

Stock-Den Trail - 7.5 miles

The route starts off in the sleepy village of Stocksmoor and runs to Denby Dale taking you on some quieter and less well trodden footpaths. Thereafter it goes through Boothroyd woods. Kirkburton is a lovely village with lots to offer everyone. The high point is literally the highest elevation at Roydhouse which has superb views over the area of outstanding natural beauty. Pass through Skelmanthorpe and return to Denby Dale.

Points of Interest along the way

Stocksmoor

For football fans, this small hamlet was the birthplace of Ben Swift Chambers, a church minister who founded Everton Football Club. He is buried in Shepley, his grave always has a blue and white scarf wrapped around his gravestone.

Kirkburton

This small village is a haven of activity, it has an iron age history, one to check out before you arrive.

Roydhouse

This small hamlet is home to a famous local restaurant, it sits on a high ridge which is also dominated by Emley Moor mast which is a local landmark and one to head for when climbing the hill from Kirkburton.

Skelmanthorpe

Lots of history to the village, weaving was a big part of its industrial heritage, indeed it has its own weaving museum. At the top of Radcliffe Street, before you go through the stone stepped stile check out the gable end of the old stone weaver's cottage. Notice how it was



extended to accommodate a Jacquard on top of the hand-loom.

Amenities

There is lots of scope for all one's needs in Kirkburton which is 3 miles into the walk. Another mile further is the 3 Acres Inn at Roydhouse. Thereafter, Skelmanthorpe has a very good choice of everything you may want. Denby Dale is, as Skelmanthorpe, a good source of refreshments.

The Route

The walk is 7.5 miles long with many small stiles, a number are squeeze stiles and easy going. There are a couple of short inclines and a longer ascent up to Roydhouse from Kirkburton. The ground conditions are generally good but parts can be muddy so stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent of 1010ft and 917ft. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours, not inclusive of stops, to complete the walk.

Transport

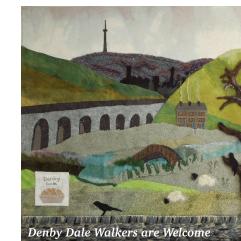
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Walking in and Around Denby Dale

The Stock-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 7.5 mile route between Stocksmoor and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

Leave the train station, at road over the railway turn L and continue to crossroads, straight across and take footpath immediately on RHS. Cross wooden stile and continue across field and through stone stile, continue past houses. Cross stone stile and follow footpath with stone wall on RHS. At end of wall take RH stile through wall and walk down field to a gate and a stile.

0.6m meet with road, cross via kissing gate and wooden gate, continue down track to a kissing gate on LHS. Continue down field to railway line and stone stiles at either side. Beware of trains before crossing. Enter woods and follow path immediately L and then R and down to bridge over dike. Exit woods via stone stile and metal gate, keep woods and stone wall to your R and pass through second stone stile and down to bottom of field and wood gate into woods. Enter woods and cross bridge over dike and steep climb up to stone stile. Carry on straight forward towards road. Without leaving field, pass though wooden gate on R and continue with stone wall on LHS to another wooden gate and enter Boothroyd Wood, continue along footpath.

1.5m meet with road, cross and continue down side of stone wall with woods to LHS. Cross track and continue forward down hill. Leave woods and carry on to bridge over Thunder Bridge Dike. Bear L up hill and pass though stone and steel stile into woods and up to road. Leave woods via stone stile. Cross road and take footpath with wooden stile immediately opposite and carry on up hill. At top leave field to road via stone stile. Turn L and then almost immediately R along footpath, follow down fields with stone wall to your LHS. Pass though wooden gate onto grass track to minor road, in Kirkburton village.

2.5m Carry on straight forward down Low Town with Kirkburton church to RHS. Continue down to road bearing R and up to George Street, cross road and turn R. Follow George Street for a short while and the take Lane Head Lane which is straight ahead. At top of lane take footpath to L and continue up hill on path with stone walls at either side. Pass though stone stile and continue up hill. At steel gate pass through and continue up hill with stone wall to your LHS.

3.5m pass thought steel gate and turn R on track which then turns L. Soon after pass though stone stile on RHS

