

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!

Produced by the Rights of Way Team.

TPT Link Footpaths

How do I get there?

Moorgate and Whiston are both served by regular bus services from Rotherham. For up to date information call the 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.



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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.

Key

- Walk No: 10 TPT Link Paths

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Doorstep Walk No: 10

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

Linear Link Paths from Moorgate & Whiston to the TPT at Canklow Bridge



Doorstep Walk Short, Easy to follow and local

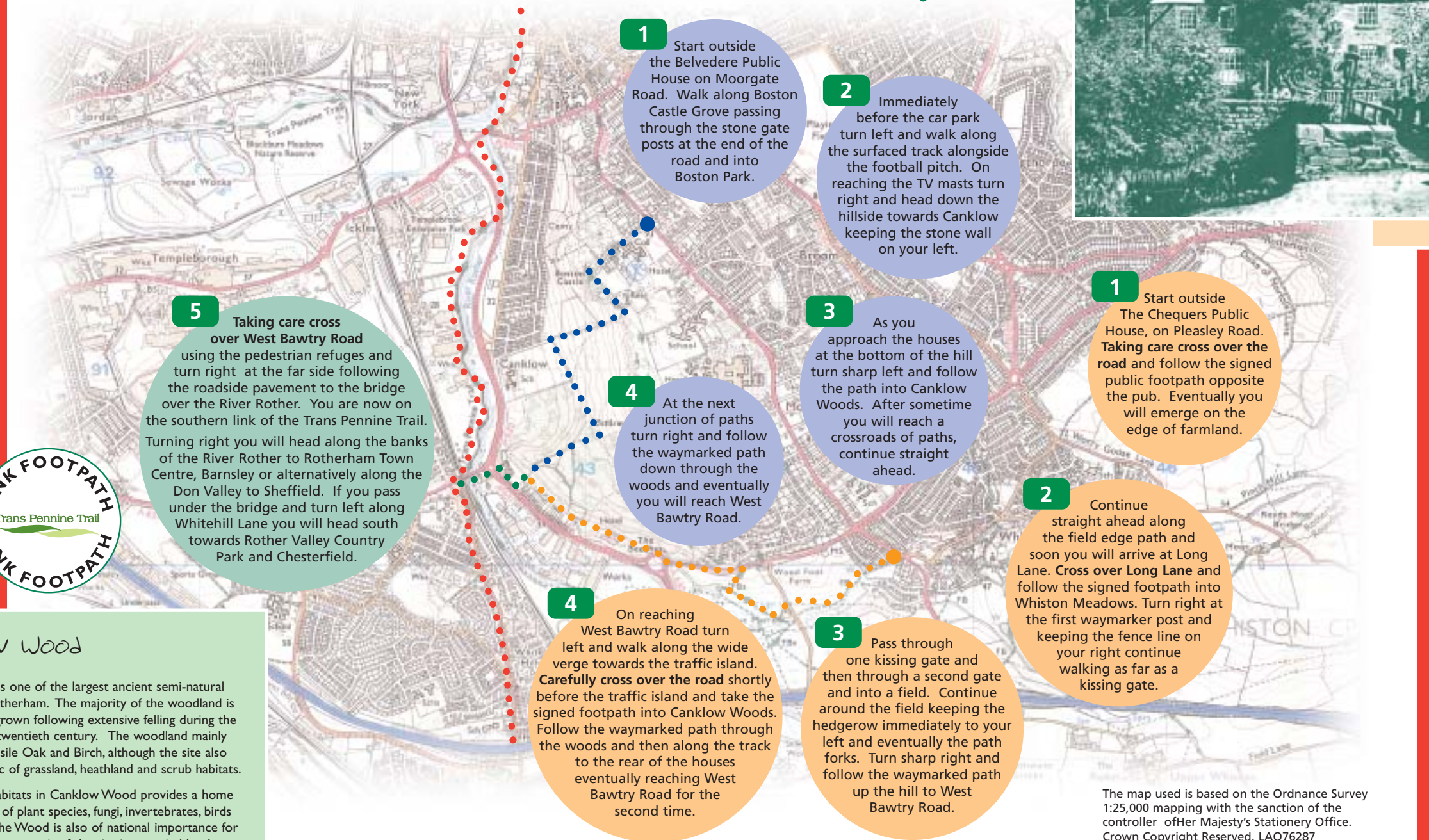
Short linear walks through attractive countryside to the Trans Pennine Trail at Canklow Bridge.

- **The Moorgate Link**
A 1½ mile walk (one way) through Canklow Wood.
- **The Whiston Link**
A 1½ mile walk (one way) through Whiston Meadows and Canklow Wood.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

Just follow the TPT Link Footpath Waymark



Linear Link Paths from Moorgate & Whiston to the TPT at Canklow Bridge



1 Start outside the Belvedere Public House on Moorgate Road. Walk along Boston Castle Grove passing through the stone gate posts at the end of the road and into Boston Park.

2 Immediately before the car park turn left and walk along the surfaced track alongside the football pitch. On reaching the TV masts turn right and head down the hillside towards Canklow keeping the stone wall on your left.

3 As you approach the houses at the bottom of the hill turn sharp left and follow the path into Canklow Woods. After sometime you will reach a crossroads of paths, continue straight ahead.

4 At the next junction of paths turn right and follow the waymarked path down through the woods and eventually you will reach West Bawtry Road.

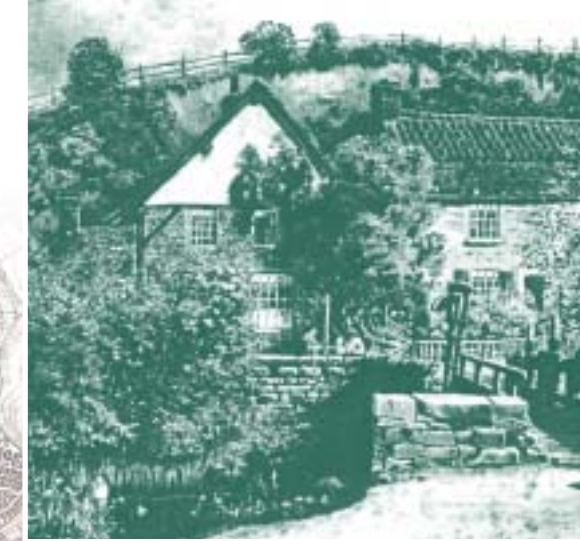
4 On reaching West Bawtry Road turn left and walk along the wide verge towards the traffic island. **Carefully cross over the road** shortly before the traffic island and take the signed footpath into Canklow Woods. Follow the waymarked path through the woods and then along the track to the rear of the houses eventually reaching West Bawtry Road for the second time.

3 Pass through one kissing gate and then through a second gate and into a field. Continue around the field keeping the hedgerow immediately to your left and eventually the path forks. Turn sharp right and follow the waymarked path up the hill to West Bawtry Road.

2 Continue straight ahead along the field edge path and soon you will arrive at Long Lane. **Cross over Long Lane** and follow the signed footpath into Whiston Meadows. Turn right at the first waymarker post and keeping the fence line on your right continue walking as far as a kissing gate.

1 Start outside The Chequers Public House, on Pleasley Road. **Taking care cross over the road** and follow the signed public footpath opposite the pub. Eventually you will emerge on the edge of farmland.

5 **Taking care cross over West Bawtry Road** using the pedestrian refuges and turn right at the far side following the roadside pavement to the bridge over the River Rother. You are now on the southern link of the Trans Pennine Trail. Turning right you will head along the banks of the River Rother to Rotherham Town Centre, Barnsley or alternatively along the Don Valley to Sheffield. If you pass under the bridge and turn left along Whitehill Lane you will head south towards Rother Valley Country Park and Chesterfield.



Whiston Meadows

Whiston Meadows form a small part of the once extensive Rother Valley meadow land. Parts of the meadows are often inundated with water and this provides the perfect conditions for waders with Little Ringed Plover and Redshank both regular visitors to the area.

The meadows also contain a number of interesting historic features including the remains of an old mill, an unusual historic bridge over the former course of Ulley Brook and Blue Man's Bower, an archaeological feature of unknown origin. Today the meadows are used mostly for grazing cattle and horses and are a popular destination for local walkers.

Trans Pennine Trail – TPT

The TPT is a coast to coast path linking the major towns and cities across the North of England from Liverpool to Hull and Leeds to Chesterfield. The whole trail is for walkers and cyclists with many sections having easy access for people with disabilities and families with push chairs. Many miles are also suitable for use by horseriders.

Rotherham lies on the southern link of the TPT which runs from Chesterfield, via Rotherham to the main TPT route close to the Old Moor Wetland Centre.

More TPT details can be found at www.transpenninetrail.org.uk or www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow

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Canklow Wood

Canklow Wood is one of the largest ancient semi-natural woodlands in Rotherham. The majority of the woodland is young, having regrown following extensive felling during the first part of the twentieth century. The woodland mainly comprises of Sessile Oak and Birch, although the site also contains a mosaic of grassland, heathland and scrub habitats.

The variety of habitats in Canklow Wood provides a home for a wide range of plant species, fungi, invertebrates, birds and mammals. The Wood is also of national importance for archaeology as the summit of the site is occupied by the remains of a Bronze Age settlement.

