

## Dod-Den Trail - 8.0 miles

The trail leaves Dodworth and descends to Silkstone Beck whilst taking in long distance views of West Yorkshire towards Emley Moor mast. It then follows the old waggonway before heading towards the picturesque village of Cawthorne and small farming hamlets. It keeps to the backwaters of the village before climbing through Deffer Wood and then dropping into the Dearne Valley and onwards towards Denby Dale.

## 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 once the site of Barnsley Main colliery. In its heyday one would have passed scores of miners walking back to their homes, most with coal lined faces. Today it's all gone.

### Silkstone Waggonway

This is where the route of the old horse drawn waggonway, one can still see the foundations of the horse drawn railway. There are also old mine buildings along its way.



### Cawthorne Village

This is a very pretty village with lots of amenities, it even has its own museum.

### Cannon Hall

There is a lot to see at Cannon Hall and perhaps more than could be fitted in in one day. There is the park, the hall along with its museum, the farm and the farm shop and restaurant.

### Deffer Woods

This is a large woodland which is privately owned but has trails which run through it. It is a nice place to

wander round but it can be a bit of a maze so if you wander off be careful.

## Amenities

Cawthorne is the main place to head for if you want or need amenities. There is the Spencers Arms and other places in the village.

## The Route

The route is all on public footpaths and passes through lots of quiet footpaths and places of interest. Cawthorne is a good spot to have a break although there are lots of places along the way to have a picnic. There are lots of stiles and a steep descent from Dodworth to Cawthorne basin. The ground conditions are very weather dependent but generally good with some short muddy sections. It is a good day's walk and one should allow 3.5 to 4 hours to complete the walking. Total ascent and descent of 832ft and 673ft.

## Transport

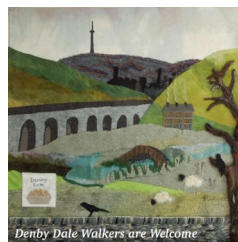
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# The Dod-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride on a 8.0 mile route between Dodworth and Denby Dale railway stations.

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## Route Guidance

Leave station via car park to main road. TL 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.

0.6m TL and at end of car park TR down side of first tee. Follow track all the way down keeping woods to your RHS.

Go over stile and down hill, cross Silkstone Beck to stile and track.

1.4m TR and follow Silkstone Waggonway

2.1m TL at junction with houses, start to climb gentle hill and then BL to stile at RHS of large metal gate. Continue straight ahead keeping hedge on your RHS. Go through stile and down past large old barn with brick columns at Barnby Green Farm.

2.6m At road go straight across and past Barnby Hall to your LHS, then over stile with gate on LHS. Follow footpath with views of Cawthorne village on LHS. Continue down field to stile, keeping hedge on LHS.

2.9m TL and continue on road.

3.0m TR and down road which eventually comes to a bridge over the river at Cinder Hill farm

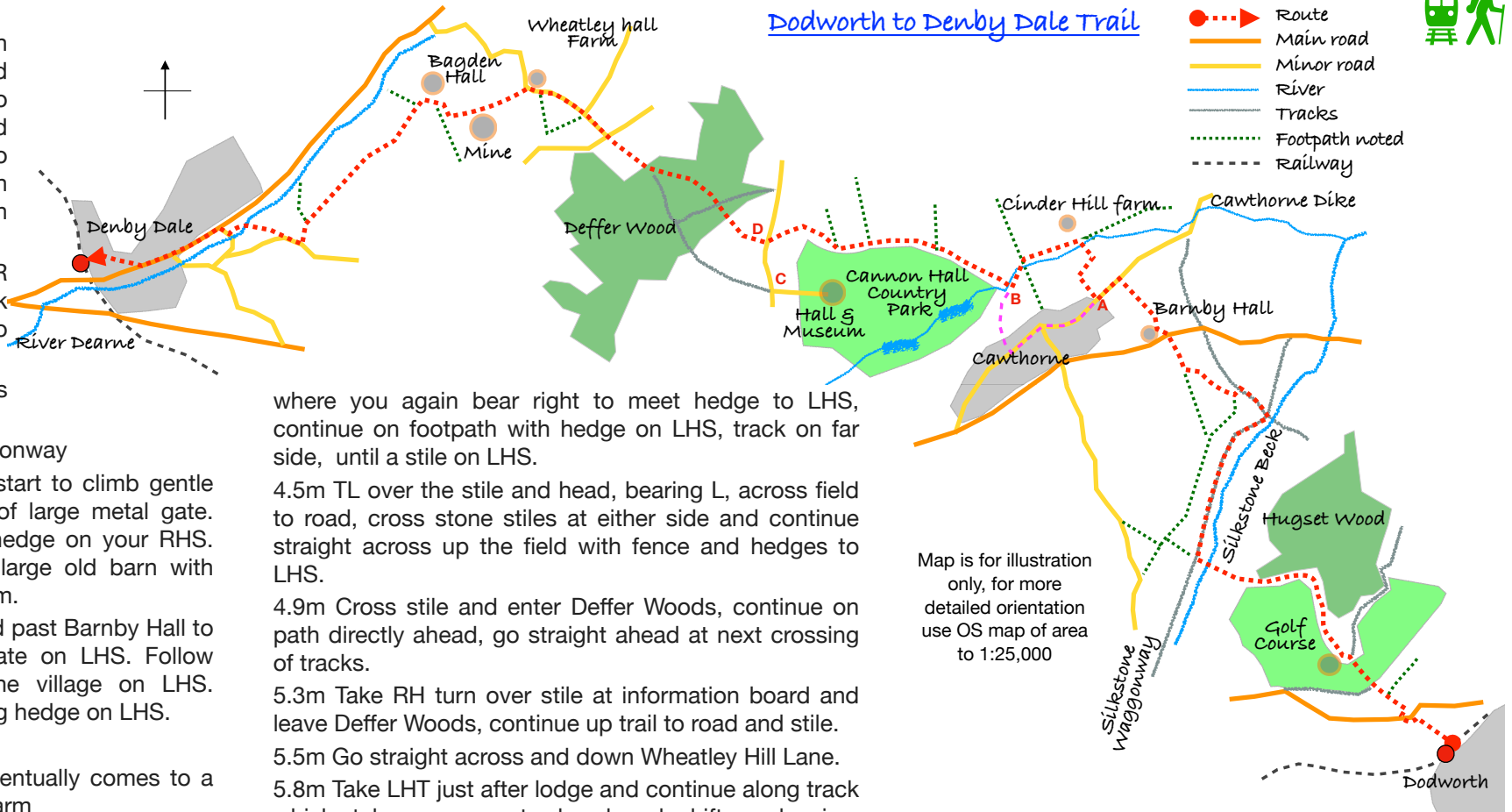
3.3m TL and continue to another stile, continue straight ahead across field to another stile and continue at side of Cawthorne Dike.

3.5m Cross Dike over steel bridge and then immediately TR and over a small wooden bridge, continue straight ahead.

3.6m At track TR and cross stone bridge over river again and through gate, continue on track with woods/stream to LHS.

3.8m At stile continue straight ahead with fence to RHS, at 2nd stile the fence is on LHS. At 3rd stile hedge on RHS, with 4th stile continue with fence on LHS. Cannon Hall Country Park/Farm is to your LHS, note that there is no access from the route.

4.2m After old stone building on LHS go over stile and bear R up field to top corner and cross another stile



where you again bear right to meet hedge to LHS, continue on footpath with hedge on LHS, track on far side, until a stile on LHS.

4.5m TL over the stile and head, bearing L, across field to road, cross stone stiles at either side and continue straight across up the field with fence and hedges to LHS.

4.9m Cross stile and enter Deffer Woods, continue on path directly ahead, go straight ahead at next crossing of tracks.

5.3m Take RH turn over stile at information board and leave Deffer Woods, continue up trail to road and stile.

5.5m Go straight across and down Wheatley Hill Lane.

5.8m Take LHT just after lodge and continue along track which takes you past abandoned drift coal mine. Continue over stile down track. Bear L at fork (with pond on R) and continue up along track.

6.5m At second lodge bear L and continue up main track for 0.1m, do not take signed footpath immediately past lodge on RHS.

6.6m Pass house on LHS and cottage opposite and pass through white kissing gate on R along track, white house in foreground. Continue through a second kissing gate and down to a wooded valley and a third kissing gate. Follow the track up to a stile and out of the wood. Go straight ahead up the field.

6.9m At stile follow path with buildings to RHS and then exit to track and follow to road straight ahead. Road bends to R and up short hill to meet another road, bear R. Shortly afterwards, 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.

8.0m At top continue to station and finish.

### Guidance for Cawthorne Village and Cannon Hall

Cawthorne, you can leave the trail at A and walk up to the village and then return to point B at the bridge.

Cannon Hall Country Park, diversion can be made to the park at B and exit at point C which is the access road top the farm shop. Turn R and continue on the road for a short while to D with stile on LHS taking you up to Deffer Woods.