



# Sheffield & Rotherham



## Connecting Steps – Wild-Up Your Well-Being



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Visit Sheffield's beautiful Lakeland Landscape,  
get involved with this beautiful space and feel  
the wild peace

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# Connecting Steps

## Who Are We?

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust is a registered charity and works with the local community towards a better future for wildlife, people and the green spaces we all love.

## What is the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership?

The Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of its national landscape partnerships programme. Our Partnership offers a unique opportunity to manage the heritage of the Sheffield Lakeland with a common vision – on a landscape scale and for more people to enjoy.

## Where is the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Area?

The 'Sheffield Lakeland' area covers 145km<sup>2</sup>, the central point being close to the village of High Bradfield to the north west of Sheffield. There are ten main reservoirs and four Wildlife Trust reserves within the area with good access by road, public transport and footpaths. It is an outstanding example of a living landscape, rich in history, with diverse habitats abundant in wildlife, vibrant communities and strong traditions.

## What is Connecting Steps?

This project is hoping to reach people who are not currently accessing the countryside by working with existing community groups which work with vulnerable or isolated people. We hope to enthuse, engage, help and support these groups to visit the Lakeland area and include countryside-based activities in the programmes they offer to their members/beneficiaries.

## Our Offer

An introductory session to establish a connection, to meet the group members and determine the best options for a couple of sessions in the Lakeland area. Following this engagement and group discussion options for continued Trust/Partnership involvement can be recommended. The sessions will benefit from as much group insight and information that the group leader can share with us prior to activity arrangement.

### A Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership



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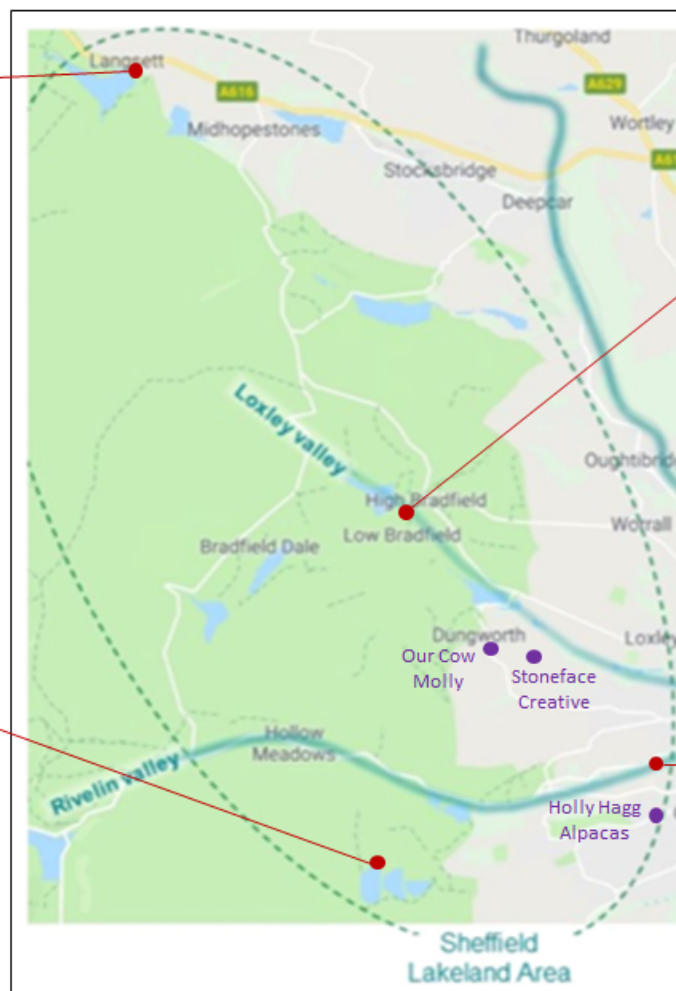






Langsett Reservoir	
Toilets (♿)	Y (Y)
Café (♿): Bank View	Y (Y)
<b>Travel</b> Public transport difficult; National Express (No.350), limited times	
<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walks: 3km (easy woodland), 6km (hard includes exposed moorland)</li> <li>- WWII historical interest</li> </ul>	

Redmires Reservoir	
Toilets (♿)	N
Café (♿)	N
<b>Travel</b> Public transport difficult; Bus (No. 51) to Lodgemoor + 2km walk to lowest reservoir, or Bus (No.273) to Rivelin Dams, limited times	
<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Various walks: 2.5km to Stanage Pole (from top reservoir, uneven, fantastic views), 3-4km loops inc. Wyming Brook, Fox Hagg</li> <li>- WWI trench area at Hallam Moors (uneven)</li> </ul>	

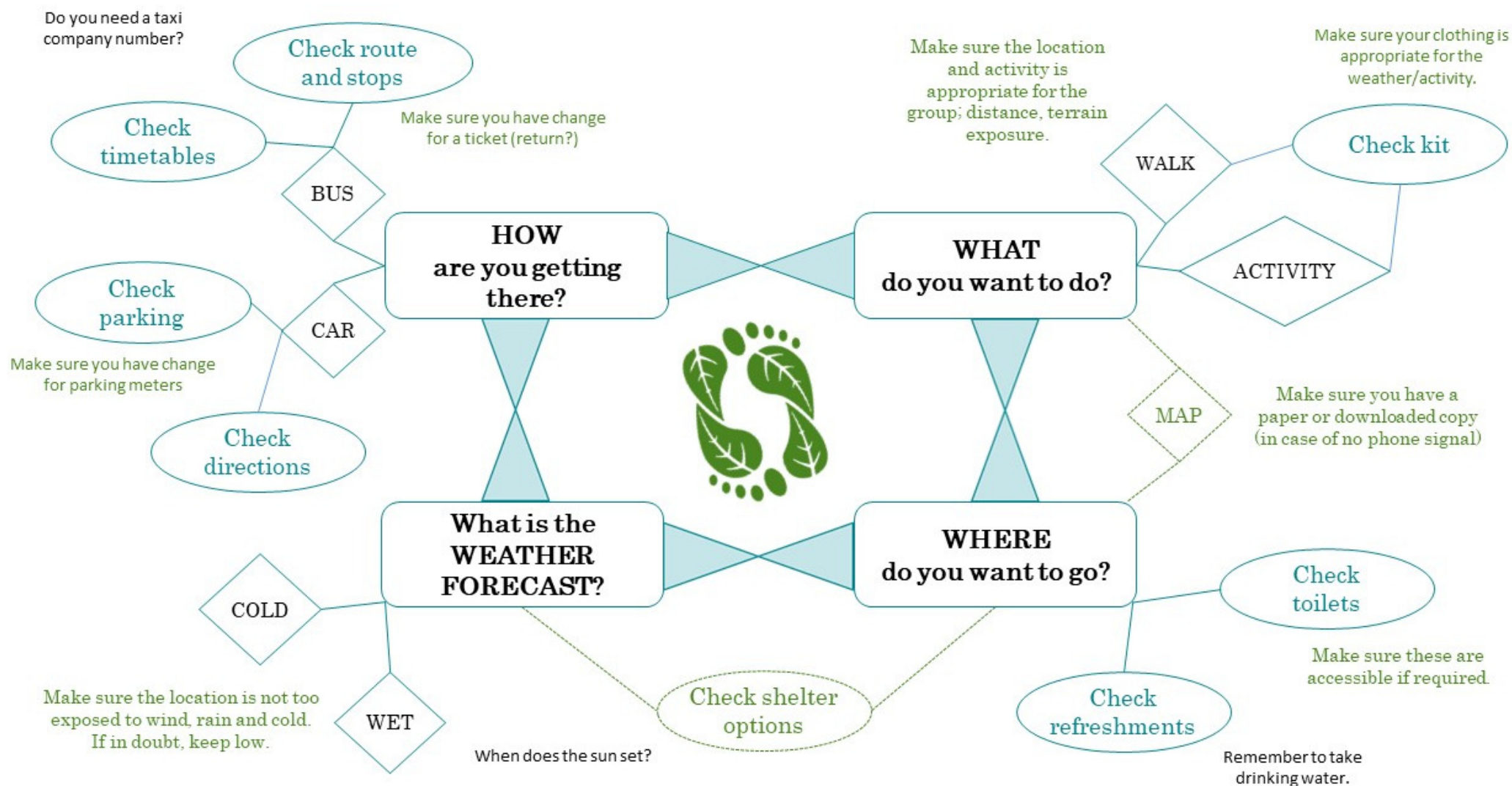


Low Bradfield	
Toilets (♿)	Y (Y)
Café (♿): FlaskEnd (P.O) The Schoolrooms	Y (Y)
<b>Travel</b> Bus No.61/62 loop around Loxley valley from Hillsborough Interchange	
<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walks: 6km around Damflask Reservoir (easy), 4km around Agden Reservoir (easy, a few steep sections), 4km follow Loxley Valley back to Malin Bridge</li> <li>- Visit High Bradfield, St Nicholas Church (Grade 1 building)</li> <li>- Visit Our Cow Molly, Stoneface Creative</li> </ul>	

Rivelin Valley	
Toilets (♿)	Y (Y)
Café (♿): Rivelin Park Café	Y (Y)
<b>Travel</b> Tram to Malin Bridge or Bus (No.81) into Stannington and drop into valley	
<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Various walks: riverside easy, 3km minimum to café using tram, 7-10km full valley walk (uneven)</li> <li>- Rivelin Paddling Pools</li> <li>- Industrial heritage (corn/cutlery mills), rich flora/fauna</li> </ul>	

SRWT - SLLA Connecting Steps  
Visiting Area Suggestions







## WHAT TO WEAR - WHAT TO TAKE

Getting out and about exploring new places is fun, as long as you stay at the right temperature, dry, fed and watered, and in the right place!

### WET

waterproof jacket  
& trousers

### HOT

sunhat

thin layers

thin socks

sun cream  
sunglasses

### COLD

hat/scarf/gloves

jumper layers

thick socks  
sturdy shoes

thermos







OTHER: torch, penknife, walking poles/sticks, binoculars, wildlife ID guides

## WHAT TO DO?

With so many things to choose from, how do you decide what to do?

Check the weather forecast: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather>

Look out of the window!

<p><b>WATERFALLS RIVERS</b></p>  <p><b>Waterproofs, Shelter</b></p>	<p><b>PICNIC ART</b></p>  <p><b>Shade, Drink</b></p>
<p><b>KITE FLYING LEAF WATCHING</b></p>  <p><b>Shelter, Safety</b> (from loose twigs/branches)</p>	<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY WALK</b></p>  <p><b>Hat/Gloves, Shelter, Thermos</b></p>

Check your group is prepared for the weather and ground conditions.  
If you have a mixed ability group consider various activities to suit all individual needs.



<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Project Number (if applicable)</b>
<b>ACTIVITY ASSESSED:</b>		
<b>LOCATION:</b>		
<b>ASSESSED BY:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

PROBABILITY RATINGS		SEVERITY RATINGS	
Probable (likely to occur immediately)	4	Catastrophic (death/severe illness)	4
Reasonably probable (probably will occur in time)	3	Critical (serious injury/illness)	3
Remote (may occur in time)	2	Marginal (not serious)	2
Extremely remote (unlikely to occur)	1	Negligible	1

Calculate Reduced Risk Rating using this chart – is it now Low / medium / High / Very High?

**Obtain authorisation if needed**

1	2	3	4	6	8	9	12	16
LOW				MEDIUM		HIGH		VERY HIGH

REDUCED RISK RATING		Authorisation required by:	Name	Signature	Date
LOW	1-4	Assessor			
MEDIUM	6-8	Line Manager / H&S Officer			
HIGH	9	Director/H&S Officer			
VERY HIGH	12-16	ACTIVITY MUST NOT PROCEED			

	INITIAL RISK RATING		REDUCED RISK
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					RATING		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HAZARD	Probability P	Severity S	Risk R	ACTION TO REDUCE HAZARD	Probability P	Severity S	Risk R

**Group Leaders should carry a group First Aid Kit and mobile phone at all times.**  
**They are responsible for the supervision and general well-being of group individuals; medical conditions to be declared and understood.**  
**Activities take place outdoors, all attendees are advised to wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear.**

### INDOORS:

Café: burn from spillage of hot drinks	2	2	4	Ensure tables are level and clear of clutter. Know where there is clean running water to cool the burn and have access to a First Aid kit.			
Café: foodstuff allergies	2	4	8	Check the group for allergies prior to entering the café. Read menu/ingredients of foodstuffs or ask staff. Ensure allergies are known by group leader and that medication is carried by individuals.			
Travel: movement on/off buses, crossing roads	2	4	8	Check bus route for best pick-up/drop-off spots. Make the group aware of road hazards.			

### OUTDOORS:

Bad route chosen: too long, too strenuous, dull!	3	4	12	Check the route thoroughly using maps and visiting, check distance, ground surface, rest benches, lunch locations, toilet facilities, poor weather shelter, transport links, check exposure to forecast weather, check river levels and crossings			
Adverse weather: too hot (dehydration, sunburn), too cold (hyperthermia, raynauds syndrome), dark	2	3	6	Check weather forecast prior to trip (one week and days before trip) Attendees advised to be equipped with clothing appropriate to extreme weather and being			



				outside for long periods e.g. hat, gloves, scarves, coat, sun cream. Activity to cease should participants become too cold or wet or in case of a lightning storm or gale force winds. Monitor the weather throughout and respond to changes. Check sunset times (esp winter)			
Medical conditions	2	4	8	Group leader to be aware of attendees medical needs and medical declarations signed by all.			
Uneven ground or slippery/muddy ground: slips/trips/falls	3	2	6	Attendees to be given advice on safely moving outside, warned to be aware of any uneven ground or any unexpected obstacles in the area they will be using.			
Injury from low branches and thorny trees.	3	2	6	Attendees warned to be aware of any low branches and spiky trees that could cause an injury. SWT staff to check site before session and ensure access is relatively easy.			
Nettle or thistle stings	3	2	6	Participants to be made aware when moving in grass to avoid areas with thistles or nettles.			
Allergies and insect bites	2	3	6	Verbal advice as to sensible behaviour around bees, wasps and wood ants (stay calm, move away). Group leader to be aware of specific allergies and to carry a mobile phone in case of adverse reaction.			
Poisoning from plants/berries/fungi	2	3	6	Participants to be advised not to put anything in their mouths. Instructed to wash hands thoroughly before eating.			
Infection from soil	2	3	6	Participants are instructed to wash hands after activity. Wipes or washing facilities provided. Attendees advised not to put hands in mouth or touch face during activities.			
Hazardous litter (glass, rubbish, metal, food waste).	2	4	8	Participants given a verbal warning to look out for litter before putting hand to ground. Carry wet wipes to clean hands, if necessary.			
Dog faeces	2	2	4	Participants advised to take care when putting hand to ground and to watch where they are walking. Wet wipes provided.			
Dogs	2	3	6	Be aware of the appearance of dogs and act accordingly (drop sticks, stand still, fold arms). Instruct attendees to not approach or taunt any			

				dog. If participants bring dogs ask them to respect other participant's space, leash accordingly and adhere to local signage.			
Disruptive/dangerous behaviour of public	2	3	6	Use tact and diplomacy to diffuse any unwanted behaviours from public. Be prepared to cancel activity should threatening behaviour continue. Always carry a mobile phone.			
Disruptive/dangerous behaviour of participants.	2	3	6	Group leaders to maintain constant supervision and be responsible for their group's behaviour. Cease activity if disruption continues or makes the situation dangerous for themselves and others.			
Damage to environment	2	2	4	General group instruction not to cause damage to the environment in any way during activity; mention the Countryside Code. Leave site as it is found. If unreasonable damage is being caused, move or stop the activity.			
Inappropriate use of photos	2	3	6	Staff and volunteers to take photos in line with current policies and procedures. Photographic consent form to be completed for storing and using photos.			

Emergency Contact	Phone Number	Have they been informed of event?

Other Contacts	Position/ Location	Number
South Yorkshire Police		0114 220 2020
Social Services	Children Services	0114 273 4855



Group/Trip:			
Date:			
Group Leader:		Mobile no:	
ICE:		Tel no:	
Journey	From:	To:	
Time	Leave:	Return:	
Weather	7-day forecast: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather">https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather</a>		
	2-day forecast:		
	Sunset: <a href="https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/uk/sheffield">https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/uk/sheffield</a>		
Transport	Car	Check car park location & directions (& size) Is it Pay & Display? Cash/card needed? Can you car share? Map needed?	
	Coach	Company contact/tel. Is there adequate turning/parking at destination? Wet weather cancellation/refund/rebook options	
	Bus/Tram	Check timetables Cash/card needed? Map needed?	
	Taxi	Check phone reception Cash needed?	
Facilities	Toilets	Are there accessible toilets? Do you need a RADAR key? <a href="https://www.bluebadgecompany.co.uk">https://www.bluebadgecompany.co.uk</a>	
	Cafe	Check opening times Accessible? Dietary requirements (gluten-free, halal) Book/pre-warn if large group Dogs allowed? Picnic spot?	
Activities	Appropriate for everyone - are there options? Specific items needed? (e.g. kites, binoculars, string, flora/fauna ID guides)		
Alternative Plan			



# The Countryside Code



## Respect other people

Please respect the local community and other people using the outdoors. Remember your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods.

### Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

- Respect the needs of local people and visitors alike – for example, don't block gateways, driveways or other paths with your vehicle.
- When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Co-operate with people at work in the countryside. For example, keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.
- Busy traffic on small country roads can be unpleasant and dangerous to local people, visitors and wildlife - so slow down and where possible, leave your vehicle at home, consider sharing lifts and use alternatives such as public transport or cycling. For public transport information, phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info).

## Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

- A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in, but may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.
- Follow paths unless wider access is available, such as on open country or registered common land (known as 'Open Access land').
- If you think a sign is illegal or misleading such as a 'Private - No Entry' sign on a public path, contact the local authority.
- Leave machinery and farm animals alone – don't interfere with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead.
- Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries if you can – climbing over walls, hedges and fences can damage them and increase the risk of farm animals escaping.
- Our heritage matters to all of us – be careful not to disturb ruins and historic sites.



## Protect the natural environment

We all have a responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees and try to leave no trace of your visit. When out with your dog make sure it is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, horses, wildlife or other people.



## Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

- Protecting the natural environment means taking special care not to damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees. They provide homes and food for wildlife, and add to everybody's enjoyment of the countryside.
- Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals – so take your litter home with you. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.
- Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property – so be careful with naked flames and cigarettes at any time of the year. Sometimes, controlled fires are used to manage vegetation, particularly on heaths and moors between 1st October and 15th April, but if a fire appears to be unattended then report it by calling 999.

## Keep dogs under effective control

- When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under **effective control**. This means that you:
  - keep your dog on a lead, or
  - keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command
  - ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access

- Special dog rules may apply in particular situations, so always look out for local signs – for example:
  - Dogs may be banned from certain areas that people use, or there may be restrictions, byelaws or control orders limiting where they can go.
  - The access rights that normally apply to open country and registered common land (known as 'Open Access' land) require dogs to be kept on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, to help protect ground nesting birds, and all year round near farm animals.
  - At the coast, there may also be some local restrictions to require dogs to be kept on a short lead during the bird breeding season, and to prevent disturbance to flocks of resting and feeding birds during other times of year.
- It's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'Open Access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner.
- However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

## Enjoy the outdoors

Even when going out locally, it's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go. For example, your rights to go onto some areas of Open Access land and coastal land may be restricted in particular places at particular times. Find out as much as you can about where you are going, plan ahead and follow advice and local signs.



### Plan ahead and be prepared

- You'll get more from your visit if you refer to up-to-date maps or guidebooks and websites before you go. Visit [www.gov.uk/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/natural-england) or contact local information centres or libraries for a list of outdoor recreation groups offering advice on specialist activities.
- You're responsible for your own safety and for others in your care – especially children – so be prepared for natural hazards, changes in weather and other events. Wild animals, farm animals and horses can behave unpredictably if you get too close, especially if they're with their young – so give them plenty of space.
- Check weather forecasts before you leave. Conditions can change rapidly especially on mountains and along the coast, so don't be afraid to turn back. When visiting the coast check for tide times at [www.ukho.gov.uk/easytide](http://www.ukho.gov.uk/easytide), don't risk getting cut off by rising tides and take care on slippery rocks and sea-weed.
- Part of the appeal of the countryside is that you can get away from it all. You may not see anyone for hours, and there are many places without clear mobile phone signals, so let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return.

### Follow advice and local signs

England has about 190,000 km (118,000 miles) of public rights of way, providing many opportunities to enjoy the natural environment. Get to know the signs and symbols used in the countryside to show paths and open countryside.

### Some of the symbols you may see



**Footpath** – open to walkers only, waymarked with a yellow arrow.



**Bridleway** – open to walkers, horse-riders and cyclists, waymarked with a blue arrow.



**Restricted byway** – open to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and horse-drawn vehicles, waymarked with a plum coloured arrow.



**Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT)** – open to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles, waymarked with a red arrow.



**National Trail Acorn** – identifies 15 long distance routes in England and Wales and the England Coast Path. All are open for walking and some trails are also suitable for cyclists, horse-riders and people with limited mobility. Check the National Trail website at [www.nationaltrail.co.uk](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk) for information including maps, trip planning tools and trail diversions.



**Open Access land** – 865,000 hectares of mountain, moorland, heathland, down land and registered common land (mapped under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) is available to people to walk, run, explore, climb and watch wildlife, without having to stay on paths. Similar rights are being extended in stages on coastal land in England (identified under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009). Check the Open Access web pages at [www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/MapSearch](http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/MapSearch) for maps, information and any current restrictions in place.



A 'negative' access symbol – may be used to mark the end of area-wide access although other access rights may exist, for example public rights of way.

# Countryside Code

## – advice for land managers

### Know your rights, responsibilities and liabilities

People visiting the countryside provide important income for the local economy. Most like to follow a visible route, prefer using proper access points like gates, and generally want to do the right thing – but they need your help.

- The Ordnance Survey's 1:25,000 maps show public rights of way and access land. These maps are not 'definitive'. If in doubt you can check the legal status of rights of way with your local authority. You can find out which areas of Open Access land are mapped under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 on the Open Access web pages at [www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/MapSearch](http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk/wps/portal/oasys/maps/MapSearch).
- For guidance on your rights, responsibilities and liabilities, contact your local authority or National Park authority. The Country Land and Business Association, [www.cla.org.uk](http://www.cla.org.uk), 020 7235 0511 and the National Farmers' Union, [www.nfuonline.com](http://www.nfuonline.com), on 024 7685 8500 can also offer advice.
- For specific queries about Open Access land, check the Open Access pages on GOV.UK at [www.gov.uk/guidance/open-access-land-management-rights-and-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-access-land-management-rights-and-responsibilities) or contact the Open Access Contact Centre, on 0300 0602091.

By law, you must keep rights of way clear and not obstruct people's entry onto access land – it's a criminal offence to discourage rights of public access with misleading signs.

- Trespassing is often unintentional – for advice on tackling trespass contact your local authority ([www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council](http://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council)).

### Make it easy for visitors to act responsibly

Most people who visit the countryside are keen to act responsibly and problems are normally due to a lack of understanding. There are a number of ways you can help them to realise their responsibilities:

- Keeping paths clear and waymarks and signs in good order and up to date will help people stick to the right routes and access points. Contact your local authority or National Park Authority to find out what help is available.
- Where there is public access through a boundary feature, such as a fence or hedge, create a gap if you can – or use an accessible gate or, if absolutely necessary, a stile. When installing completely new gates and stiles, make sure you have the permission of the local authority.

- Encourage people to respect your wishes by giving clear, polite guidance where it's needed. For example, telling visitors about your land management work helps them to avoid getting in your way.
- Rubbish attracts other rubbish – by getting rid of items such as farm waste properly, you'll discourage the illegal dumping of rubbish and encourage others to get rid of their rubbish responsibly.

### Identify possible threats to visitors' safety

People come to the countryside to enjoy themselves. They have the first line of responsibility to keep themselves and their children safe while there, but you need to ensure that your activities do not knowingly put them at risk.

- Consider possible man-made and natural hazards on your land and draw any 'hidden' risks to the public's attention.
- Try to avoid using electric fencing or barbed wire where people may accidentally touch it, particularly alongside narrow paths and bridleways.
- If electric fencing is used, ensure warning signs are visible.
- Use and store any chemicals or poisonous substances responsibly on your land. They may kill wildlife or cause harm to people or pets. Any pest control you undertake must be planned with this risk in mind.
- Animals likely to attack visitors should not be allowed to roam freely where the public has access – you may be liable for any resulting harm.
- Your duty of care under the Occupiers' Liability Acts of 1957 and 1984 depends on the type of access right people have – so it's important to know what rights, if any, apply to your land. By voluntarily dedicating land for permanent public access you may be able to reduce this liability.

**Natural England is here to secure a healthy natural environment for people to enjoy, where wildlife is protected and England's traditional landscapes are safeguarded for future generations.**

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# The Countryside Code

## Respect Protect Enjoy

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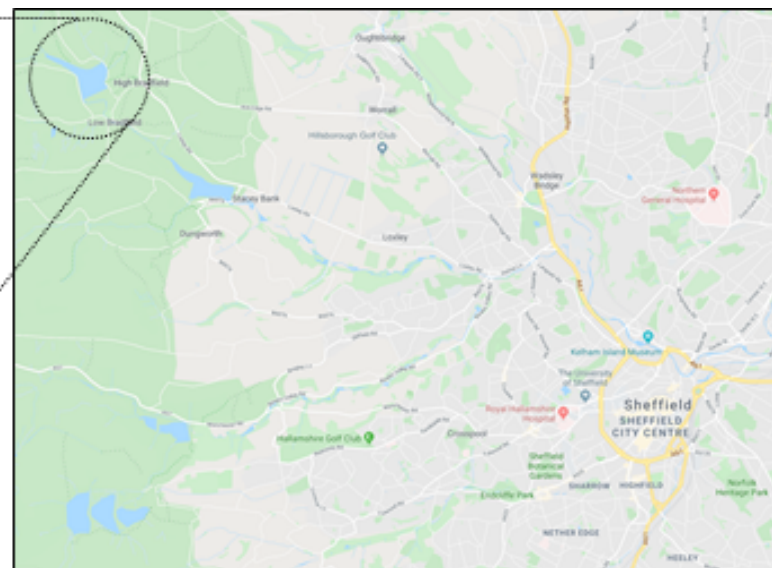
- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs



## AGDEN RESERVOIR WALK



<p><b>Start/Finish:</b> Flaskend/Post Office cafe, Low Bradfield</p> <p><b>Finish options:</b> Bus turning stop (Annett Lane, Stop ID: 37022302) or shelter near duck pond (Smithy Bridge Road, Stop ID: 37022306)</p>	<p>2.5 miles/4km; Approx. 1-2hrs</p>
<p><b>Facilities:</b> Flaskend/PostOffice &amp; Schoolrooms cafe, accessible toilets</p>	<p><i>Easy-moderate walking on woodland paths and tracks, some quiet roads and a steep stepped section</i></p>



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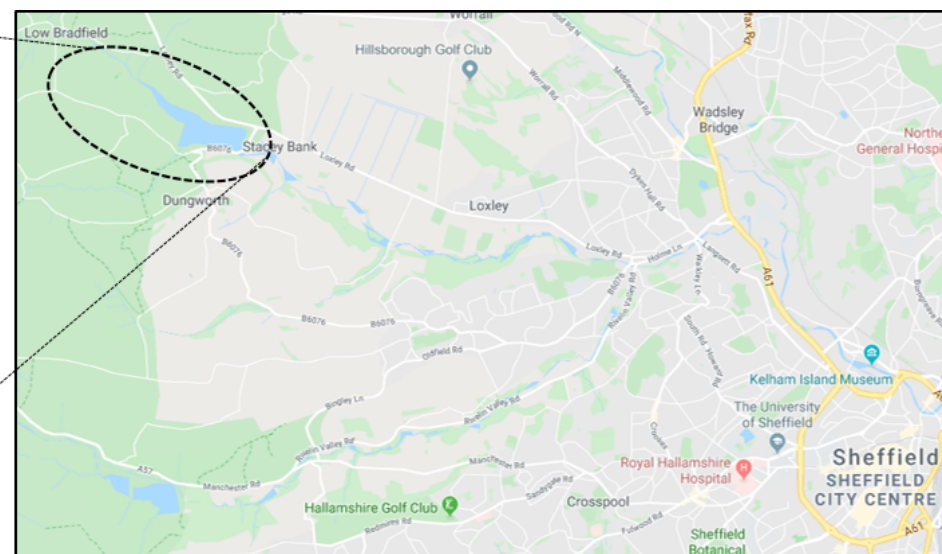


See this website for a detailed description of the walk: <http://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/Walks/AgdenReservoir.html>

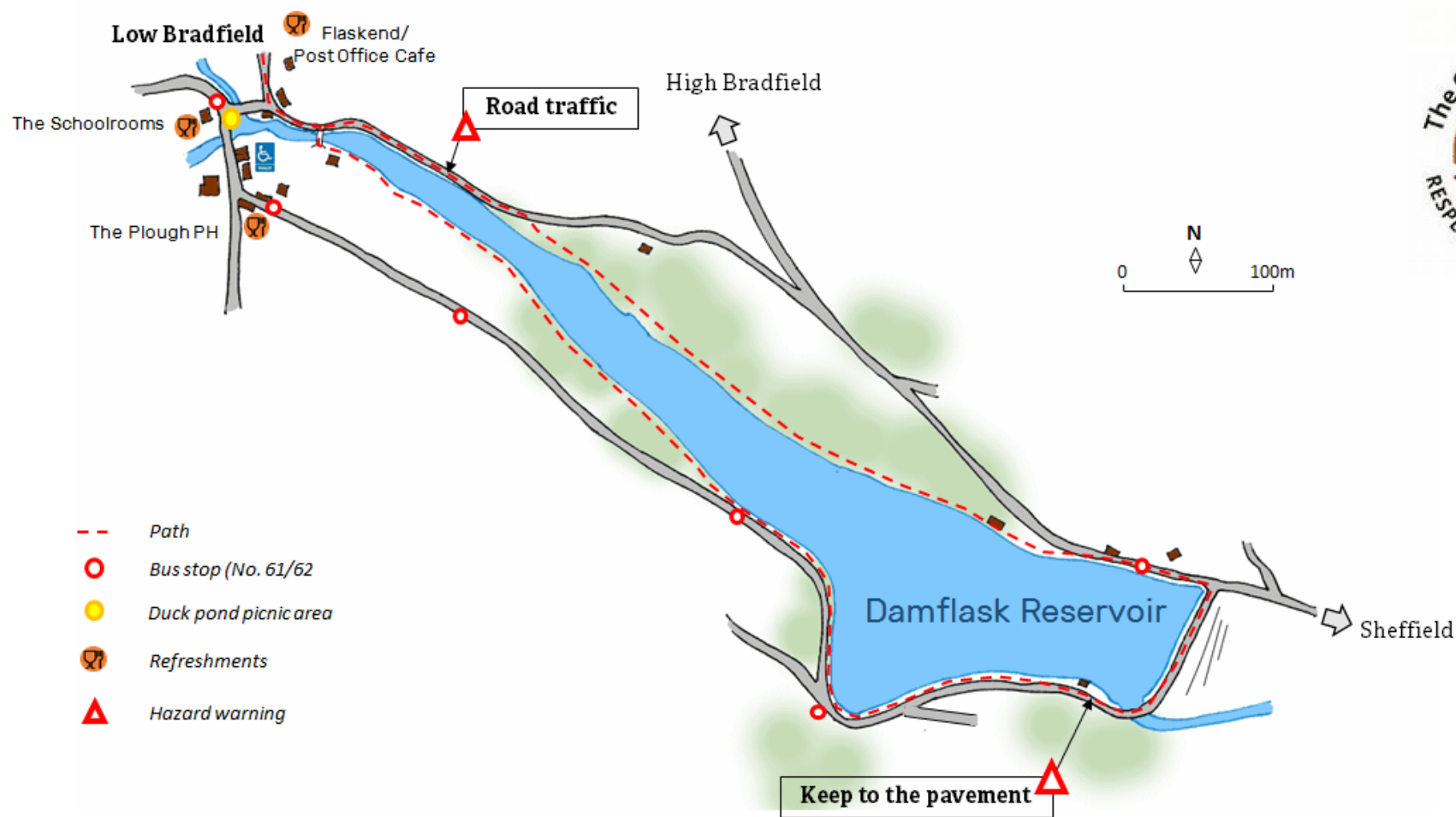
## DAMFLASK RESERVOIR WALK



<b>Start/Finish:</b> Flaskend/Post Office Cafe, Low Bradfield	3.5miles/ 5.6km; Approx. 2-3hrs
<b>Facilities:</b> Flaskend/PostOffice & Schoolrooms cafe, accessible toilets	<b>Easy-moderate walking on accessible woodland paths and tracks, close to reservoir shore</b>



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See this website for detailed descriptions of walks around Bradfield: <https://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/>



**The Churchyard**

Twelve victims of the 1864 flood are buried in the churchyard but only two families are commemorated on gravestones. The War Memorial, where the 24 men of the parish killed in the First World War are remembered, is in the north-west section of the graveyard. The names of three men killed in the Second World War have been added since. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is responsible for the upkeep of eight graves. Another 19 family graves remember men who died in the Wars but were buried abroad.

The oldest graves are on the south side of the churchyard. On the south path near the porch is the grave of Nicholas Stede, buried in 1639. His stone was moved to its present position during the widening of the path. Also on the path is an unfinished gravestone that surely makes everyone smile - "Here lieth the body of Joseph Beaver who died".

Please sign the Visitors' Book at the back of church before you leave.

**We hope that you have enjoyed your visit.  
May God bless you as you go on your way.**

You will be made very welcome at any of the  
**Church Services**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in the month:

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)      6:30pm Evensong

2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month:

10:30am Holy Communion (CW)      6:30pm Evensong

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:

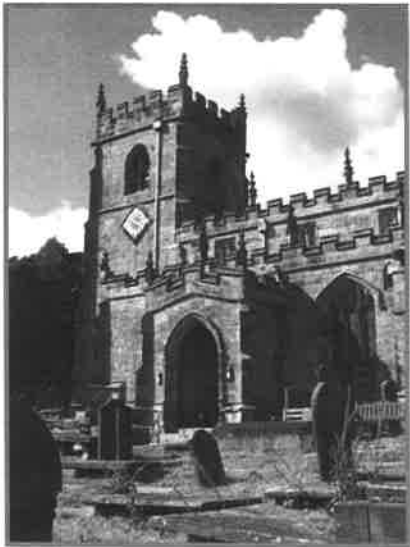
10:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)      6:30pm Holy Communion

Every Sunday: 10:30am Toddlers' Church

Holy Days: 10:00am Holy Communion

Baptisms, weddings and funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

welcome to  
**st nicholas' church**  
**BRADFELD**



A Christian church has stood on this site for around 900 years and the present building is over 500 years old. During this time countless generations have come to worship God and ask for His blessings. However, this is not just a church of the past but a living community which has evolved through changing congregations and will continue to do so for generations of Christians yet to be born.

Even before entering the church, the visitor to Bradfield is reminded of over 1000 years of history connected with this tiny village, but large parish, in the foothills of the Pennines. To the north-west of the church stands a motte and bailey fortress built by William the Conqueror's knights. Before then, Bradfield held a strategic role as a boundary area between Roman and Celtic England, the kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia, and now the Archbishoprics of Yorks and Canterbury.

To the south lies Low Bradfield where a Saxon cross was found, indicating a Christian place of worship in the area long before the first stone-built church in Bradfield. Until 1868 the Church of St Nicholas, first built about 1109, was a chapel-of-ease in the large parish of Ecclesfield. Both places of worship were under the control of the monks of St Wandrille's Abbey in Normandy. Surviving remains of the Norman church include two rounded pillars in the north aisle. Behind the church gate stands the Watch House which was built, in 1831, to combat body-snatchers who needed corpses for research in Sheffield's recently founded medical schools.

Start your tour at the west end of the church and glance up at the roof as you walk round. The beams are remarkable for the 76 bosses dating from the late 15<sup>th</sup> century. On the centre beam, among other interesting carvings, you can see the Talbot dog of the Earls of Shrewsbury surmounting the chancel arch and a 'green man' over the aisle crossing. The oak chandeliers hanging from the beams, designed by the ecclesiastical architect GG Pace, were added in 1951 when the church had electricity installed.



Text: John & Julia Hatfield

Design: HERITAGE INSPIRED ([www.heritageinspired.org.uk](http://www.heritageinspired.org.uk))





### The Tower (1)

The tower houses a peal of eight bells. Six older bells were replaced by Taylors of Loughborough in 1847 and another two were cast by the same firm in 1996. A small meeting room is at ground level in the tower.

### The Font (2)

The plain Norman font is made of magnesian limestone and has a lead-lined bowl. It is possible that it was given by the monks of Roche Abbey in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The church's Baptism records go back to 1559.

### The Saxon Cross (3)

The five bosses or balls on the cross are thought to represent drops of Christ's blood similar to consecration crosses found on some stone altars.

### The Medieval Window (4)

This contains fragments of original 15<sup>th</sup> century glass with fine examples of 'silver staining'. It was put together during a large re-ordering of the church in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### The 'Comper' Window (5)

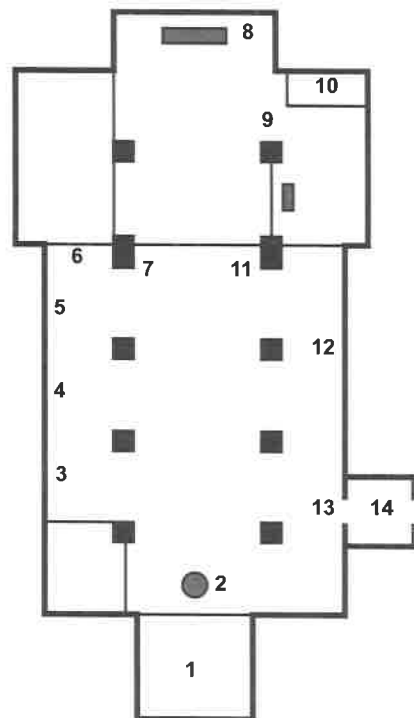
By the eminent designer Sir John Ninian Comper, the window has his trademark strawberry in the bottom right-hand corner. There are 15 other stained glass windows in the church, all but one installed during the re-ordering.

### The Oak Chest (6)

The chest is a 12<sup>th</sup> century 'dug-out', hewn from a solid tree trunk. The only join is where the lid is hinged on. One of the largest existing chests in the country, it was made from an oak of over 10ft girth and used to store donations for the Crusades.

### The Pulpit (7)

Most of the present furniture was carved and fitted by the Sheffield wood craftsman Arthur Hayball and his daughter, Clara, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. After her father's death, Clara continued the carving including the five intricate panels of the pulpit which depict Christ and the four Gospel writers with their symbols.



### The Reredos and Altar (8)

In the sanctuary, the reredos is comprised of oak panels brought from Caen in Normandy by the then Rector, in 1886, and assembled by the Hayballs. Larger panels of the same origin decorate the front and sides of the altar.

### The Morewood Brass (9)

In memory of the well-known local family of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, John and Grace Morewood are depicted kneeling at a prayer desk surrounded by their nine sons and seven daughters.

### The Sunken Vestry (10)

An unusual feature off the chancel is the sunken vestry which once provided refuge for visiting priests who might have to stay the night during inclement weather.

### The Lectern (11)

The oak eagle lectern was carved in New York and won a major award at the 1876 Philadelphia International Exhibition. It was donated to the church by a Canadian benefactor.

### The Flood Plaque (12)

A slate plaque in the south aisle commemorates the Sheffield Flood of 1864 when the nearby Dale Dyke Dam burst and 240 people were drowned.

### The Royal Coat of Arms (13)

Above the main south door is a surviving Royal Coat of Arms from the reign of George III. It was painted by Edward Bennett in 1805, probably to celebrate Nelson's victory at Trafalgar.

### The Porch (14)

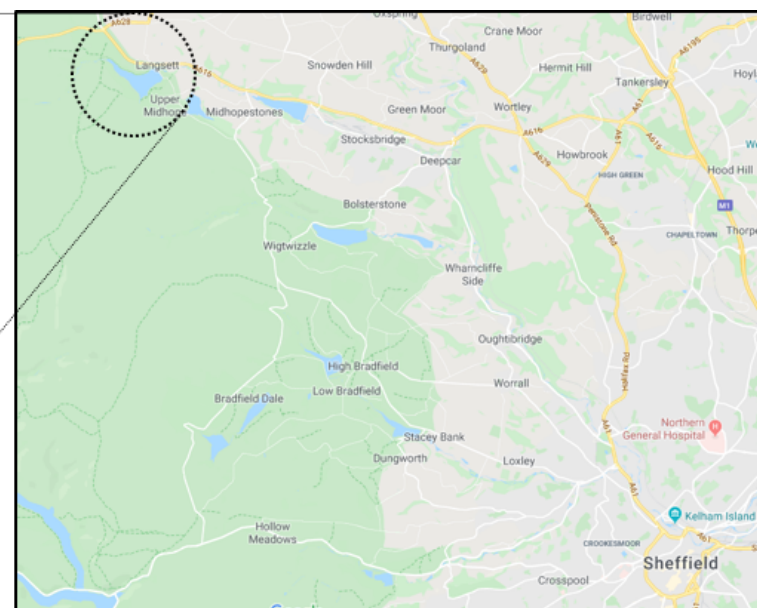
Whilst in the porch, facing the exterior, take a look just above eye-level on the left wall. There are re-used sections of a medieval coffin lid showing the shaft of a Calvary (stepped) cross. The grooves in the stone seats of the porch are a result of arrows being sharpened - the church was a meeting place and in medieval times archery would have been practised in the churchyard.

Now take a look round the outside of the church. A square bell tower was added to the Norman structure in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century before the church was rebuilt and enlarged in the 1480s. There are many gargoyles staring down on people passing by.

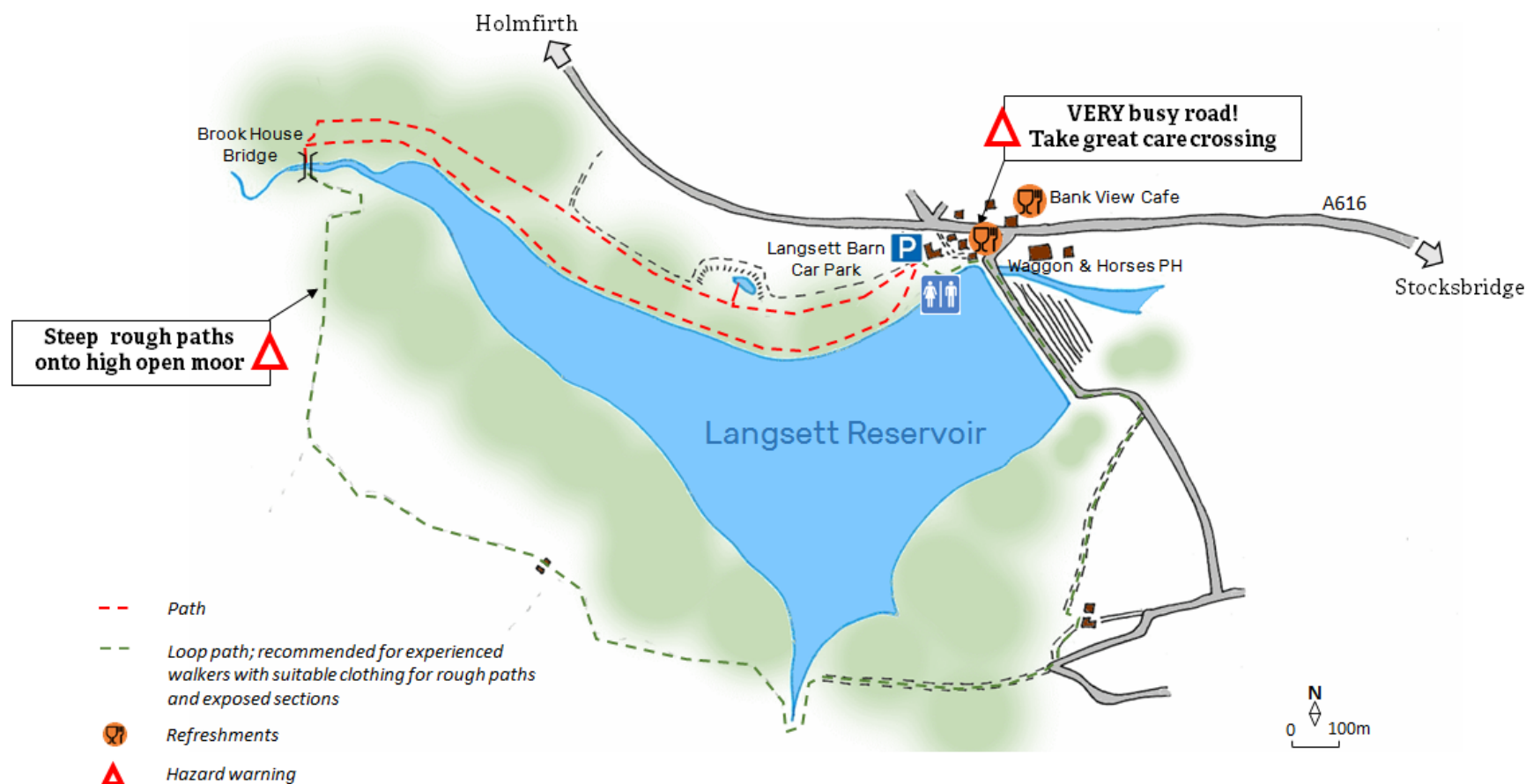
## LANGSETT RESERVOIR WALK



<b>Star/Finisht:</b> Langsett Barn Car Park	2 miles/ 3km; Approx. 1-2hrs
<b>Facilities:</b> Bank View Cafe, accessible toilets	<i>Easy-moderate walking on woodland paths and tracks, close to reservoir shore and up to a peaceful quarry pond (former WWII camp).</i>



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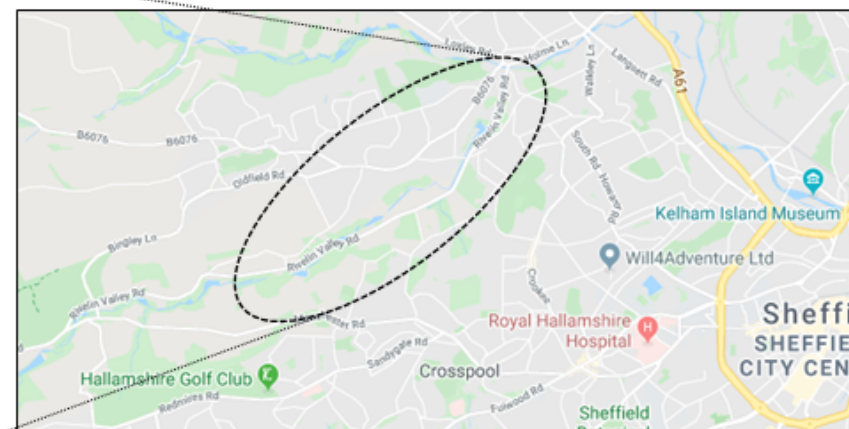
See this website for a detailed description of the walk around the entire reservoir: <https://www.walksinyorkshire.com/our-walks/langsett-reservoir-walk/>



## RIVELIN RIVER WALK

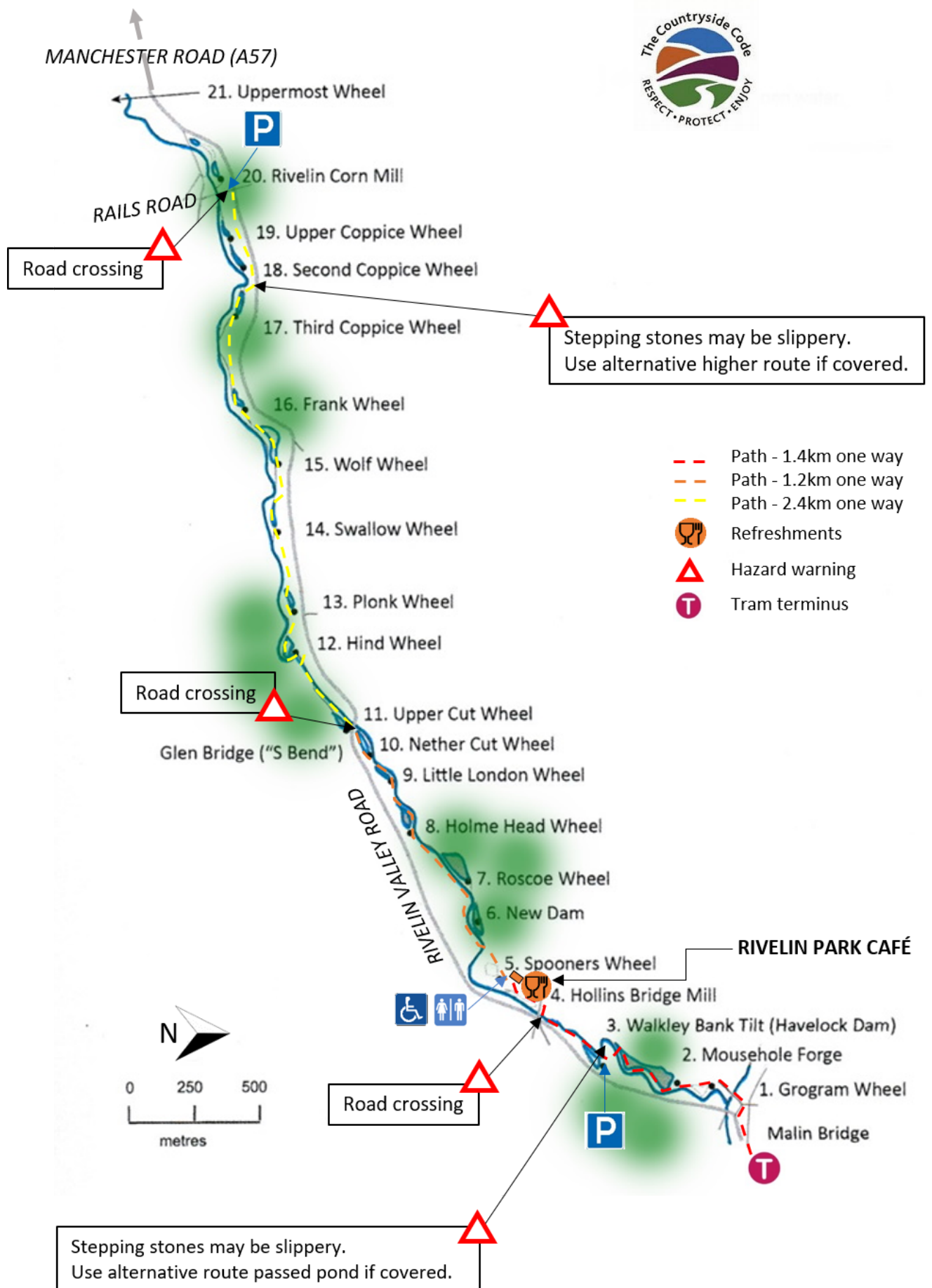


<b>Start/Finish:</b> Malin Bridge tram terminus (BLUE)	2miles/3km; Approx. 1-2hrs
<b>Facilities:</b> Rivelin Park Cafe, accessible toilets, Rivelin Valley Paddling Pools	<i>Easy-moderate walking on wooded riverside paths. Options to extend the walk but the path becomes more uneven upstream. Much historical interest.</i>



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For more information about the Rivelin Valley: <http://rivelinvalley.org.uk/>

# Rivelin Valley Nature and Heritage Trail

## From industry to nature

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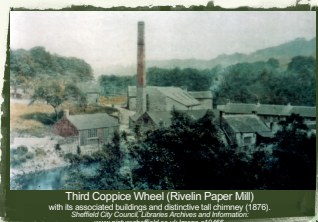
Pipistrelle  
Bat



Wood Sorrel



Bluebell



Third Coppice Wheel (Rivelin Paper Mill)  
with its associated buildings and distinctive tall chimney (1870).  
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Roscoe stepping stones (optional route)  
Photograph: S. Shaw (2014)



Rivelin Chair Sculpture  
by local artist Jason Thomson (2011).  
Crafted to appear like a seat made of coppice wood and to reflect metalwork left behind from the old mills, and the twisted tree roots winding around the old dam walls.  
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1. Grogan Wheel
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18. Second Coppice Wheel
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20. Rivelin Corn Mill
21. Uppermost Wheel (NOT ACCESSIBLE)

Rails Road  
Car Park, picnic  
area & outdoor  
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King Edwards

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Blackbrook bridge



Mallard



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Kingfisher



Long Tailed Tit



Heron



Wren

## Footpaths and access

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Trail (marked in red) is 3 miles



## Further information

To find out more about the individual sites, use the QR Codes and NFC tags located on a series of interpretation posts found along the valley. A book "Walking the Rivelin", which describes the industrial heritage and natural history along the trail, is also available from the Rivelin café and other outlets (see [www.rivelinvalley.org.uk](http://www.rivelinvalley.org.uk)).

Look out for one of these mill marker posts



Rivelin Park Café  
Toilets & disabled facilities  
Children's play area



Spooners Wheel and mill dam in the late 19th or early 20th century.  
The current café was built on the site of the workshops and the children's play area on the infilled mill dam.  
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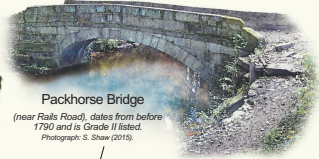
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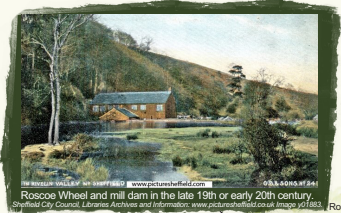
The Rivelin trail passing between the Frank Wheel head gate (left) and the river (right). Photograph: S. Shaw (2015).



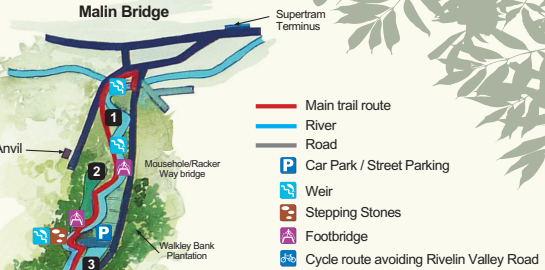
Packhorse Bridge (near Rails Road), dated from before 1790 and is Grade II listed. Photograph: S. Shaw (2015).



A waterfall on the Black Brook cascades into the river near Third Coppice Wheel. Photograph: D. Hastings (2009).

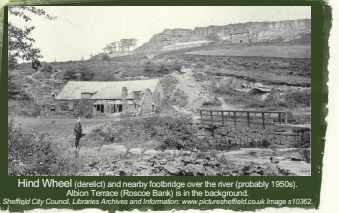


Roscoe Wheel and mill dam in the late 19th or early 20th century. Sheffield City Council, Libraries Archives and Information. www.sheffield.gov.uk. Image #10362.



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Rivelin Park Café  
Rivelin water play area  
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Hind Wheel (derelict) and nearby footbridge over the river (probably 1950s). Albert Tinsley (Roscoe Bank) is in the background. Sheffield City Council, Libraries Archives and Information. www.sheffield.gov.uk. Image #10362.

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### Our walk difficulty ratings

In this pack you'll find directions to each location, a summary of the walk, a list of facilities available, a detailed route map and route instructions.



These walks are easy to complete and do not require special footwear. Most of the walks are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.



These walks are mainly flat and on surfaced paths, however they can become muddy in wet weather.



These walks include rough terrain and steeper gradients, making them unsuitable for young children and the infirm.



These walks are for the experienced ramblers, are at high altitudes and require good compass reading skills. Walking boots, food and drink and appropriate clothing and waterproofs are essential.

### A few things to look out for

#### Easy access



For our easy access guide go to the Yorkshire Water website recreation section, and click on the wheelchair and easy access symbol to find all of the activities which are suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs across Yorkshire.

#### Podcasts



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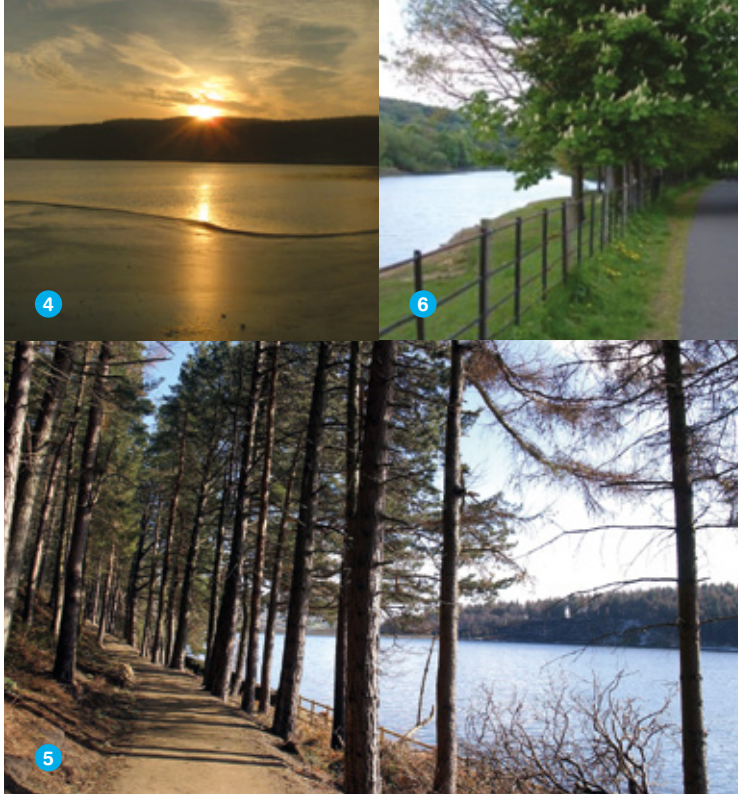




# Enjoy a free day out on us

You can try all kinds of outdoor activities on our land including some of Yorkshire's finest walks and cycle routes. Here are just a few of the walks available for you to enjoy...

- 1 **Agden (3.5 miles)**  
North-west of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield. 
- 2 **Dale Dike (2.5 miles)**  
West of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield. 
- 3 **Damflask (3.5 miles) (Easy access)**  
Near Low Bradfield situated to the north-west of Sheffield. 
- 4 **Redmires (2.5 miles)**  
West of Lodge Moor situated to the west of Sheffield. 
- 5 **Langsett (3 miles) (Easy access 0.5 miles)**  
East of Stocksbridge on the A616. 
- 6 **More Hall (3.4 miles)**  
South of Stocksbridge. 



## 1 Agden

### Description

This walk begins in the farming village of Low Bradfield, north-west of Sheffield. It offers walkers plenty to see along the way including the quaint villages of High & Low Bradfield, picturesque woodlands and the rippling waters of Agden Reservoir. The route is mainly level apart from a small incline up to High Bradfield. Stout shoes are recommended. Please keep your dog on a lead through fields. The walk is 3.5 miles long.

### Location

North-west of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield.

### OS Map

Explorer OL1.

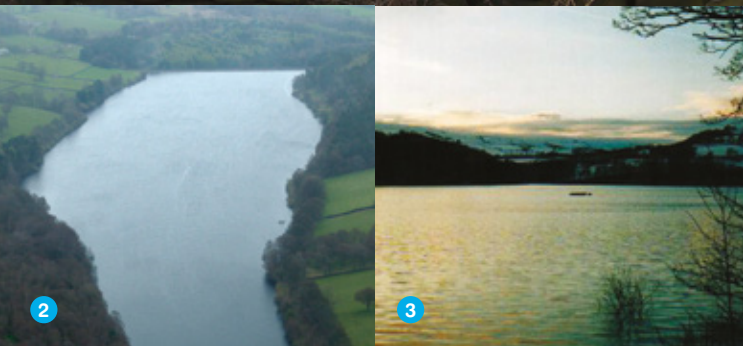
### Access

Start from the public car park in Low Bradfield off 'The Sands' (point 1), on the west side of the stream.

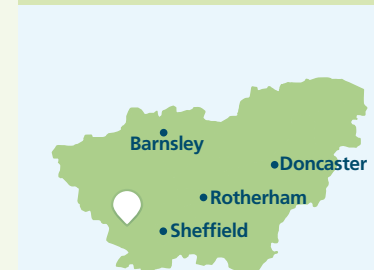
### Facilities



### Difficulty



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## 3 Damflask



### Description

Situated near the charming village of Low Bradfield this long circular easy access route gives ample scope to enjoy long stretches of woodland and waterside. The route also offers fantastic panoramic views across Damflask Reservoir where you may spot the odd angler looking for the catch of the day or sailing boats skimming over the water. The route is 3.5 miles long.

### Location

Near Low Bradfield situated to the north-west of Sheffield.

### OS Map

Outdoor Leisure 1 – Dark Peak.

### Access

There is no car park at the reservoir, however roadside parking is possible.

### Difficulty



Photograph: Sharon Trees



## 2 Dale Dike

### Description

An invigorating walk, this route will appeal to walkers looking for a mixture of woodlands and rough pastures. The diversity of this area means that wildlife flourishes, so keep your eyes peeled along the way. Although the waterside path is fairly easy going, the route can become quite muddy. The walk is 3.7 miles long.

### Location

West of Low Bradfield, near Sheffield.

### OS Map

Explorer OL1.

### Access

There is roadside parking at the top of the track leading to Strines Reservoir and Brogging, (point 1) about half a mile from the Strines Inn. There is further parking a mile further north-east along Mortimer Road by the next road junction.

### Difficulty



## 4 Redmires

### Description

A circular walk from the upper Redmires Reservoir, this route crosses the moors to the south of the 3 tiered reservoirs. As you descend down the path you'll have stunning views of these intriguingly shaped reservoirs which are visited by thousands of wildfowl and waders each year. Upon reaching the valley at the bottom, the walk returns to the car park through the woodlands of Redmires plantation and Redmires Road. The walk is reasonably level but can be uneven and wet under foot and sturdy footwear is recommended. The walk is 2.5 miles long.

### Location

West of Lodge Moor situated to the west of Sheffield.

### OS Map

Outdoor Leisure 1 – The Peak District, Dark Peak Area.

### Access

From Redmires Road running west from Lodge Moor. There are 2 car parks off Redmires Road, but they are not owned by Yorkshire Water. There is roadside parking. Please park carefully with consideration for other road users.

### Facilities



### Difficulty



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## 5 Langsett



### Description

This route meanders through woodland and across open moor providing spectacular views from higher ground, especially from the ruins known as North America. There are some steep climbs so this walk will appeal to the more adventurous walker. Boots are recommended. The walk is 3 miles long.

### Location

East of Stocksbridge on the A616.

### OS Map

Outdoor Leisure 1

### Access

We've a car park at Langsett Barn on the A616 where there are public toilets including facilities for the less able.

### Facilities



### Difficulty



Photograph: Roger Nunn



To discover walks, cycle rides, easy access paths, places to go fishing or try watersports visit:

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## 6 More Hall

### Description

This route is ideal for walkers looking for a bit of variety whilst getting away from life's daily grind. There are two walks of different lengths, one running around the edge of More Hall Reservoir in the Ewden Valley, the other following the same path but extending the walk into woodland and the lanes of the valley to the south. The woodland path can become muddy when wet so boots are recommended. The walk is 3.4 miles long.

### Location

South of Stocksbridge.

### OS Map

Outdoor Leisure 1 – Peak District, Dark Peak.

### Access

Park at the western end of the private road which runs along the north side of More Hall, near Ewden Village (point 1).

### Difficulty



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<b>Sheffield Ramblers</b> <a href="http://www.sheffieldramblers.org/">http://www.sheffieldramblers.org/</a>	Easy-Intermediate walks	Various Tues, Wed & Sun (various public transport)
<b>Sheffield Cha Walkers</b> <a href="http://sheffield-cha.org.uk/index.html">http://sheffield-cha.org.uk/index.html</a>	Variety of lengths and difficulty	Various Tues, Thurs & Sat
<b>Bradfield Walkers</b> <a href="https://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/">https://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/</a>	For walks around Bradfield, Damflask and Agden Reservoirs	Various Tues, Wed & Sun (Bus 61/62)
<b>Stocksbridge Walkers</b> <a href="https://stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/">https://stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/</a>	For walks around Langsett Reservoir	More information at Bank View Cafe
<b>Ringinglow Walks</b> <a href="http://www.norfolkarms.com/ringinglow-walks">http://www.norfolkarms.com/ringinglow-walks</a>	For walks from the Norfolk Arms pub, Ringinglow	Various days and start locations (Bus 181)
<b>Step-Out Sheffield - Walking for Health</b> <a href="https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/yorkshire-and-humber/sheffield-step-out-better-lifestyle">https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/yorkshire-and-humber/sheffield-step-out-better-lifestyle</a>	For short walks 30-60 minutes	Various days and start locations citywide

<b>Ramblers Association</b> <a href="https://www.ramblers.org.uk/">https://www.ramblers.org.uk/</a>	Find a route: <a href="https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-walk-or-route.aspx?layer=routes.walks&amp;place name=Sheffield,%20England&amp;lat=53.38270&amp;lng=-1.465900">https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-walk-or-route.aspx?layer=routes.walks&amp;place name=Sheffield,%20England&amp;lat=53.38270&amp;lng=-1.465900</a>	Find a group: <a href="https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-walk-or-route.aspx?layer=routes.walks&amp;place name=Sheffield,%20England&amp;lat=53.382970&amp;lng=-1.465900#">https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/find-a-walk-or-route.aspx?layer=routes.walks&amp;place name=Sheffield,%20England&amp;lat=53.382970&amp;lng=-1.465900#</a>
<b>Sheffield Round Walk</b>	<a href="https://www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk/blog/read/2019/01/sheffield-round-walk-b114">https://www.theoutdoorcity.co.uk/blog/read/2019/01/sheffield-round-walk-b114</a> Good general resource for walking around Sheffield	
<b>Sheffield Telegraph</b>	Good source of walks and events across the city	

## LAKELAND PARTNER CONTACTS

<b>Holly Hagg - Alpaca Treks &amp; Community Farm</b>	<a href="https://hollyhagg.org.uk/">https://hollyhagg.org.uk/</a>
<b>Our Cow Molly</b>	<a href="http://www.ourcowmolly.co.uk/">http://www.ourcowmolly.co.uk/</a>
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## About Us

The Sheffield Walking for Health scheme offers a choice of 60 walks each week from 29 locations across the city. Step out Sheffield is a volunteer-led organisation which provides accredited short walks of up to an hour. Our walks are free and run throughout the year. We don't stop walking in school holidays and, with the exception of Christmas Day, some volunteers even lead walks during Christmas week. Our walks are open to all. You don't need a medical condition in order to join one, we feel that getting out and socializing is just as important as the exercise. Come along and meet new friends and have fun.

Walks typically last from 30 minutes to an hour. If you can't manage to walk for 30 minutes initially, don't worry. We'll start where you are at and help you progress week by week. 160 trained walk leaders lead walks on a regular basis, some of them volunteering two or three times every week. These volunteers help make the walks enjoyable and keep the walkers safe.

To join any of our walks all you need to do is to arrive at the meeting point approximately 10mins before the walk is scheduled to start and introduce yourself to one of the volunteer walk leaders (they are the ones in the hi-vis jackets). They will tell you a little bit about that particular walk and introduce you to another walker so you won't be on your own. If you prefer, you can ring our helpline (07505639524) to check details for the walk or walks you are interested in.

Step out Sheffield is the biggest volunteer-led Walking for Health scheme in the country. We are very proud of this and also very proud to have had the quality of our walks recognised by walking for Health in the form of accreditation. This means that health professionals can refer their clients to us with confidence.

In 1999 Walking for Health piloted a dozen schemes across the country. Sheffield was one. At that time the project was administered by the Parks and countryside Department of Sheffield City Council. The first walk was launched in April 1999 in the Parson Cross Area. From that small beginning the project grew and grew. When, in 2016, because of austerity cuts, the city council were no longer able to support the Sheffield Health Walk scheme, the volunteer walk leaders took the reins. The name of the scheme was changed to Step out Sheffield and the project became completely self-managed.

To find out more about walking in Sheffield please visit [www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk](http://www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk) (<http://www.healthwalksinnsheffield.btck.co.uk>)

## Our Walks

Walk name	Route options available	Length (hours)
<a href="#">Bolehills Park (/content/bolehill-park)</a>	Mondays 10:15am to leave at 10:30 am	1:00
<a href="#">Bramall Lane (/content/bramall-lane)</a>	Wednesdays 10.20am to leave at 10.30am	1:00
<a href="#">City Centre (/content/city-centre)</a>	Wednesdays - 12.25 to leave at 12.30pm	0:45
<a href="#">Crystal Peaks (/content/crystal-peaks)</a>	Mondays (except Bank Holidays) 9.50 to leave at 10am	1:00
<a href="#">Ecclesall Woods Thursday walk (/content/ecclesall-woods-thursday-walk)</a>	Thursdays 10.20am to leave at 10.30am	1:00
<a href="#">Ecclesall Woods Tuesday walk (/content/ecclesall-woods-tuesday-walk)</a>	Tuesdays 10.20am to leave at 10.30am	1:00
<a href="#">Ecclesfield (/content/ecclesfield)</a>	Wednesdays 1.50pm to leave at 2pm	1:00
<a href="#">Firshill (/content/firshill)</a>	Thursdays - 10.05am to leave at 10.15am	1:00
<a href="#">Firth Park (/content/firth-park)</a>	Mondays (except Bank Holidays) 11.20am to leave at 11.30am	1:00
<a href="#">Forge Dam/Whiteley Woods (/content/forge-dam-whiteley-woods)</a>	Thursdays 1.45pm to leave at 2pm	1:00
<a href="#">Frecheville (/content/frecheville)</a>	Thursdays - 9.50 to leave at 10am	1:00
<a href="#">Gleadless (/content/gleadless)</a>	Wednesdays 12.20pm to leave at 12.30pm	1:00
<a href="#">Graves Leisure Centre (/content/graves-leisure-centre-0)</a>	Fridays 10.20 to leave at 10.30.	1:00
<a href="#">Graves Park (/content/graves-park)</a>	Mondays 9.45am to leave at 10am	1:00
<a href="#">Grenoside (/content/grenoside)</a>	Thursdays 9.50am to leave at 10am	1:00
<a href="#">Hackenthorpe (/content/hackenthorpe)</a>	Thursdays 1.45pm to leave at 2pm	1:00

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Handsworth (/content/handsworth)	Tuesdays 1.20pm to leave at 1.30pm	1:00
Hillsborough (/content/hillsborough)	Thursdays 10.50am to leave at 11.00am	1:00
Lowedges (/content/lowedges)	Thursdays 10.20am to leave at 10.30am	1:00
Norfolk Park (/content/norfolk-park)	Fridays 10am to leave at 10.15am	0:45
Pitsmoor (/content/pitsmoor)	Tuesdays - 1.20pm to leave at 1.30pm	1:00
Porter Valley (/content/porter-valley)	Tuesdays 1.20pm to leave at 1.30pm	1:00
Richmond (/content/richmond)	Wednesdays 1.45pm to leave at 2pm	1:00
Sheffield Wednesday Football Ground Walk (/content/sheffield-wednesday-football-ground-walk)	Thursdays - 12.45 to leave at 1pm.	1:00
Stannington (/content/stannington)	Tuesdays 10.05am to leave at 10.15am	1:00
Stocksbridge (/content/stocksbridge)	Wednesdays 10.20 to leave at 10.30am	1:00
Totley (/content/totley)	Wednesdays 10.20am to leave at 10.30am	1:00
Wisewood/Wadsley (/content/wisewoodwadsley)	Thursdays 10.30am to leave at 10.45am	1:00
Woodhouse (/content/woodhouse)	Fridays 1.25pm to leave at 1.30pm	1:00

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Contact



Join this scheme as a walker (/join\_this\_scheme\_as\_walker/807)

Downloads

walks programme leaflet 2018.pdf (https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/walks%20programme%20leaflet%202018.pdf)



(/sites/default/files/Our\_step\_out\_sheffield\_2018.pdf) (https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Our\_step\_out\_sheffield\_2018.pdf)

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a dark jacket and dark trousers, stands in a sun-dappled forest with their arms raised in a gesture of joy or triumph. The background is filled with lush green foliage and tall trees, with sunlight filtering through the canopy.

# Five

## ways to wild wellbeing

Building these five actions into your everyday life can improve your mental and physical health

### Be Active

Explore your nearest nature reserve

### Take Notice

of the everyday wildness on your doorstep

### Connect

with the people around you, share your wildlife experiences

### Give

Volunteer for your Wildlife Trust

### Learn

Let nature be your teacher

Find out more at  
[wildlifetrusts.org](http://wildlifetrusts.org)





# Nature and Mental health



## Nature improves your health

Daily contact with nature is linked to reduced levels of chronic stress, reductions in obesity and improved concentration, so get your colleagues outside and help them feel healthier.



## Nature makes happier workers

Green your office by creating an outside area and encouraging lunchtime walks. There is a 10% reduction in work absence if employees are able to look at a green space rather than a wall.



## Green offices boost productivity

Adding plants and photos of wildlife (or even playing birdsong!) can help your colleagues at work. Employees are 15% more productive when workplaces have even a few houseplants.



## Nature makes you more active

Map out local walking routes in wild places for people to enjoy at lunchtime. People with easy access to nature are three times as likely to be active as those without access.



## Green exercise can save the NHS money

Ecotherapy could reduce antidepressant prescription costs, so encourage walking meetings and exercise in your workplace. Mind has shown that green exercise benefits health and wellbeing

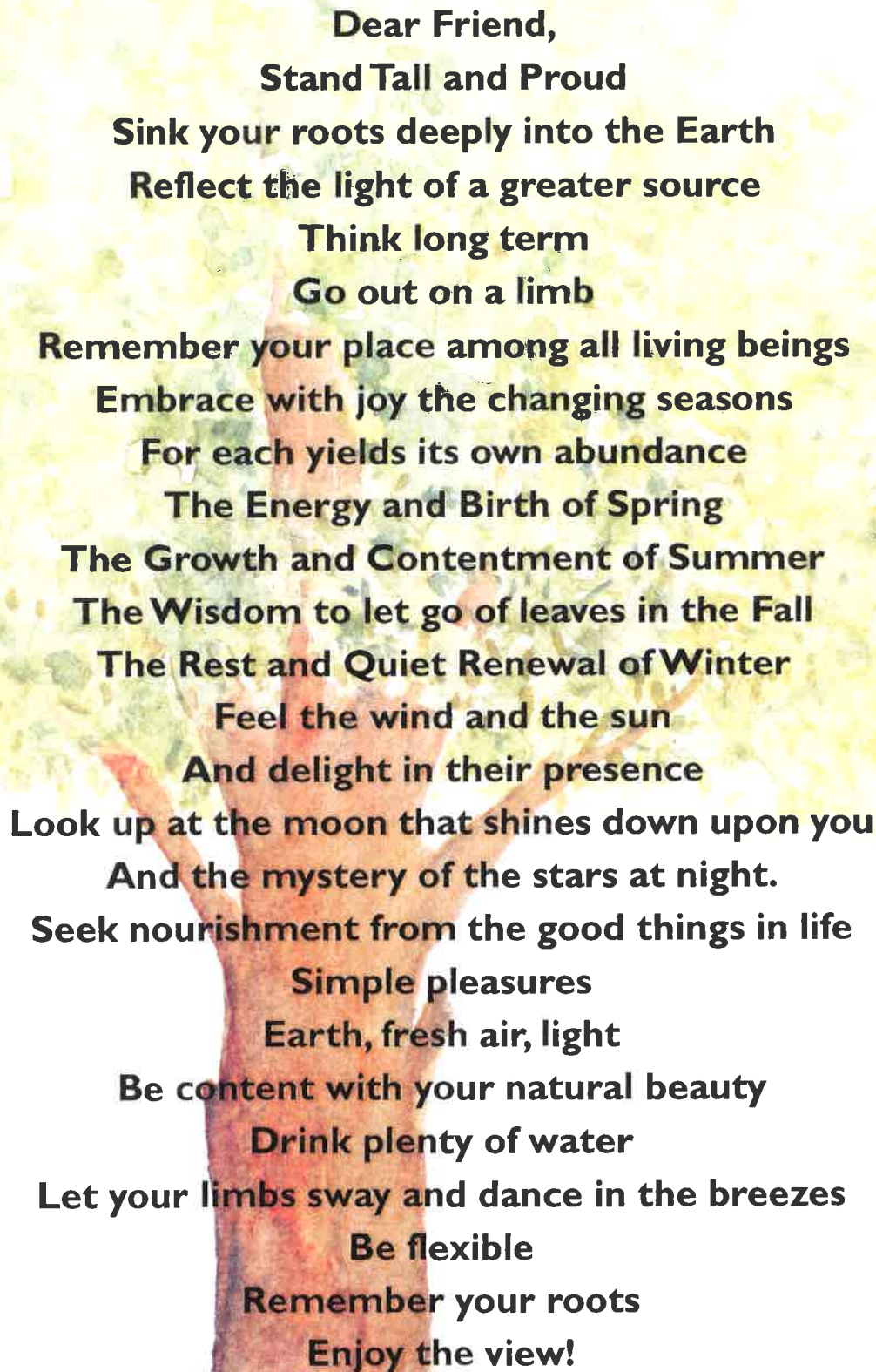


## Green neighbourhoods cut depression

Natural features near houses reduce mental illness. Work with neighbours to create wildflower borders and bird feeding stations.



# Advice From A Tree



Dear Friend,  
Stand Tall and Proud  
Sink your roots deeply into the Earth  
Reflect the light of a greater source  
Think long term  
Go out on a limb  
Remember your place among all living beings  
Embrace with joy the changing seasons  
For each yields its own abundance  
The Energy and Birth of Spring  
The Growth and Contentment of Summer  
The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall  
The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter  
Feel the wind and the sun  
And delight in their presence  
Look up at the moon that shines down upon you  
And the mystery of the stars at night.  
Seek nourishment from the good things in life  
Simple pleasures  
Earth, fresh air, light  
Be content with your natural beauty  
Drink plenty of water  
Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes  
Be flexible  
Remember your roots  
Enjoy the view!

By Ilan Shamir





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# Sheffield & Rotherham

## Your Guide to Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

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**LOOK INSIDE FOR:**

Spotlight on nature reserves, what's on,  
volunteering opportunities, community  
programmes and taking action for wildlife.



# Welcome



Welcome to Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, and thank you so much for giving your support to local wildlife, its habitats and the Sheffield and Rotherham communities. As a member you are standing up for wildlife and helping to create and protect wildlife havens, inspire and engage people with the natural world and encourage sustainable living in your local area.

You have joined a nationwide movement of 46 independent Wildlife Trusts with over 800,000 members across the UK, the Isle of Man and Channel Islands; all working in their own local areas to make an environment rich in wildlife for everyone.

Together with our members and volunteers we are able to care for 15 local nature reserves totalling some 600 hectares across Sheffield and Rotherham; ranging from breathtaking Blacka Moor and the rich and diverse Ancient Woodlands at Moss Valley, to tiny Salmon Pastures and Sunnybank in the heart of the city, as well as wetland, grassland, river and heath from Wyming Brook to Kilnhurst Ings.

You are also helping to support our Community Engagement programme, including community stewardship and environmental regeneration projects in some of Sheffield and Rotherham's most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, and a full programme of activities for people of all ages promoting health and wellbeing, from Wildplay for toddlers to Wild at Heart for older people.

Your membership helps to strengthen our voice for wildlife on local and national forums as we campaign on local and national issues that put wildlife and its habitats in our area at risk.

So whether you like wildlife gardening, birdwatching, wildflowers or practical conservation or you enjoy unspoilt countryside or work hands-on to make it happen, this is the place for you! We hope you will stay with us for many years to come.

Thank you,

**Liz Ballard**  
Chief Executive



# Your membership comes with HIVE rewards:

## 1 You will love where you live

Be proud of where you live and keep it local. We have 15 nature reserves across Sheffield and Rotherham for you to explore and discover the local wildlife you love. *Find out more on pages 4-9.*

## 2 You will have lots of fun

With events from Wildplay to guided walks and wildlife gardening to film screenings, we have something for everyone to enjoy. *Find out more on page 10.*

## 3 You can make your mark on Sheffield and Rotherham

With loads of volunteering opportunities from land management to wildlife data input there are so many ways for you to make your mark and have a positive impact on wildlife. *Find out more on page 11.*

## 4 You are giving wildlife a voice

As a collective our membership is very powerful as it means we are consulted as a representative body regarding important wildlife matters. This gives wildlife a voice at the top tables locally and nationally. *Find out more on page 14-15.*

## 5 You will learn a lot

With features from our resident expert ecologists, botanists, conservationists and entomologists in our Kingfisher membership magazine you will learn a lot. Look out for the next Kingfisher magazine landing on your doormat soon.

## 6 You have a place where you belong

We are a community of like-minded wildlife enthusiasts, you can meet new people who share your passions. *Find our social media contact details on the back page to be part of our online community too.*

## 7 You will feel good

You are helping to protect and maintain the beautiful yet vulnerable species and habitats in our area. And for this you should feel good. Thank you for your support.

## 8 You can have your say

As a member-led organisation our members are at the core of everything we do. You can have a say in how the charity is run, vote at our AGM or become a trustee yourself.

## 9 You will pass on your love for nature to the next generation

With a family membership you are sharing your passion with the children in your family so they reap the lifelong benefits of a wild childhood, and learn to look after their natural world. They will also receive Wildlife Watch a seasonal interactive magazine for children.

## 10 You will be appreciated

We cannot say thank you enough for joining us. We are so happy to have you and together we can work to create a network for nature and help the wildlife you love to thrive.



# Creating a network for nature

Together with our members and volunteers we take care of 15 nature reserves, spanning almost 600 hectares, across Sheffield and Rotherham. These are places where you can enjoy nature and where our conservation work helps the wildlife you love to thrive.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

# Blacka Moor



Nestled on the doorstep of Sheffield and on the edge of the Peak District, it is made up of 181 hectares of wildlife-rich landscape, characterised by a mosaic of heathland, woodland, scrub, grassland, streams and peat-bog. Blacka Moor forms part of the internationally important landscape of the Eastern Peak District Moors, which is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Special features of the area include its breeding birds, upland vegetation, lower plants, invertebrates and geological features.

Philanthropist JG Graves gave Blacka Moor to the people of Sheffield in the 1930s. Your support helps us to continue his legacy of protecting this natural space for the enjoyment of local people.

## Wildlife

Blacka Moor is a great place to see wildlife in every season. The reserve is home to a wide variety of wildlife including the majestic red deer, common lizard, green hairstreak butterfly and moorland birds including wheatear, stonechat, whinchat and tree pipit.

The enchanting upland woodland and scrub on the moorland edges support a diverse bird population including cuckoo, spotted flycatcher, redstart, wood warbler and woodcock. Ancient woodland plants such as bluebell, greater stitchwort and ramsons carpet the woodlands in spring.

## Access

Walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders are all welcome to visit and enjoy the reserve. There is an extensive network of public footpaths and bridleways through the site, but the topography of Blacka Moor means that many routes around the reserve require steep uphill climbs.

## How to get there

Car parking is available at Stony Ridge off Hathersage Road and also at Strawberry Lee Lane.

Bus numbers 65 and 272 both stop opposite the nature reserve on Hathersage Road (A625).

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/blacka-moor](https://wildsheffield.com/blacka-moor)





# Greno Woods



Toddler Trail (Melene Dolby)



Grey squirrel (Amy Lewis)



Tree bumblebee on bluebell (Jon Hawkins)

Greno Woods is an ancient woodland, rich in wildlife and full of historic interest. It covers 174 hectares, offering excellent opportunities for wildlife watching, exploration and recreation. Perfect for a family day out - wander the tracks, investigate the Enchanted Forest Toddler Trail or try some den building before finding the perfect spot for a woodland picnic.

## Wildlife

The woods contain some of the county's most vulnerable habitats, including mature oak woodland and heathland. Walk along the Trans-Pennine Trail in spring and revel in woodland wildflowers including bluebells, honeysuckle and common cow-wheat. Take a similar walk in summer and enjoy the ripe blackberries and bilberries, whilst autumn reveals a profusion of fungi.

Birdwatchers will be kept busy through all seasons. Bands of jays, great spotted woodpecker and wood pigeon are all easily spotted overhead, whilst shy species such as woodcock and bullfinch lurk in the undergrowth. As summer approaches, the woods burst with birdsong - you may hear chiffchaffs, willow warblers and blackcaps as well as the more familiar calls of robins and chaffinches. In winter, visitors such as crossbill compete with squabbling flocks of coal tit, or grey squirrels, for pine nuts.

## Access

Criss-crossed by a network of footpaths and bridleways, Greno Woods offer many opportunities for walks both long and short. If you prefer to enjoy the outdoors at a faster pace, excellent horse riding opportunities are offered, including a 3km bridleway loop (which links with bridleways in adjacent Wheata and Wharncliffe Woods). Cyclists can also follow the bridleways, or pass through the reserve on the Trans Pennine Trail which runs through the woods here, whilst adrenaline seekers are invited to try our three downhill mountain bike trails, including the famous Steel City Run.

## How to get there

Greno Woods lie immediately north of Grenoside village, in the north of Sheffield. Car parking is available at the Forestry Commission car park on Woodhead Road.

Bus number 86 runs from Sheffield City Centre to Grenoside Village.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/greno-woods](http://wildsheffield.com/greno-woods)

# Wyming Brook



Once set aside for the exclusive use of the nobility when it was part of the hunting and hawking grounds of Rivelin Chase, Wyming Brook's babbling streams, mossy crags and sweet smelling pines are protected today as a valuable home to wildlife. The difference now is that we can all enjoy this little bit of wilderness on the western edge of Sheffield, with easy strolls by the streams or higher, rockier routes with dramatic views of the Rivelin reservoirs and the city beyond.

Wyming Brook has received a prestigious Green Flag Award, an international award scheme which recognizes this nature reserve as one of the very best green spaces in the UK.

## Wildlife

Part of the Eastern Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), there is an abundance of wildlife at this nature reserve, including the common luteostrung and northern spinach moths. It is also home to many kinds of birds, from crossbills, linnets and tree pipits to the brown and white dipper which forages for aquatic insects along the fast flowing streams. Other notable summer migrant bird species that can be observed on the reserve include redstarts, wood warblers and spotted flycatchers.

## Access

Wyming Brook Drive forms a wide, surfaced bridleway running through the reserve on a north-south line, with a division off to the east. The remaining Public Rights of Way are unsurfaced footpaths through the woodlands, with numerous small bridges crossing the brook.

## How to get there

Car parking is available on Redmires Road just past Soughley Lane.

Bus number 51 stops at Lodge Moor bus terminus on Redmires Road, a 10 minute walk from the nature reserve. Buses 274 and 275 all stop on Manchester Road to the north of the reserve.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/wyming-brook](http://wildsheffield.com/wyming-brook)

## Fox Hagg

Neighbouring Wyming Brook, another of our nature reserves, Fox Hagg is a patch of heathland and woodland, perched high on a hillside overlooking the Rivelin Valley. From its peace and quiet, looking out over the hills, you can see for miles over the Rivelin dams and the woods of Wyming Brook further up the valley. The huge range of habitats here attracts a wide variety of birds including bullfinch, lesser redpoll and sparrowhawk plus a number of warblers which flit between the scattered birch and the woodland edge.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/fox-hagg](http://wildsheffield.com/fox-hagg)



# What's on



Have  
a wild day  
with us

We have a wide range of events throughout the year across Sheffield and Rotherham. From Wild Play events for young children to walks and talks led by our resident expert ecologists, botanists, conservationists and entomologists. Our events will connect you with nature, inspire you to take action, and give you the opportunity to meet like-minded people all striving to protect Sheffield and Rotherham's wildlife and wild places.



## Wild Play

Do your little ones love playing outdoors? Then come and join us at our Wild Play events for families. You will find something for everyone in every school holiday, from bushcraft to muddy play, wild art to campfire cooking.



## Wild Nights In

You're invited to a new series of wild nights in with us! We have some great speakers with inspirational and informative talks and presentations, with a chance to ask the questions you've always wanted answering.



## Guided Walks and Workshops

From bird, herbal and fantastic fungi walks to wild photography workshops, we offer numerous ways for you to get involved, learn new things and explore our nature reserves.



## Wildlife Gardening

Pop down to our wildlife garden and get involved in our monthly wildlife gardening sessions. Whether you would like to get hands on or learn more about wildlife gardening techniques, it's a great opportunity to join in and there's plenty to do and learn. We'll provide gloves, tools, refreshments and biscuits!

This is just a small selection of the events we offer. For a full and up to date events calendar see [wildsheffield.com/whats-on](https://wildsheffield.com/whats-on)

# Volunteering

Whether it's working on our nature reserves or helping out in the office, volunteers are vital to our work.

With loads of volunteering opportunities from land management to wildlife data input, there are so many ways for you to make your mark and have a positive impact on wildlife. We're happy to work around the time commitment volunteers are prepared to make. This is a great way to gain experience and make new friends.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/volunteer](https://wildsheffield.com/volunteer) email [volunteering@wildsheffield.com](mailto:volunteering@wildsheffield.com) or call us on 0114 263 4335.



## Volunteer work days

Volunteer Work Days, are held monthly at our nature reserves across Sheffield and Rotherham. They are the perfect option for those looking for less of a commitment, and a great way to get some fresh air, get closer to wildlife, and help improve our local green spaces.

For more information and to sign up see [wildsheffield.com/whats-on](https://wildsheffield.com/whats-on)



Clockwise from top: Dragonfly Survey Volunteers (T Shelley); Volunteer social (Liam Jackson); Well-earned tea break (Ken Wale); Land Management Volunteer Team.



# connecting people with nature

We connect people with the natural world through a range of programmes which have helped thousands of local people, young and old, improve their lives through natural experiences and outdoor learning. Thanks to our members we work to create a better future for nature and for people in Sheffield and Rotherham.

## Wild at Heart

Wild at Heart is an innovative, National Lottery Community Fund project, delivering wildlife-related activities for older people and other vulnerable and isolated adults in Sheffield and Rotherham. It aims to improve their health and wellbeing, reduce isolation and give them the confidence to get out and about in their community.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/wild-at-heart](http://wildsheffield.com/wild-at-heart)

## Outdoor Learning

We want children and young people across Sheffield and Rotherham to reap the lifelong benefits of a wild childhood and to learn to look after their natural world.

Our Outdoor Learning team, supported by the People's Postcode Lottery, delivers curriculum based workshops providing great learning experiences in the outdoors to enrich and support teaching right across the curriculum - not just science but Art & Design, PE, Maths, Geography, History, Literacy and Geography too!

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/outdoor-learning](http://wildsheffield.com/outdoor-learning)



Funfest (Wayne Munro Smith)



Life on the Farm session, Our Cow Molly (Helena Dolby)



Barn Owl (Russell Savory)

## Natural Neighbours

Natural Neighbours is a National Lottery Community Fund project, which enables communities in Rotherham to use, enjoy, improve and reclaim local green spaces. Providing opportunities to connect with nature in a way that celebrates community, improves wellbeing, brings neighbours together, develops skills, promotes physical activity and, above all, builds community ownership and trust.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/natural-neighbours](http://wildsheffield.com/natural-neighbours)

## The Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership

Sheffield Lakeland to the north west of Sheffield is an outstanding example of a living landscape, rich in history, with diverse habitats abundant in wildlife, vibrant communities and strong traditions.

The Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership is a National Lottery Heritage Fund partnership, led by Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust, made up of 20 projects from natural flood management to barn owl conservation. These projects aim to protect and celebrate the things that make the Sheffield Lakeland landscape so special, join up the management of the landscape, create a more resilient landscape - where the needs of nature and people are met and engage people in the stories of the landscape through heritage, cultural and arts projects.

For more information see [wildsheffield.com/sheffield-lakeland-landscape-partnership](http://wildsheffield.com/sheffield-lakeland-landscape-partnership)



Common Stinkhorn, Greno Woods (Chris Doar)

## Nature counts

You can now add your wildlife Sightings to our online database - Nature Counts. Whether you've seen something common or rare, on one of our nature reserves, in your garden or elsewhere within Sheffield and Rotherham, let us know. This information will help us to get a clearer representation of how our local flora and fauna are thriving or where they are in decline. The data collected will also feed in to the National Biodiversity Network's database, the NBN Atlas, which is shared by ecologists across the country and used to inform national policy decisions about nature and the environment. Add your sightings here - [record.wildsheffield.com](http://record.wildsheffield.com)



Nature Crafts with Wild at Heart



Wild at Heart Participants in Clifton Park



Eastwood Park Community Project (Emily Canning)



Forest School with Outdoor Learning



# Taking action for nature

## What you can do to take action

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust campaigns on local and national issues that put wildlife and its habitats in our area at risk. For more information see [wildsheffield.com/campaigning-for-wildlife](https://wildsheffield.com/campaigning-for-wildlife)



### Report wildlife crime - Recognise: Record: Report

Sadly illegal persecution of wildlife continues in our area. If you witness a wildlife crime taking place, call 999 and ask to speak to a Wildlife Crime Officer. Tell them what you have seen and where, ask for an incident number and if you feel safe to do so, try to take photos or record a video as evidence.

### Contact your MP

Tell your MP what is important to you and raise the importance of our campaigns. Ask them what they intend to do to end wildlife crime, support the creation of a nature recovery network or how they will respond to the climate emergency.

Contact your MP today -  
[writetothem.com](https://writetothem.com)



### In your neighbourhood

If you're concerned about a local development proposal or planning application that could impact on nature, please contact us at [takeaction@wildsheffield.com](mailto:takeaction@wildsheffield.com) or call 0114 263 4335.



### Take up wildlife gardening

Whether you've got a windowsill, a small garden or a big piece of land there are loads of simple things you can do to encourage wildlife and help to create a nature recovery network. From building bug hotels to creating a garden pond, every action helps.

Find wildlife gardening tips here -  
[wildlifetrusts.org/gardening](https://wildlifetrusts.org/gardening)

### Donate to our campaigns

#### Badger Appeal

Following the Government's announcement in 2018 to expand the badger cull to Low Risk Areas, Sheffield and Rotherham's badgers are now at threat of being culled. Although there are currently no licences for badger culling in Sheffield and Rotherham, a licence to cull could be granted for Low Risk Areas like ours at any time.

We've launched a Badger Appeal to raise funds to protect our local badger population and deter culling from taking place - but we need your help to make this happen. Donate to our appeal today - [wildsheffield.com/badgers](https://wildsheffield.com/badgers)







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Date

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**£5**  
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**£10**  
a month

could help restore local woodlands by planting 60 native broadleaved trees.

**£20**  
a month

could help protect water vole, a species at risk of extinction, by creating 48m<sup>2</sup> of pond habitat.

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"Nature is so valuable to me and I am proud to be helping to protect it by supporting Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust. I love reading Kingfisher magazine and have even started making my garden into its own wildlife haven!" -  
*Kate Napier, Sheffield*

## Get in touch

Whatever you have to say, we'd love to hear from you!  
Our office is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



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# Sheffield & Rotherham



# Love wildlife? Join us today

*For nature, for everyone*





Local wildlife  
has a special place  
in all our hearts

From badgers to bees, the wonders of nature make us all healthier and happier. In Sheffield and Rotherham we are lucky to have such amazing green spaces on our doorstep, from the stunning scenes of Blacka Moor to the dappled shade of Greno Woods.

But sadly, wildlife and nature face local challenges, including the threat of human development on important habitats. In the UK, more than 1 in 10 species are at risk of extinction (*State of Nature 2016*).

If you love nature, join our community of wildlife lovers today and with your help we can protect and care for the wildlife and green spaces you love, preserving them for generations to come.

Photo credit: Helena Fletcher

# Who we are

Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust is a registered charity and works with the local community towards a better future for wildlife, people and the green spaces we all rely on. We are also part of a national network of 46 Wildlife Trusts, working together for a better deal for nature and people.

# What we do

**We take care** of 16 nature reserves (almost 600 hectares) across Sheffield and Rotherham where you can enjoy nature and where our conservation work helps the wildlife you love to thrive.

**We connect people** with the natural world through innovative programmes which have helped thousands of local people, young and old, improve their lives through natural experiences and outdoor learning.

**We campaign** for a better deal for nature and people locally and in the wider world, challenging potentially harmful developments and providing expert evidence to local authorities on issues like flood protection and street trees.

**We inspire people** to take action for wildlife and wild places in their own lives, working together with over 100 volunteers and 6,000 members to create a better future for nature and for people in Sheffield and Rotherham.

# How to join

- Join by post** - complete and return the attached form
- Join online** - visit [wildsheffield.com](http://wildsheffield.com)
- Join by phone** - call us on **0114 263 4335**

You will receive our nature reserves guide, three issues per year of *Kingfisher* magazine, regular email updates and access to a range of events.

Children will receive a kids' membership pack, including four issues per year of *Wildlife Watch* magazine, and access to plenty of family activities to help them get outside in nature.



**56%** of UK species are now in decline or under threat  
*State of Nature 2016*

Photo credit: barn owl by Andrew Mason

Join us today

Member 1				Please complete in block capitals			
Title		Forename					
Surname				D.O.B			
Address							
County				Postcode			
Email							
Phone							
Member 2							
Title		Forename					
Surname				D.O.B:			
Child's forename		Surname		Sex		D.O.B	

- Membership type** (please tick)
- ☐ Individual (from £2.50 per month)
  - ☐ Joint (from £3 per month)
  - ☐ Family (from £3.50 per month)

Contact us for concession rates.  
**I would like to give: £..... per month**

**Keep in touch!**  
In addition to receiving information relating to my membership by post, I am happy to hear from Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust about their work to protect wildlife, upcoming events and ways to further support the work they do, including campaigns and fundraising, by:

**Email:** ☐ Yes ☐ No    **Telephone:** ☐ Yes ☐ No  
You can change your preferences at any time, by contacting us on 0114 263 4335 or [membership@wildsheffield.com](mailto:membership@wildsheffield.com). We will protect your personal data, in accordance with our Privacy Policy: [www.wildsheffield.com/privacy-policy](http://www.wildsheffield.com/privacy-policy)

## Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership Photo Census

<b>Your name and contact details</b>	
<b>The name of your image (to be published)</b>	
<b>Please confirm that you give your permission for SLLP to use your image</b>	

Please write a max of 200 words about why this image is special to you

For more information contact Sarah Poulter, Communications Officer: [s.poulter@wildsheffield.com](mailto:s.poulter@wildsheffield.com)

**Thank you for taking part!**







# SLLP Community Grants Scheme

**For projects worth £5,000**

*Are you part of, or working with, a group in the  
Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership area?*  
Can you achieve one of these National Lottery outcomes?

**Outcome 1. A more connected and resilient landscape**

**Outcome 2: Bigger, better and more joined up natural environment  
for people and wildlife**

**Outcome 3: Better recorded and valued cultural heritage celebrated  
by local people and visitors**

**Outcome 4: A better understanding of the local heritage with more  
people helping look after it**

If so, you could receive funding towards total project costs of £5,000

Help is available to develop your application:

Sarah Poulter, SLLP Communications and Engagement Officer

[s.poulter@wildsheffield.com](mailto:s.poulter@wildsheffield.com)

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## EVALUATION FORM

Feedback from groups is a valuable and essential means to celebrate, advertise and improve the Connecting Steps (CS) project offer, as well as to help secure future SLLP/Heritage Lottery funding.

Please complete as fully as you can.

**OUTCOME 2: More local people will enjoy, understand, value and be inspired by local nature and wildlife.**

Group:	
Location:	SLLA: Y/N
Group Leader:	Date:
Does your group regularly take trips into the countryside? Into the SLLA?	
How did the group respond to the CS trips?	
How do you think the individuals in your group benefited from the CS trips?	
Is the SLLA an area in which you will consider future group trips?	
What restricts your group from taking more trips into this area?	
What have you enjoyed about the CS trips?	
How could the CS trips be improved?	
How would you like to hear more about the SLLP and opportunities for your group?	



	Trip #1	Trip #2	Trip#3
Date			
Location			
Number of attendees (F-female, M-male)			
Ethnicity			
Transport (shared car/coach/public transport)			
Activity			
Partner visits			
Awareness/ improve wildlife			
Volunteer opportunities			
Attendee feedback (key words)			
Improvements			

*Thank you for coming out on a trip with the Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust, as part of the Connecting Steps project.*

*Hopefully you have enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Sheffield Lakeland area in different seasons and weather, sampling the city's public transport, local amenities and exploring some beautiful areas.*

## ABOUT YOU

Age (in years): ..... Are you Male / Female?

How would you describe your ethnicity? .....

What is your postcode? .....

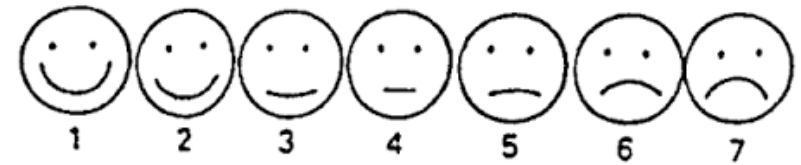
What do you enjoy doing?

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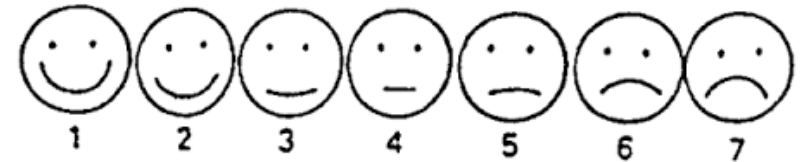
Do you regularly meet up with other social or activity groups?

Yes / No

Thinking about your health generally, please circle the number to show how you feel:



Generally how did you feel AFTER going on a group trip?



What words describe how you felt before and after a trip?

BEFORE	AFTER



How many Connecting Steps trips have you attended? .....

Which was your favourite trip?.. .....

What was special about it? .....

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What part of the Connecting Steps trips have you enjoyed?

- ☐ Meeting other people
- ☐ Feeling included
- ☐ Doing something different from normal
- ☐ Being outdoors / spending time in the natural environment
- ☐ Exploring / going somewhere new
- ☐ Getting exercise
- ☐ Learning something new
- ☐ Something else:

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Do you have any other comments about the opportunity to go on regular trips into nature and how Connecting Steps has helped in any way:

☐ Please tick this box if someone helped you to fill in this questionnaire

**Thank you very much for your help**

and we hope you can continue to take time outside in beautiful places to

## Wild-Up Your Well-Being