

Den-Pen Trail - 5.5 to 7.1 miles

This trail from Denby Dale to Penistone takes in wooded valleys and reservoirs whilst enjoying far reaching easterly views. It follows some very quiet minor roads, parts of the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) and sections of the Barnsley & Penistone Boundary walks. It is an easy trail that can be extended to include a walk around Scout Dike Reservoir.

Points of Interest along the way

Viaducts and Pensitone Railway Line

There are impressive stone viaducts at both Denby Dale and Penistone. Between Gunthwaite and Scout Dike there is a huge railway embankment which stretches across the valley.

Gunthwaite

This is an ancient hamlet with a remarkable 16th century cruck barn. The information board is worth a look.

Scout Dike Camp

In 1943 the outdoor centre at Scout Dike was taken over by two companies of black American soldiers tasked with storing air ammunition during operation Bolero towards the end of WW2. The people of Penistone welcomed the soldiers who integrated into Yorkshire life and were soon introduced to the delights of the English pub. A local vicar invited the solders into church to sing gospel songs and talk with local people about their lives and experiences. In return local people held a concert at Scout Dike centre. Some of the old camp can still be seen today.



Amenities

In Denby Dale and Penistone, there are numerous shops, cafes, pubs & take-aways.

At Upper Denby the George PH is not too far away from the route in the centre of the village.

Julie's Cafe at the side of the Trans Pennine Trail in Penistone is a great place to stop for a drink and a bite to eat. Allow 10 to 15 minutes walk to the railway station.

The Route

The ground conditions for the walk are generally good with parts on quiet roads and tracks, there are only a few short stretches that can be muddy. There are few stiles so easy going with only one climb of any significance from Denby Dale to Upper Denby. Stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent is 606ft and 508ft, the highest point being Upper Denby at 809ft. Allow 2 to 2.5 hours walking time and exclusive of Scout Dike Reservoir variation.

Transport

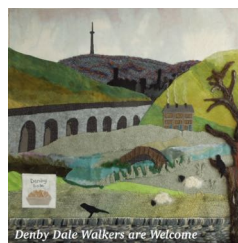
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Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Den-Pen Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 5.5 to 7.1 miles route between Denby Dale and Penistone railway stations.

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Route Guidance

Leave Denby Dale railway station at viaduct end of platform and go down steps to tunnel under railway line. Continue down path to end, TL and then TR down stone steps to road.

Cross road and take footpath opposite, descend down past mill on RHS and up other side to road. Cross and take track opposite with blue TPT sign for Millhouse Green. Continue up track which becomes old cobbled stone footpath to top, see photo.

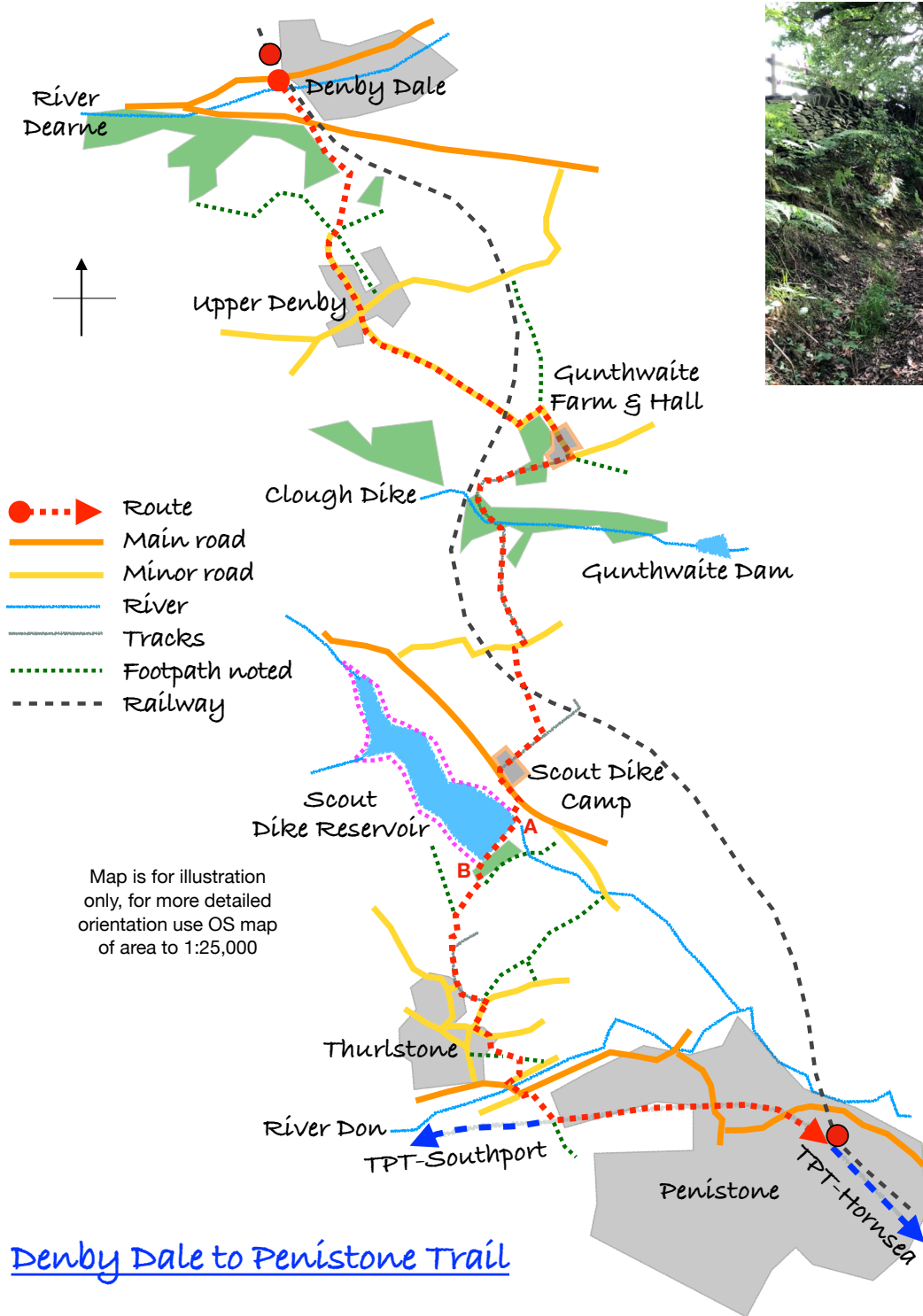
1m At meeting of tracks and footpath continue straight ahead to Upper Denby village. Take road straight ahead until junction with another road. Continue straight across down Gunthwaite Lane. At Gunthwaite farm continue past farm buildings and take track to R with Gunthwaite House to LHS and farm buildings to RHS, continue straight ahead on track.

2m At fork take LH track going down hill into woods with railway embankment to RHS. Cross over Clough Dike and head uphill through gate, track bears R.

At gate continue straight ahead with hedge and fence to LHS. At next gate/stile continue straight over on footpath to meet road, turn R. At first footpath finger-post TL and follow path to unmanned railway crossing. Take appropriate care and pay attention to warning signs. Cross line via gates either side and continue up green lane.

3m At meeting of track TR and continue up hill to road past old WW2 buildings. TL and past Peak Venture and then cross road and into Yorkshire Water car park for Scout Dike Reservoir. Note this is permissive access across the dam and round the reservoir. Bear L and continue to the end of the car park and bear R to steps taking you down to top of dam. Continue across top of dam. At end of dam take footpath directly in front, do not follow footpath that bears R. Go through small woods to meet path from LHS and continue bearing R and over stile to field. Continue straight up field to stone stile and cross and TL and continue with wall to LHS. Footpath follows edge of field and bears R to stile and onto green lane on L, continue R up lane. At meeting with lane from RHS go straight forward.

4m Lane bends to R and then meets with road from LHS, continue straight ahead down hill. At bottom T junction make LT and continue down Work Bank Lane



which is a cul-de-sac. Just after house on RHS take stile over wall and down field bearing L. At gate go straight forward to second gate, pass through and take path bearing R across field to road. Leave field via stile and TR and continue to road. TL and go over River Don bridge, road bears to L and after a short while cross road and take track to RHS between houses. Track goes up hill past houses, where it turns L take opening in wall on R and continue up hill to meet with TPT. At top turn L and continue along trail to Penistone railway station via exit from trail on LHS.

Scout Dike Variation

The route can be extended by 1.6 miles to include walking round Scout Dike reservoir. This is permissive access. Leave route at point A and take path round reservoir which is easy to follow. Rejoin route at point B.

