

# 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 GREEN Doorstep waymark**

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](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?**

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 call the Travel South Yorkshire on **01709 515151** or visit [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com) 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 336003**

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**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 8

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

**The Scholes Walk  
via Keppel's Column**





# DOORSTEP WALK Number 8

## The Scholes Walk via Keppel's Column (3 Miles)

### 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



### 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.

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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.



- 1 Start on Scholes Lane outside the Bay Horse public house. Head up the gentle hill, passing the cricket ground, and walk towards the far end of the village.
- 2 On the bend at the end of the village turn left and follow the public footpath which passes by the side of Scholes Lodge.
- 3 Continue over the footbridge and into Scholes Coppice. Follow the footpath straight ahead, keeping the woodland edge close to your right hand side.
- 4 Shortly before the far end of the wood turn right and follow the path up the short hill to the edge of the wood.  
**Link Path** At this point you can join the walk via a public path from Studmoor Road
- 5 Pass through the gap on the edge of Scholes Coppice and follow the path heading towards Keppel's column in the distance. Pass around the back of Keppel's Column and follow the field edge path down the hill to Scholes Lane keeping the houses to your left.
- 6 Turn left and walk along the pavement besides Scholes Lane as far as Nether Fold Farm.
- 7 Carefully cross over the road at Nether Fold Farm and follow the public footpath passing down the side of the old farm cottage. The footpath then passes over a stile before gently descending down the hill to Little Lane.
- 8 Turn right onto Little Lane and follow the bridleway along the cart track back into Scholes Village.
- 9 On reaching Scholes Lane for the final time, carefully cross over the road, and turn right following the roadside pavement back towards the Bay Horse public house.

