

## SHORTER FAMILY ROUTE

Turn right onto Gilthwaites Lane and continue over the crest, following the lane sharply to the right alongside farm buildings before, shortly after a left turn, with Denby Dale First & Nursery School in view and just before a tarmac street, turning right onto a public footpath.

Immediately after a wooden footbridge turn right into the lovely Wither Wood.

Keep to the lower side of the wood, alongside the public footpath, for 200 metres until you approach the main entrance to the wood, where you join up with the longer route.

## BOTH ROUTES

You may wish to explore the Wither Wood, which is owned by the Woodland Trust (a national conservation charity – see [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) and managed as community woodland open for all to enjoy



If not, take the broad track into the wood for just 20 metres, then fork left onto the narrower path which hugs the western border of the wood. Cross a low footbridge over a small stream, continue ahead looking out for a second footbridge down to the left. Cross this, climb the large (& steep!) log steps and follow the path round to a stone stile on your left.

Exit the wood via the stone stile and walk up the field to join Cumberworth Lane at the side of a stone house. Cross the lane with care, turn right and proceed past the Bromley Park

estate back to the Foresters Arms where walkers are welcome and refreshments await!

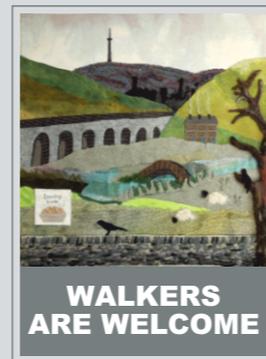


For full information see  
[www.theforestersarms.com](http://www.theforestersarms.com)

For wonderful historic photos of the area see  
[www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk](http://www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk)

For visitor information see  
[www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk](http://www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk)

“Camp of the Cumbrians” by A. Tarbatt (published 1983) is an excellent history of Lower Cumberworth available from Kirklees Libraries.



# The Lower Cumberworth Circular



## BUSES AND TRAINS TO LOWER CUMBERWORTH

Lower Cumberworth is served by bus service 84/84A from Huddersfield to Denby Dale (every 2 hours Mon – Sat, no service Sun); and by service 435/437 Wakefield to Holmfirth (every 2 hours daily). Bus 233 from Huddersfield to Denby Dale (half-hourly Mon – Sat day-time, hourly evenings & Sun) terminates at Denby Dale Railway Station (an easy 15 minute walk from Lower Cumberworth), where trains from Sheffield, Barnsley & Huddersfield (on the scenic Penistone Line) run hourly seven days per week.

## WALKING FROM DENBY DALE RAILWAY STATION TO THE FORESTERS ARMS

Exit the station via the small car-park onto the bus interchange and turn left onto Bromley Bank. At the low railings proceed onto Bluehills Lane, turn right and follow this lane as it winds its way out of the estate to the T-junction with Cumberworth Lane. Turn left and continue ahead to Lower Cumberworth.

**N.B.** Public transport details were correct as of April 2020. Please check at [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) from where timetables are available.

This leaflet was written by members of Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group – see [www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk](http://www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk) – and funded by Denby Dale Parish Council.

Walking in and around Denby Dale



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A leisurely 3.2 mile walk which nonetheless offers much variety along with a taste of the Kirklees Way, the Dearne Way, a historic stone causeway and beautiful woodlands. Just one step-over stile and two short climbs. The shorter route is an inviting hour-long family stroll. Stout footwear is advisable.

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**STARTING-POINT: THE FORESTERS ARMS, LOWER CUMBERWORTH HD8 8PH  
A CHOICE OF 2 CIRCULAR WALKS  
BOTH ROUTES.**



Walk along Lane Hackings Green, continuing straight ahead (on the Kirklees Way) as the lane becomes first a track and then (after Little Hackings) a footpath. Turn right through a kissing-gate, remaining on the Kirklees Way, eventually leaving the field through another kissing-gate onto Gilthwaites Lane. (0.6 miles) Here the two walks diverge.

**The Kirklees Way is a 73-mile route, devised by Kirklees Council, which circles the district. For details see**

[www.ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show\\_path.php?path\\_name=Kirklees+Way](http://www.ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show_path.php?path_name=Kirklees+Way)

## MAIN ROUTE (3.2 MILES)

Turn left onto Gilthwaites Lane, then after 100 metres take the right fork off the lane onto a path across fields which leads to Cross Lane on the outskirts of Skelmanthorpe. Walk across the football pitch (round it if there's a match on!!) to a waymarker. Turn right downhill, along the Kirklees Way, onto a woodland path which after a few minutes leads onto a splendid stone causeway, Thorpe Lane, over Thorpe Dike and beyond.



Stay on the Kirklees Way, turning left over a wooden stile (or through a gate) onto a broad track, with a deep wooded valley (bluebell woods!) to your left, which leads to a further wooden stile/gate. Follow the path on the right hand side of the field (with Perch House Farm to your right) over a stile, onto the farm track and down to the main A636 Wakefield Road.



Cross the road with care and immediately take the sign-posted footpath downhill which soon joins the driveway to Lower Clough House.

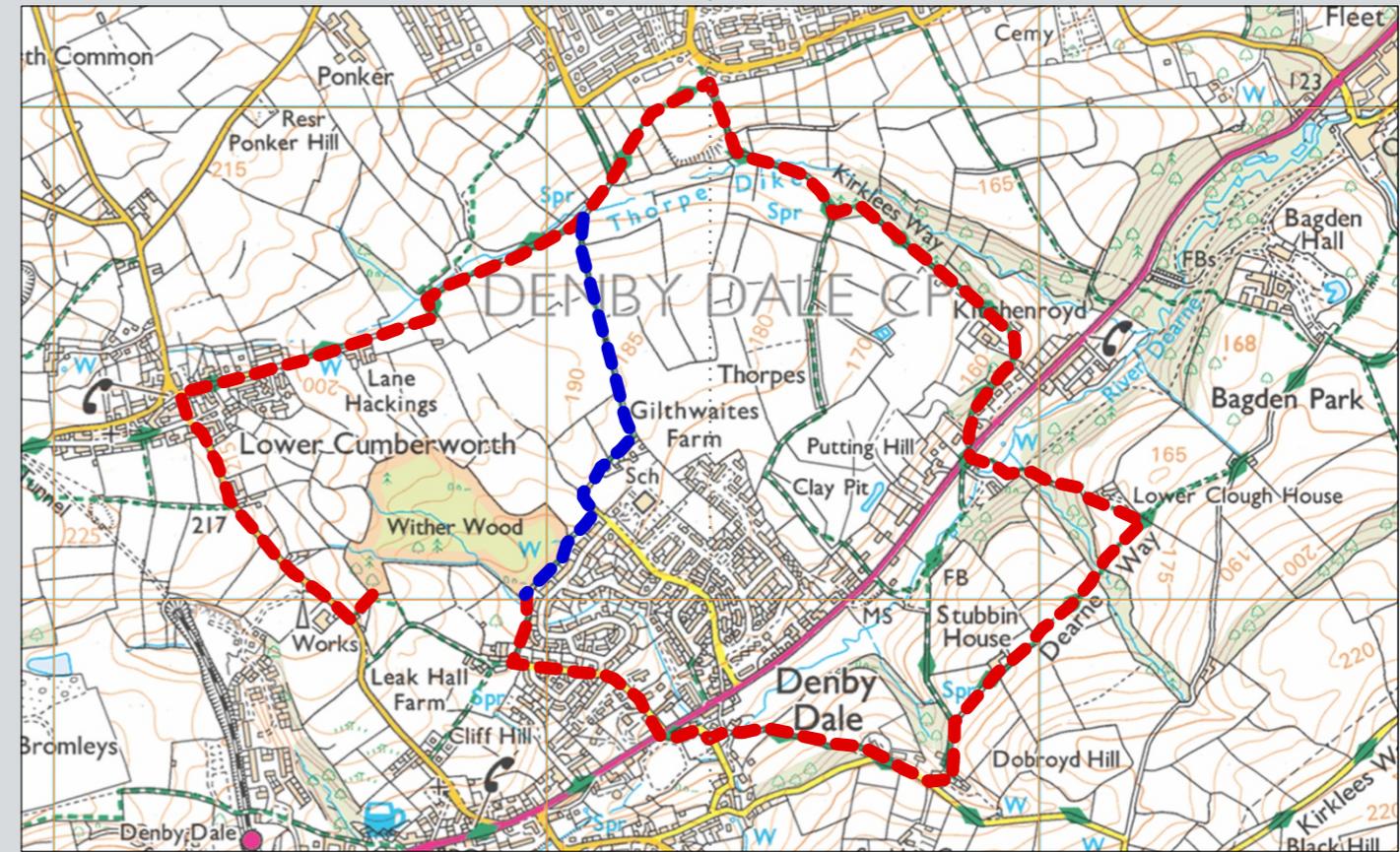


To the right is Lower Putting Mill (Lower Pudding Mill according to local historians), a fulling mill with mill house in the early 19th century.

← The Former Mill Dam



Lower Pudding Mill



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Map prepared on 10 January 2020

Scale 1 : 10,000

The driveway crosses the River Dearne and proceeds steeply uphill to the house. At the wooden footpath sign turn right through a picket-gate, cross the field to another gate, just before which you should turn right again and walk along the path beside the fence.

**You are now briefly on The Dearne Way, a 30 mile continuous footpath from the source of the river near Birdsedge to its meeting with the River Don at Mexborough. For details see: [www.ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show\\_path.php?path\\_name=Dearne+Way](http://www.ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show_path.php?path_name=Dearne+Way)**

Cross the beck (Clough House Dike), go through a kissing-gate into woodland, over a wooden stile into a field, straight ahead uphill towards the trees, over another wooden stile onto a path, passing Stubbins Farm on the right, to the farm-track. Continue along the track till it meets Common Lane/Hollin Edge, turning right after a short distance off the tarmac, following a footpath sign onto a wide track which descends to Cuckstool Road.



Walk right up to the main Wakefield Road, cross with care and walk up Leak Hall Lane. At the end of the tarmac lane, turn right along the path and then left into Wither Wood where you join up with the shorter route.