

Brock-Den Trail - 7.3 miles

From Brockholes to Denby Dale, this trail takes in valley bottoms and climbs the highest points around to capture magnificent views of outstanding natural beauty. You follow the river Holme and then New Mill Dike. There is a climb up to the top of Cheese Gate Nab, then onward to High Flatts and Quaker Bottom before dropping down to Denby Dale. This is a truly magnificent walk combining Iron Age, Quaker and industrial heritage with spectacular views.

Points of Interest along the way

River Walk to Wildspur Mills

The valley from Brockholes to New Mill and Jackson Bridge was once an industrial hot spot. There were large mills, dams, coal mining and quarrying to build and provide resources for the woollen and weaving industries. Most of this has now gone but if you look closely some of its legacy remains.



Cheese gate Nab

As you climb out of the Holme Valley, be sure to take a moment and look at the view, it just keeps on getting better as you climb, on a good day it is amazing.

Castle Hill

The walk along Windmill Lane offers a second set of amazing views of West, South and North Yorkshire. At the eastern horizon, the Yorkshire Wolds are clearly visible. Castle Hill features the remains of an Iron Age Hill Fort (650Bc-43 AD) - relics to be seen in the Tolson Museum. It also has the remains of Roman iron mining and smelting.

High Flatts and Quaker Bottom

There is much history in this conservation area, worth checking out beforehand. As you pass through Quaker

Bottom, look up to the gable end of one of the houses and check the time.

Amenities

There are lots of opportunities to meet one's needs in the trail between in Brockholes and New Mill. Thereafter things become a little bit thin on the ground until you reach High Flatts where there is Touch of Thai, which offers a variety food and drinks, a very good spot on the trail.

The Route

The walk along the valley bottom follows the river and can at times become muddy. Once out the valley the ground conditions improve significantly. The route between Cheese Gate Nab and High Flatts follows quiet roads, so walking on tarmac. There are plenty of stiles to negotiate, some of the stone stepped stiles need care since they can be slippery. Stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent is 1069ft and 938ft, the highest point being Cheese Gate Nab at 1196ft. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours walking time.

Transport

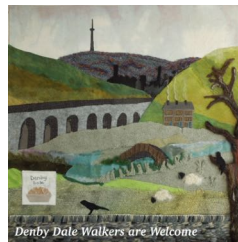
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Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Brock-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 7.3 mile route between Brockholes and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

With your back to the station turn L and at Brockholes Lane turn R downhill. Continue down the hill to New Mill Road. Turn R and then take first L into an industrial estate, cross bridge over river and turn L. Continue along path through Hagg Wood with River Holme on LHS.

0.6m exit Hagg Wood and turn R up hill on track which soon levels. Go straight forward to walled footpath with campsite office to LHS.

0.8m at end of path cross river on white steel bridge and turn R onto Luke Lane and then L onto path. Follow to stile and cross going forward with steep stone em-

bankment on LHS.

0.9m go over wooden stile and up bank to junction of paths, take R path down towards river and continue between fencing.

1.2m continue on path to wooden gate, pass through and under pipe bridge. Turn R over wooden bridge and continue up road with houses either side. Road bends L and then R. After about 200m take acute L turn onto Stoney Bank Lane. Continue along Stoney Bank Lane which runs level and then drops down to meet road from L, continue straight ahead up hill to meet junction with Holmfirth Road, turn L. Carry on down road and go straight forward to centre of New Mill, cross road at pedestrian crossing and follow road direction to Sheffield.

2.1m continue on Sheffield Road and shortly after turn R into Glendale Mills industrial estate. Go down side of buildings, through car park and over river. Bear L through bollards onto walled path up hill, after a short while bear L onto another path which levels out. Continue to follow path with river in valley to LHS.

2.5m path meets another path from RHS, continue straight forward and down to Wildspur Mills. Just before mill make acute L turn and follow path with fence to RHS to meet river. Continue keeping river on LHS and mill on RHS. At bridge cross and immediately turn R with river on RHS.

2.6m keeping river on RHS, bear R and avoid path to L, follow side of river. After a short while take path to L and continue up steps to Sheffield Road. Take care with

steps which can be slippery.

2.7m cross road to Butterley Lane and immediately make for stone steps and footpath sign, continue on path which makes a L turn and continues up hill.

2.8m cross over two wooden stiles and continue to stone stile at top of hill. Cross and bear R towards Meltham House farm with white gable end.

2.9m head for stone stile, not wooden gate, cross and continue up hill towards buildings and steel gate. Pass through and continue R through courtyard and exit to road via steel gate.

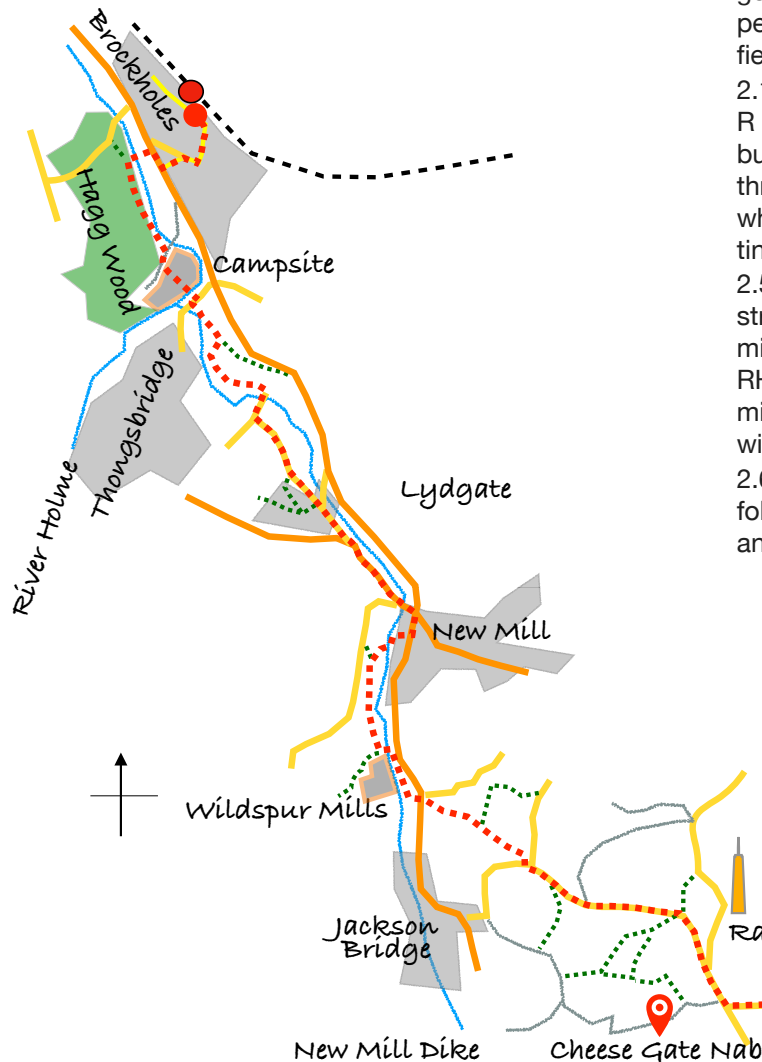
3.0m turn L up Scar Hole Lane to top of hill.

3.8m continue past junction with Intake Lane and then turn L onto Windmill Lane and continue past junctions with Haddingley Lane, Birdsedge Lane and Broadstone Road.

5.9m Cross Penistone Road and continue down to Quaker Bottom, keeping on track to L and continue past the Quaker cemetery to wooden stile and turn R. Follow field down and then L and follow path between bushes and wall.

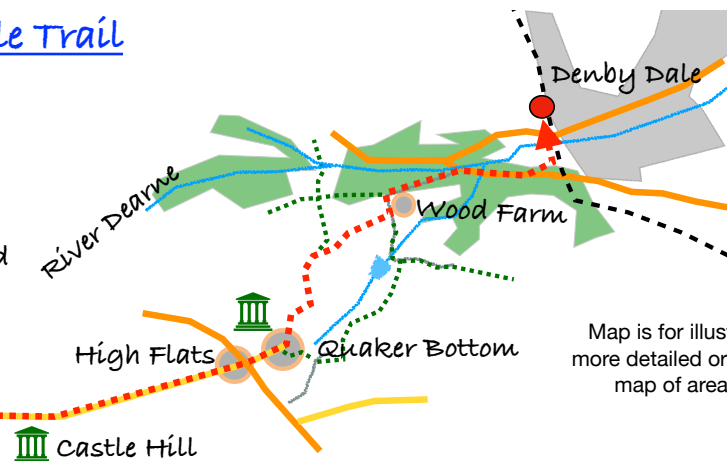
6.3m at kissing gate go straight forward and head towards Wood Farm. At junction with lane turn L and continue down Toby Wood Lane to Barnsley Road, cross to pavement and turn R.

6.6m after houses on L turn left down footpath which turns R and meets with another footpath from R, turn L and continue down and then up with Railway viaduct to RHS to meet with Wakefield Road. Turn R to go into Denby Dale or straight across for station.



Brockholes to Denby Dale Trail

- → 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

