

Hon-Den Trail - 7.7 miles

From Honley to Denby Dale, you start with a climb up to Farnley Tyas through Hey Wood reaching magnificent views to Castle Hill. From Farnley Tyas you drop into the valley from Netherton, go up to Storthes Hall Park and into Boothroyd Woods. The route descends to Thunder Bridge wildflower meadows. You walk upstream to the village, then follow Shelley Dike before crossing it and going up the hill to Shepley. Upper Cumberworth is the highest point before dropping into the Dearne Valley and Denby Dale.

Variations at Point A

The trail can be made shorter by finishing at Shepley making it is 5m walk. Alternatively, it can be varied by taking the Shep-Den trail back to Denby Dale station which takes you through Shepley Village. The combined mileage of this variation is 8.7m

Points of Interest along the way

Farnley Tyas

The route up to Farnley Tyas is blessed with magnificent views of Castle Hill. The village itself is a good place to take stock as it has an Inn. Leaving the village takes you down to Netherton where there are also amazing easterly views towards Emley Moor mast.



Thunder Bridge Meadows

You reach the meadows when you leave Boothroyd Woods next to Thunder Bridge Dike. The trail turns R but to the left are wildflowers meadows. Spring or early summer is the best time to see them at their best.

Amenities

Honley station is 1m away from the village centre and supplies so it is best to plan accordingly. The first place for refreshments and such is the Golden Cock Inn in Farnley Tyas. Thereafter there is the Woodman Inn at Thunder Bridge with nothing else on route till Denby

Dale. Minor diversions can be made to Shepley or Upper Cumberworth where supplies can be found.

The Route

The walk is one of ups and downs following river valleys, the main being Thunder Bridge Dike. The ascents are not too hard and there are few stiles so easy going. The path at the side of the Dike can be muddy but this is very weather dependent, everywhere else the conditions are fairly good. Total ascent and descent is 102ft and 923ft, the highest point being Upper Cumberworth at 827ft. Allow 4 to 4.5 hours walking time.

Permissive Access

There is permissive access to Boothroyd Woods through Storthes Hall park, points B to C. There is also permissive access from Thunder Bridge Meadows to the village, points D to E.

Transport

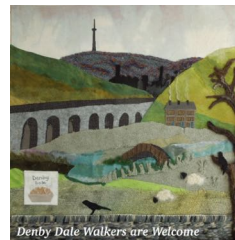
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The Hon-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 7.7 mile route between Honley and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

With back to station turn L and L again under railway bridge to footpath. Continue all the way to meet Hall Ing Lane. Turn L on road and continue until you reach old converted Bethel chapel with large gravestone outside on RHS, turn L up narrow footpath to reach stile and field. Continue up field with wood at RHS until opening in fence with footpath into woods. Take the trail that bears L up hill and continue to track crossing, go straight across. Continue climbing hill through woods until a stone wall on RHS, continue on level path. Path winds round top of woods and crosses a few minor streams. At the end of the woods cross Ludhill Dike and climb steps to gate, turn L and continue with fence to LHS. Castle Hill should be clearly visible to LHS.

1.2m Continue all way to stile and road, cross to pavement and turn R up hill to Farnley Tyas. Carry on past Golden Cock Inn and continue to follow road which turns to R, then take L onto Manor Road which is a cul-de-sac. Continue all way down hill. At bottom, just after Ash Croft, turn R at finger post and pass through gate and into field.

2m Continue following path down hill to stile and then continue downhill to woods and another stile. Just after stile take fork to R and continue down to bridge over Ranger Dike, cross and go up hill to stile and leave woods. Bear L across open ground to path in woods which leads to stile and Storthes Hall Lane. Turn R and follow road to exit road from Storthes Hall Park, turn L into park and continue to follow road. Road bends L after which take track to R signed The Stafflex Way just before The Venue. Continue on road past football field on LHS and then through woods and up to road check point.

3m Continue past and turn L down open field. With sports ground to RHS turn R just after, high bank will be to your RHS. Continue straight forward to woods. Continue to footpath crossing from L to R and open fields on RHS, turn L down hill through woods. At

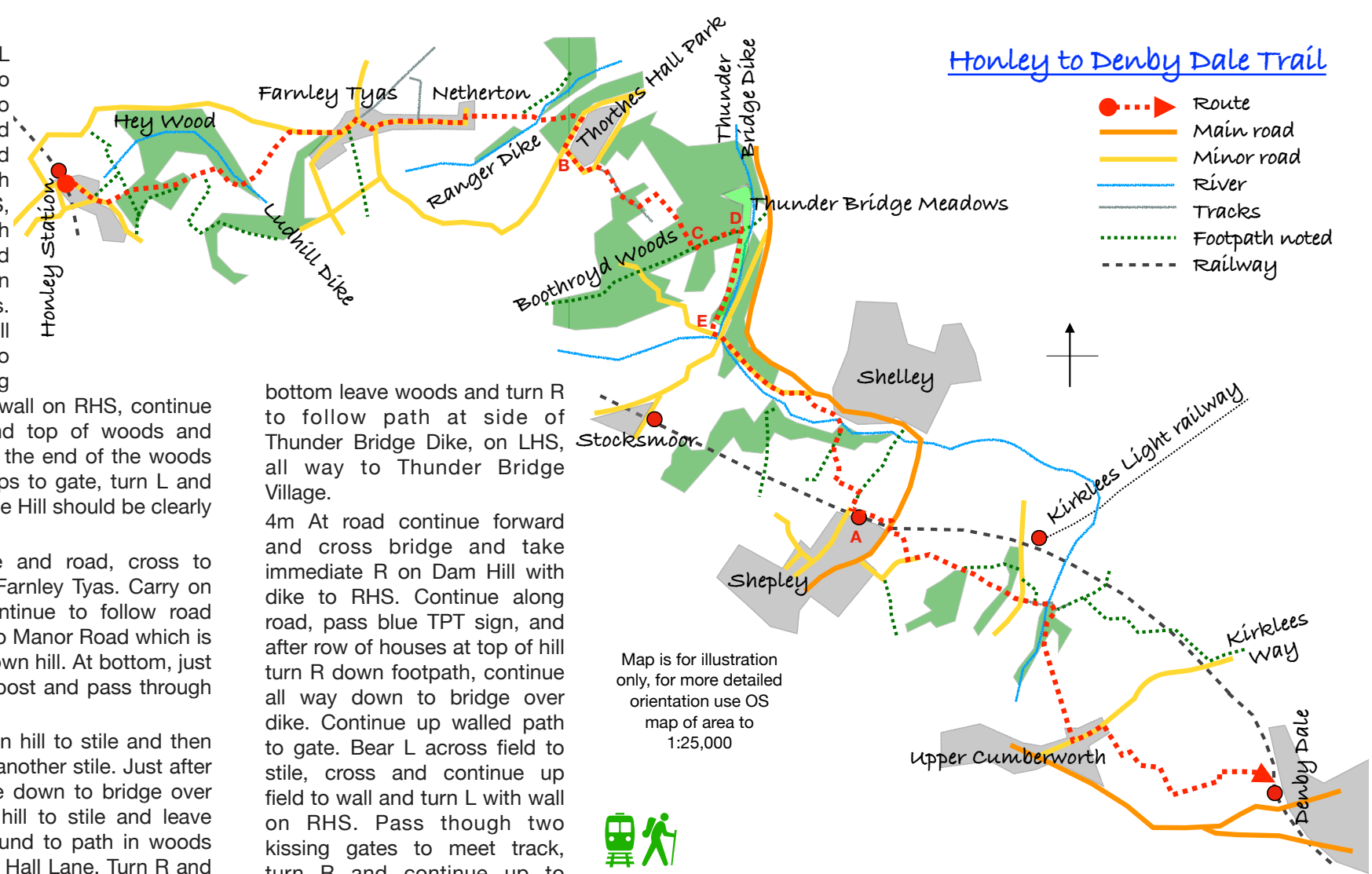
bottom leave woods and turn R to follow path at side of Thunder Bridge Dike, on LHS, all way to Thunder Bridge Village.

4m At road continue forward and cross bridge and take immediate R on Dam Hill with dike to RHS. Continue along road, pass blue TPT sign, and after row of houses at top of hill turn R down footpath, continue all way down to bridge over dike. Continue up walled path to gate. Bear L across field to stile, cross and continue up field to wall and turn L with wall on RHS. Pass through two kissing gates to meet track, turn R and continue up to Shepley station.

5m Just before bridge take footpath to L at side of post box, continue down track to main road. Turn R under bridge and then cross road and take road opposite running at side of railway embankment. Continue all way up road until sign for TPT, turn L and follow path all way to road.

6m Go straight across onto Longroyd Lane, cul-de-sac, continue and through gate and take footpath directly in front into woods, track bends to L. Continue up through woods, leave via stile and continue through fields up to

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Upper Cumberworth. Pass over stile and continue forward towards Church. At road turn L and continue down until fingerpost between bungalows on R, take path and through stile and into field. Bear L to another gate and path to road.

7m Cross and through gate to path bearing L and another gate. Pass through and down fenced path to gate. Enter field and keep to path up and down field to gate. Leave field over stile to track and continue down to railway bridge. Denby Dale station on RHS.