reaching Clayfield Lane turn right and walk along the lane, passing the converted windmill on your left, before arriving at Cortworth Lane. Turn left and walk along the pavement by the side of Cortworth Lane. After a short while you will get your first glimpse of The Needle's Eye through the trees on your left.
3. Continue along Cortworth Lane, carefully crossing over Coaley Lane, and you will eventually reach Cortworth House on your left. Follow the public footpath up the drive to the house. At the top of the drive the footpath forks to the right and passes through a kissing gate. Keep following the footpath up the hill to the picturesque hamlet of Street.

4. At Street turn left onto Street Lane and follow the lane to Coaley Lane. Taking extra care cross over Coaley Lane and follow the footpath which runs down the side of Stump Cross Cottage. After a short time you will reach Needle's Eye, one of the Wentworth Follies.

- 5a. The path then continues along the ridge with panoramic views of the Dearne Valley on your right and Wentworth Village and Wharnccliffe Chase on your left. The footpath eventually descends into Elsecar, passing through farmland and an area of woodland before finally arriving at Forge Lane.

- 5b. To take a short detour to the Elsecar Heritage Centre carry on walking along Forge Lane. The Elsecar Heritage Centre is a History and Craft Centre, set in the former ironworks and colliery workshops of the Earls Fitzwilliam. After visiting the heritage centre retrace your steps back along Forge Lane. At the end of Forge Lane the track splits into two public footpaths. Take the right hand route following the path across the fields and rejoin the walk.

6. On arriving at Forge Lane turn sharp left and follow the waymarked path across the fields and through Kings Wood. At the far side of the wood continue along the winding track passing through Low Wood before eventually arriving at Barrow Field Lane. Turn left onto Barrow Field Lane and follow the roadside pavement towards Wentworth Village. At the bend in the road turn left onto the track marked as a public footpath and then left again along the hedged lane which is also marked as a public footpath. After a short while the track splits into two as it gently descends the hill. Follow the track on the right.

7. As the track steadily climbs up the hillside it soon turns into a footpath. Continue along the footpath keeping the hedgerow to your left. Turn right immediately after passing over the fourth stile and follow the fence line heading towards the Village.

8. On the edge of the village the path meets Clayfield Lane. Pass over the stile and continue straight ahead along Clayfield Lane to its junction with Main Street. Carefully cross over Main Street onto the roadside pavement and turn left walking along Main Street through Wentworth village back to the Rockingham Arms.