

## Dod-Den Trail 2 - 7.4 miles

This alternative route from Dodworth to Denby Dale differs from the original Dod-Den Trail in that it keeps to footpaths that are more quiet and less well-known. It passes through beautiful countryside and valleys between Silkstone Beck, Tanyard Beck and Daking Brook. This is also a good walk in the opposite direction.

## Points of Interest along the way

### Dodworth

This was once a very busy place for coal mining. Most of the industrial site you pass was part of Barnsley Main colliery. In its heyday one would have seen scores of miners walking back to their homes, most with coal lined faces.

### Silkstone Waggonway

This is where the route of the old horse drawn waggonway ran, you can still see the foundations.

### Milestones

There are numerous, very old milestones in this area, some quite grand and prominent whilst others are hidden away. They each hold a little bit of history, parish boundaries and more. You will come face to face with a large one, painted white, near Cawthorne, check it out.



### Naylor's Pipe Works

This area is noted for its manufacture of earthenware pipes and other clay products. Naylor's have been associated with this site for years. During the construction of the Denby Dale viaduct substantial deposits of clay were identified. In turn this led to the establishment of a clay pipe works in Denby Dale. The history is worth a closer look via the link.

### Deffer Woods

This is a large woodland which is privately owned but has many trails which run through it. It is a popular place to wander round but it can be a bit of a maze so if you don't know your way be careful.

## Amenities

After you leave Dodworth there are few, if any amenities on route. This walk is ideal for taking a picnic lunch so be prepared in advance. There is a lovely spot with a view in Deffer Woods at the pavilion, as shown on map. To get there take a L and then a R on tracks in wood.

## The Route

The route is all on public footpaths and passes through many quiet trails. There are a number of stiles and some steep descents from Dodworth to Silkstone Beck. The ground conditions are very weather dependent but generally good with some short muddy sections. Total ascent and descent is 892ft and 732ft. Distance is 7.4 miles, allow 3.5 to 4 hours walking time.

## Transport

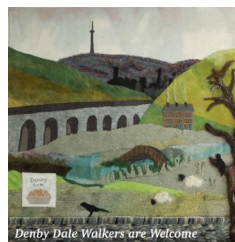
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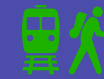
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# The Dod-Den 2 Trail



A walk and a train ride on a 7.4 mile route between  
Dodworth and Denby Dale railway stations.

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## Route Guidance

Leave station via car park to main road. Turn L and cross railway and continue on pavement to roundabout. Take second L and continue with The Fairway PH to your LHS. Follow road and through Silkstone golf club until you reach car park. Turn L at end of road into car park then R down side of first tee. Follow track all the way down keeping woods to your RHS.

1.0m Go over stile and down hill, cross Silkstone Beck to stile and Silkstone Waggonway. Cross and take footpath directly opposite and continue up field with hedge to LHS. At top, cross stile or gate, to meet track. Turn L and then R over stile and continue straight across field towards Lower Norcroft Farm. At top of field cross stile onto track and continue to road.

Cross road and over stile with fence and farm to LHS. Turn L over stone wall via stile, turn R and continue with wall on RHS. Cross over wire fence via stile and bear L to cross culverted stream, keep trees to LHS and aim for top RH corner of field to a stile.

2.0m Continue up field keeping hedge to LHS. Pass through gap in hedge to another field and continue uphill with hedge to RHS. Pass over stile and continue up field to meet entrance road to Banks Hall Farm. Turn L on road and continue to R bend but take L stile to signed footpath. Keep wall and hall to RHS and pass over stile and bear R up grassed track. At top after building to RHS take exit via gate and turn L up track and through a second gate, continue up walled track.

At top cross stile and then immediately cross a second stile to R and bear L across field towards woods. At woods exit field via stile and continue straight ahead and cross track which drops down to L towards road, take narrower path which is directly in front. At road turn R down hill. .

3.0m At finger post turn L down footpath into woods. Meet with footpath from LHS and continue to R and drop down wooden steps to Tanyard Beck, cross via

bridge. Continue up bank, cross stile and continue straight ahead at side of field. Pass through gate to meet main road with white milestone directly in front. Cross road to footpath at side of road and turn L and continue along road. At Flash House Farm leave road and turn R down entrance road and then bear L down side of buildings to green path down side of trees and hedge with fence to RHS. At stone stile cross and keep on going down field to another gate, bear R down field towards corner of wood and gate and stile to meet with Daking Brook. Cross beck and continue straight across field to gate and stone stile.

4.0m Pass through to track and continue up to Jowett House Farm to meet entrance road. Go forward and then R with farm to LHS along green track. Cross stile and continue past farm buildings to a further gate and stile and continue straight forward with wall to LHS. At end of wall bear R and continue with Jowett House Beck on RHS, cross via stone stile and turn L and continue up field with trees and beck on LHS.

At top leave field via stile to Deffer Woods, carry on straight ahead, cross stream and continue. At meeting of tracks make acute L turn and continue down hill to cross culverted beck. Soon after bear R at junction and up track.

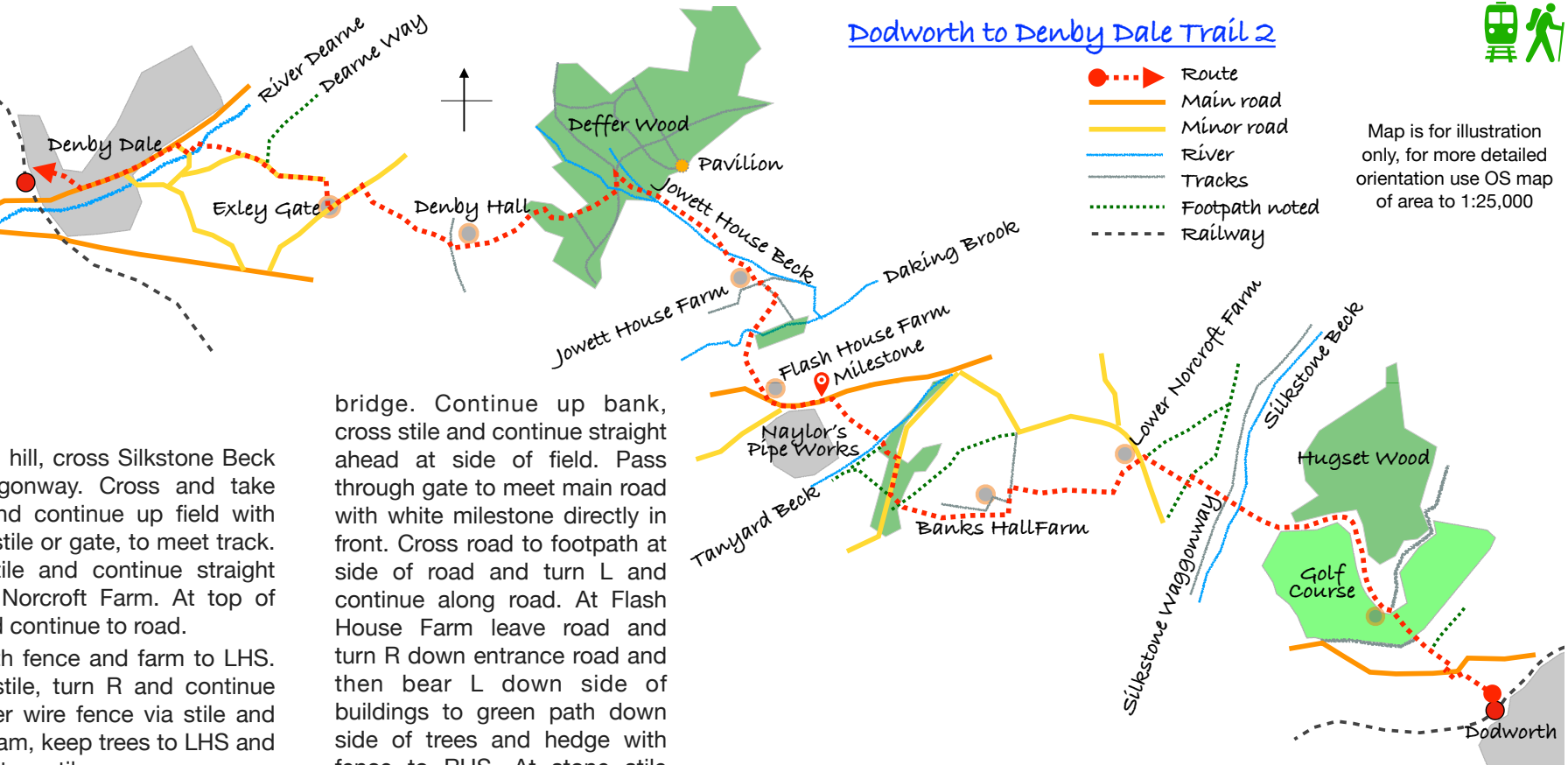
5.0m Continue straight ahead at next junction. Exit

## Dodworth to Denby Dale Trail 2



- → Route
- Main road
- Minor road
- River
- Tracks
- Footpath noted
- Railway

Map is for illustration only, for more detailed orientation use OS map of area to 1:25,000



Deffer woods via stile and continue with hedge to RHS. Pass Denby Hall Farm and go round gate and continue to meet track, turn R and then soon after L through gate. Continue up field with hedge to RHS. Pass through gap in hedge and straight across field. Cross stile and continue up field with fence to LHS to meet with road via stile.

6.0m Turn L and continue down to Exley Gate, turn R and then bear L keeping on road down hill, ignore track straight ahead. Continue down hill on road. Pass buildings on RHS and track joining road. Just after horse riding enclosure on RHS at footpath finger post bear R down hill past Pingle Nook to River Dearne. At river cross over footbridge and bear L following track R and up to road, continue up to main road and walk up to Denby Dale. At Dale Inn bear R and then up footpath at LHS of white house.

At top continue to station and finish.