

# DOORSTEP WALK

Short, Easy to follow and local

## Enjoy a short walk in the countryside surrounding Whiston

- This walk is 2 ½ miles long and will take around 1½ hours. The route is relatively flat although the walk contains 3 short easy uphill climbs.
- The route starts and finishes in the Village of Whiston. It also passes through Whiston Meadows before returning to Whiston through open farmland where walkers can enjoy excellent views over the surrounding landscape.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need specialist equipment.

## Just follow the Green Doorstep waymark

The countryside surrounding the village of Whiston is a popular destination for walkers. The walk time is based on an adult walking fairly slowly and having a few rests. The majority of the stiles on the route have been removed and replaced with kissing gates. The 3 remaining stiles are all quite easy to negotiate. The section between Long Lane and Pleasley Road can become muddy during the winter, so it is advisable to take boots especially following wet weather.

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

## 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!**

## How do I get there?

Whiston is served by a regular bus service from Rotherham. For up-to-date information call the Travel South Yorkshire on **01709 515151** or visit **[www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)** for timetables.

The walk starts at the Manorial Barn which is close to the Chequers, Pleasley Road stop.

## Something to think about

This walk would not be possible without the help of local people and farmers. We would particularly like to thank Whiston Heritage Society for their help in providing information and photographs.

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.**

# DOORSTEP WALK Number 15

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

## The Whiston Countryside Walk



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## The Whiston Countryside Walk (2.5 Miles)



### Whiston Parish Church

The earliest evidence of a place of worship existing in Whiston is in a document dated 1188. In that year the chapel at Whiston belonged to the church of Ecclesfield. The original church was small occupying only the western portion of the present south aisle.

By the early 13th Century Whiston had broken away from Ecclesfield to become a parish in its own right. The original small church gained a tower and a south doorway c1250. The church was also significantly enlarged again in the 15th Century to form a chancel and a low north aisle. Later modifications in the late 19th century were paid for by the wife of the late Rector Howard, she at the time being a lady in waiting to the queen.

Whiston Parish Church is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene although in the 18th and 19th centuries it was usually described as 'the Parish Church of St James'. The 'St James' ascription was most likely adopted under Puritan influence'.

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### Follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



### Manorial Barn

The Manorial Barn dates back to the early 13th century. This grade II listed building is one of the earliest timber-framed structures in Yorkshire. It was used for the storage and threshing of corn for the Lord of the Manor and the church (the tithes).

The barn originally consisted of 2 storage bays at each end divided by a central threshing floor. Additional bays were added to the northern end of the barn during the middle ages. A wheelhouse was also constructed to hold a threshing machine following the barn's purchase by Sir George Sitwell.



- 1** Start outside the Manorial Barn on Chaff Lane. Walk along Chaff Lane and carefully cross over Pleasley Road outside the Chequers Public House. Take the signed public footpath opposite the pub and eventually you will emerge into farmland.
- 2** Continue along the field edge path and soon you will arrive at Long Lane. Cross over Long Lane and follow the signed public footpath into Whiston Meadows. Continue straight ahead over the first footbridge and then over the second footbridge. After passing over the second bridge continue along the footpath beside the ditch as far as the River Rother.
- 3** Pass beneath the M1 motorway bridge and then climb the short flight of steps on your left onto the top of the flood bank. Pass through the kissing gate and follow the path along the flood bank and eventually you will reach Long Lane.
- 4** Carefully cross over Long Lane and take the signed footpath on the bend in the road. Follow the footpath up the hill and through the M1 underpass.
- 5** Turn right at the far side of the underpass and follow the field edge path as far as an old stone stile. Continue straight across the middle of the field to a kissing gate on the far side.
- 6** Pass through the kissing gate and follow the path gently descending back towards the village. Carefully cross over Pleasley Road and continue along the signed footpath across the cricket field to The Green.
- 7** Turn right and walk up The Green to the top of the hill. At the top of the hill turn sharp left following the signed public footpath along Rectory Drive.
- 8** At the end of the drive continue straight ahead towards the main entrance of Whiston Parish Church and then turn left following the path through the Lychgate.
- 9** Pass through the Lychgate and then walk down School Hill. At the bottom of the hill take the steps on the right hand side and then turn right again following the path down to Well Lane. Turn left along Well Lane and then right into Turner Lane. At the end of Turner Lane carefully cross over High Street and return to the Manorial Barn.