

Berry-Den Trail - 9.5 miles

This route from Brockholes to Denby Dale initially makes its way up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of West Yorkshire and the Pennines. You follow part of the Holme Valley Circular Walk (HVCW) up to Farnley Tyas, then across Farnley Moor, also with fabulous 360° views. At the top of Gate Foot, the highest point in the trail there are yet more far reaching views before you descend to Birdsedge and follow the Dearne Way. A good day's walk with fantastic countryside to enjoy



Points of Interest along the way

Castle Hill & Victoria Tower

Castle Hill has a long history, some of which is still being unearthed. The Victoria Tower, built for Queen Victoria's 1897 60th jubilee, is clearly visible from miles around. You can access the tower but this is limited to certain days and perhaps worth checking before planning a walk, it is well worth a visit.

Farnley Tyas & Moor

The village sits on the edge of the moor and offers a chance to rest a while. The trail then goes over the moor which is more a high plateau rather than a wild moor. It provides a most enjoyable walk as you make your way across to Thurstonland.

Holme Valley, 'Last of the Summer Wine' Country

The walk from Thurstonland to Gate Foot offers you a chance to make out all the little villages that lie in the valley, you may need a map. Well worth a picnic stop beyond Thurstonland where there are some lovely benches to have a rest and enjoy the view.



Amenities

When you leave the station at Berry Brow, there are opportunities for supplies before the climb to Castle Hill. Thereafter, there is nothing until Farnley Tyas where there is an Inn. There is also an Inn in Thurstonland, then nothing further until you reach Denby Dale. If needed a short detour near the end brings you to Upper Cumberworth where there is a post office /general store.



The Route

The climb up Castle Hill is steep but after that most of the walk is moderate to easy with a few shorter climbs. The ground conditions can be variable and weather dependant, but generally are good. Stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent is 1414ft and 1030ft, the highest point being top of Gate Foot at 1068ft. Allow 4 to 5 hours walking time.



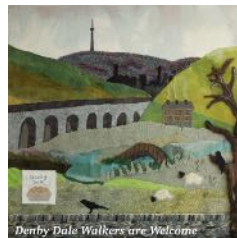
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Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Berry-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 9.5 mile route between Berry Brow and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

Leave station and turn R to end of road, cross zebra crossing and turn L, continue up hill to Newsome. Turn R along path opposite St John's Avenue. At fork bear R and continue on path to Hall Bower along walled path.

1m At road turn R, continue past Hall Bower Club and bear L to road. Go straight across with house to LHS up hill. Take first footpath L and pass through gate across field to another gate and then up side of field to road. Leave via stile, turn L and then immediate R. Take footpath on LHS to Castle Hill, continue up to Victoria Tower. At base of tower take high level path with car park to RHS, check out the views. Leave Castle Hill via access road, exit from car park. After first R bend take footpath to L, via acute turn. Continue down hill to stile and down side of field to track. Take L and then R and carry on down field with wall to LHS. At next stile bear R across field to houses. Pass between them via gate and turn R to drop down to road.

2m Turn L and then R at first finger post. Continue down field with hedge to RHS. At bottom cross stile and down to woods, cross bridge and take L up hill via steps. At top go straight forward and continue to stile leaving woods. Carry on down side of field, cross stream and back into woods, follow path. Trail goes through woods and leads up towards Farnley Tyas. Leave woods to field via stile, continue up hill with trees to LHS. At top join path from R and continue to gate and green lane which takes you up to Farnley Tyas.

3m At road turn R and continue past Golden Cock Inn and towards church. Before church take L turn up side of farm buildings, go through

gate and follow track. Track ends and go through gate onto footpath between wall and fence. At road turn R and then L onto footpath, continue straight across field via two stiles towards large house. Go past and up side of fence to meet road. Turn L and then R up track, take footpath to L before gate. Continue straight across field through gap in wall to a gate and leave field to brushwood embankment. Follow path down to road, turn R and then L down access road to Heights Farm.

4m Leave access road via gate to R and follow path with fence to LHS, track other side of fence. Meet track and turn R, then through another stile and turn L and continue down field with wall on LHS. Carry straight on through second gate and then open field and another wall to LHS. Bear R across field to stile and continue with wall to LHS. Pass through stile and continue to Thurstonland with fence to RHS. Go straight past house to road and turn R down hill. Turn L up Top O' Th' Bank and continue right to top, houses on LHS.

5m Continue on flat on track with views over the Holme valley to RHS. Pass through stile and then bear R down hill to stile and track from R. Continue forward to road and turn R downhill. After short while take L at finger post onto footpath and continue with wall on RHS. Pass stile and now wall on LHS. Continue and exit field via gate and head for Fulstone across

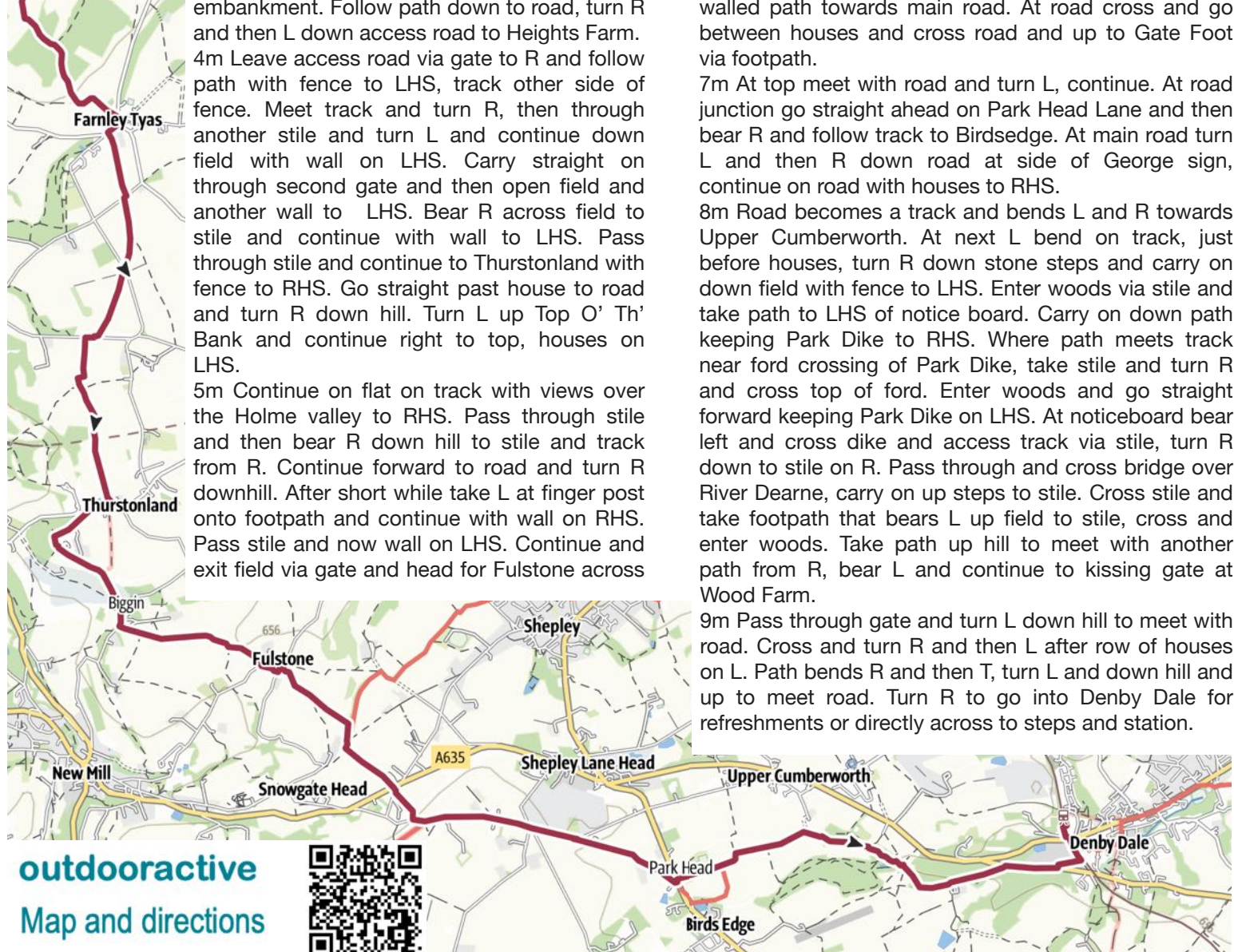
field. Leave field via stile, turn R and then L up footpath with houses at top.

6m Meet with road and turn L and then R at Moorview Barn. At back take green fenced path and then bear R across field to stile and continue to bottom R of field to another stile. Head uphill towards wood, not farm footpath which bears R. Enter woods via stile and bear R and continue up through woods to path. Turn R and then L over stile and up hill. Cross stile and go down walled path towards main road. At road cross and go between houses and cross road and up to Gate Foot via footpath.

7m At top meet with road and turn L, continue. At road junction go straight ahead on Park Head Lane and then bear R and follow track to Birdsedge. At main road turn L and then R down road at side of George sign, continue on road with houses to RHS.

8m Road becomes a track and bends L and R towards Upper Cumberworth. At next L bend on track, just before houses, turn R down stone steps and carry on down field with fence to LHS. Enter woods via stile and take path to LHS of notice board. Carry on down path keeping Park Dike to RHS. Where path meets track near ford crossing of Park Dike, take stile and turn R and cross top of ford. Enter woods and go straight forward keeping Park Dike on LHS. At noticeboard bear left and cross dike and access track via stile, turn R down to stile on R. Pass through and cross bridge over River Dearne, carry on up steps to stile. Cross stile and take footpath that bears L up field to stile, cross and enter woods. Take path up hill to meet with another path from R, bear L and continue to kissing gate at Wood Farm.

9m Pass through gate and turn L down hill to meet with road. Cross and turn R and then L after row of houses on L. Path bends R and then T, turn L and down hill and up to meet road. Turn R to go into Denby Dale for refreshments or directly across to steps and station.



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Map and directions

