

Cross here and enter the field ahead. After 100 yards pass a redundant stile, turn left over another stone stile and, through an incomplete field boundary enter the next field, turn right and walk straight ahead until the footpath passes between the last two houses to emerge onto Cumberworth Lane.



Turn left and walk towards St. Nicholas' church.

The current church was built in 1870, though a church/chapel has existed on the site since the 13th century. Walk round the church to see the old village stocks, near the main door.

For refreshments you may continue along Cumberworth Lane past the church and village school to the crossroads with the main A635 road. Here are the Village Stores (Tel: 606238 - sandwiches, drinks etc.) and the Star Inn (Tel: 606315).

Here too are hourly buses to Wakefield and Holmfirth (daily; services 435/436) and to Huddersfield (service 84 - hourly but no evening or Sunday services) All services Huddersfield Bus Company.

To continue our walk, turn down Balk Lane (opposite the church), admiring this attractive conservation area, and walk straight ahead, over a stone stile into the fields. Continue straight down the fields for a good half mile, into and through a small, attractive woodland and out onto an unmade lane which is now part of the Kirklees Way. Turn left and continue along the lane. Cross the country road (Copley Lane) and walk straight ahead along an attractive and clearly marked bridleway (still part of the Kirklees Way). This is High Moor Lane and eventually leads into The Knowle. Follow this street to the main A629 Huddersfield to Sheffield road.



For refreshments, turn right down the main road to the Cask and Spindle (pub and restaurant) - you can also access the station from there.



Otherwise, cross the A629 and walk straight ahead on Yew Tree Road to the junction with Station Road.

Turn right for Shepley station - or left into Shepley village (shops, the Black Bull Inn Tel: 603640.) The Farmer's Boy (Tel: 605941) is half a mile up Marsh Lane - turn right at the end of Station Road just before the Black Bull.



This trail was devised by the Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group.

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Historic photos from the Leslie Robinson collection.

## The Denby Dale to Shepley Trail



**N.B. Bus and train details were correct as of May 2010. Please check at [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) from where timetables are available.**

Trains run hourly Monday to Saturday with eight trains each way on a Sunday.

Next to Denby Dale station is the Bus Interchange and a short walk away Denby Dale village centre offers shops, food outlets and pubs - with a café and public toilets available in Springfield Mill Shopping Centre.



Look out for the Denby Dale to Shepley Trail way markers to help guide you around the trail.

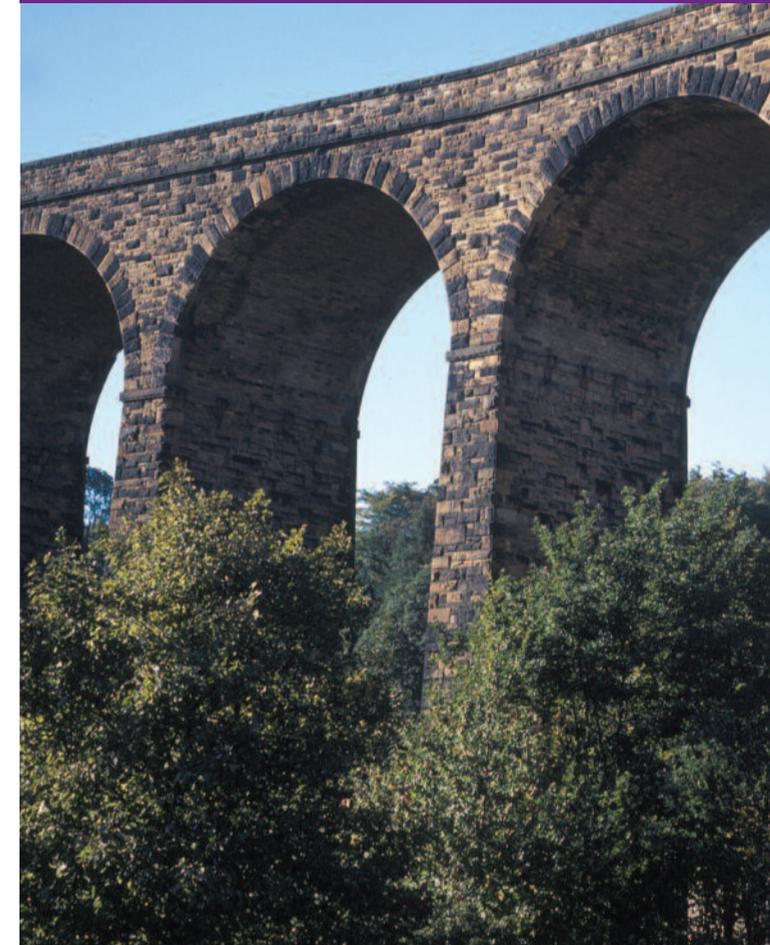
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### Walking in the East Peak

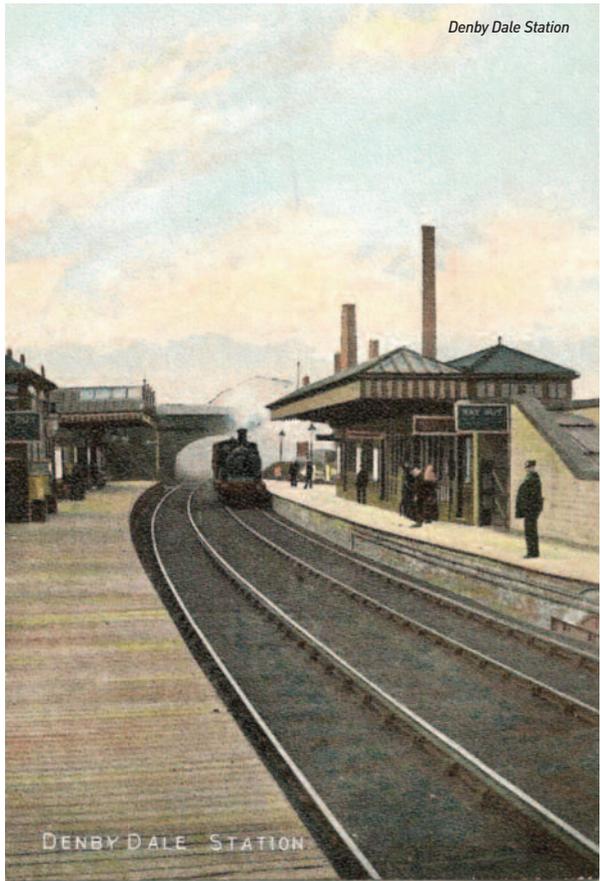


Walking in and around Denby Dale

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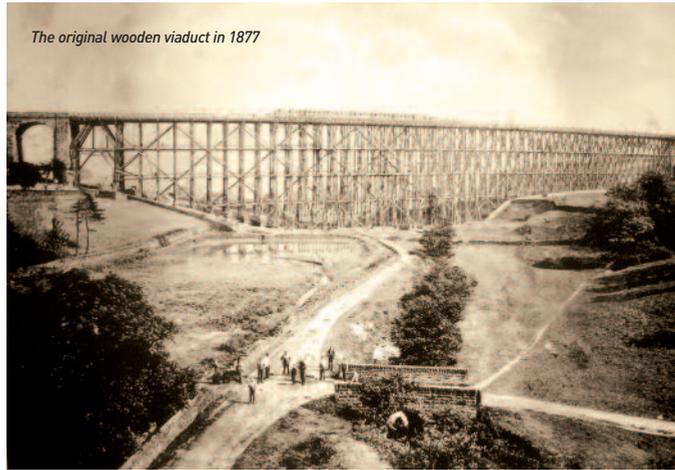
An easy 3-mile walk from Denby Dale station to Shepley station.  
Stout footwear is advisable.



# The Denby Dale to Shepley Trail

Denby Dale and Shepley stations are on the Penistone Line, along which trains run from Huddersfield to Penistone, Barnsley, Meadowhall and Sheffield.

The Huddersfield to Penistone section in particular is a wonderfully scenic line through beautiful countryside. It climbs 367 feet during its thirteen and a half miles and boasts four impressive viaducts and six tunnels. The first trains ran on 1st July 1850, when the line was part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway.



You can find details about the Penistone Line, and the Penistone Line Partnership, at [www.penline.co.uk](http://www.penline.co.uk)

**Leave the station through the small car-park and turn sharp left across the bridge over the railway line.**

**Take the track to a wooden stile and into the field ahead. At first keep to the left-hand boundary of the field.**

**Gradually fine views unfold; particularly of Denby Dale viaduct (behind and left), towards High Flatts (ahead and left) and of the village of Upper Cumberworth and its church (ahead and right).**

Begun in October 1877, the present stone viaduct finally opened on Whit Sunday, May 16th 1880.

Of its 21 arches the "skew" arch across Barnsley Road is a remarkable engineering achievement.

The stone viaduct was built alongside an earlier timber viaduct, which opened on July 1st 1850. Described in a Sheffield newspaper as having a "cobweb appearance" this wooden viaduct was always unpopular with the more fearful travellers and was replaced after just 30 years.

**At the end of the field turn right and at the right-hand corner enter a narrow, sometimes overgrown path, bounded by two fences, alongside the former Bromley Farm landfill site. On reaching the access road to the recycling site, do not cross over straightaway but veer left across the grass to the public footpath sign.**