

## Stock-Den Trail - 7.5 miles

The route starts off in the sleepy village of Stocksmoor and runs to Denby Dale taking you on some quieter and less well trodden footpaths. Thereafter it goes through Boothroyd woods. Kirkburton is a lovely village with lots to offer everyone. The high point is literally the highest elevation at Roydhouse which has superb views over the area of outstanding natural beauty. Pass through Skelmanthorpe and return to Denby Dale.

## Points of Interest along the way

### Stocksmoor

For football fans, this small hamlet was the birthplace of Ben Swift Chambers, a church minister who founded Everton Football Club. He is buried in Shepley, his grave always has a blue and white scarf wrapped around his gravestone.

### Kirkburton

This small village is a haven of activity, it has an iron age history, one to check out before you arrive.

### Roydhouse

This small hamlet is home to a famous local restaurant, it sits on a high ridge which is also dominated by Emley Moor mast which is a local landmark and one to head for when climbing the hill from Kirkburton.

### Skelmanthorpe

Lots of history to the village, weaving was a big part of its industrial heritage, indeed it has its own weaving museum. At the top of Radcliffe Street, before you go through the stone stepped stile check out the gable end of the old stone weaver's cottage. Notice how it was



extended to accommodate a Jacquard on top of the hand-loom.

## Amenities

There is lots of scope for all one's needs in Kirkburton which is 3 miles into the walk. Another mile further is the 3 Acres Inn at Roydhouse. Thereafter, Skelmanthorpe has a very good choice of everything you may want. Denby Dale is, as Skelmanthorpe, a good source of refreshments.

## The Route

The walk is 7.5 miles long with many small stiles, a number are squeeze stiles and easy going. There are a couple of short inclines and a longer ascent up to Roydhouse from Kirkburton. The ground conditions are generally good but parts can be muddy so stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent of 1010ft and 917ft. Allow 3 to 3.5 hours, not inclusive of stops, to complete the walk.

## Transport

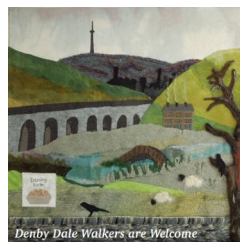
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# The Stock-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 7.5 mile route between Stocksmoor and Denby Dale railway stations.

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## Route Guidance

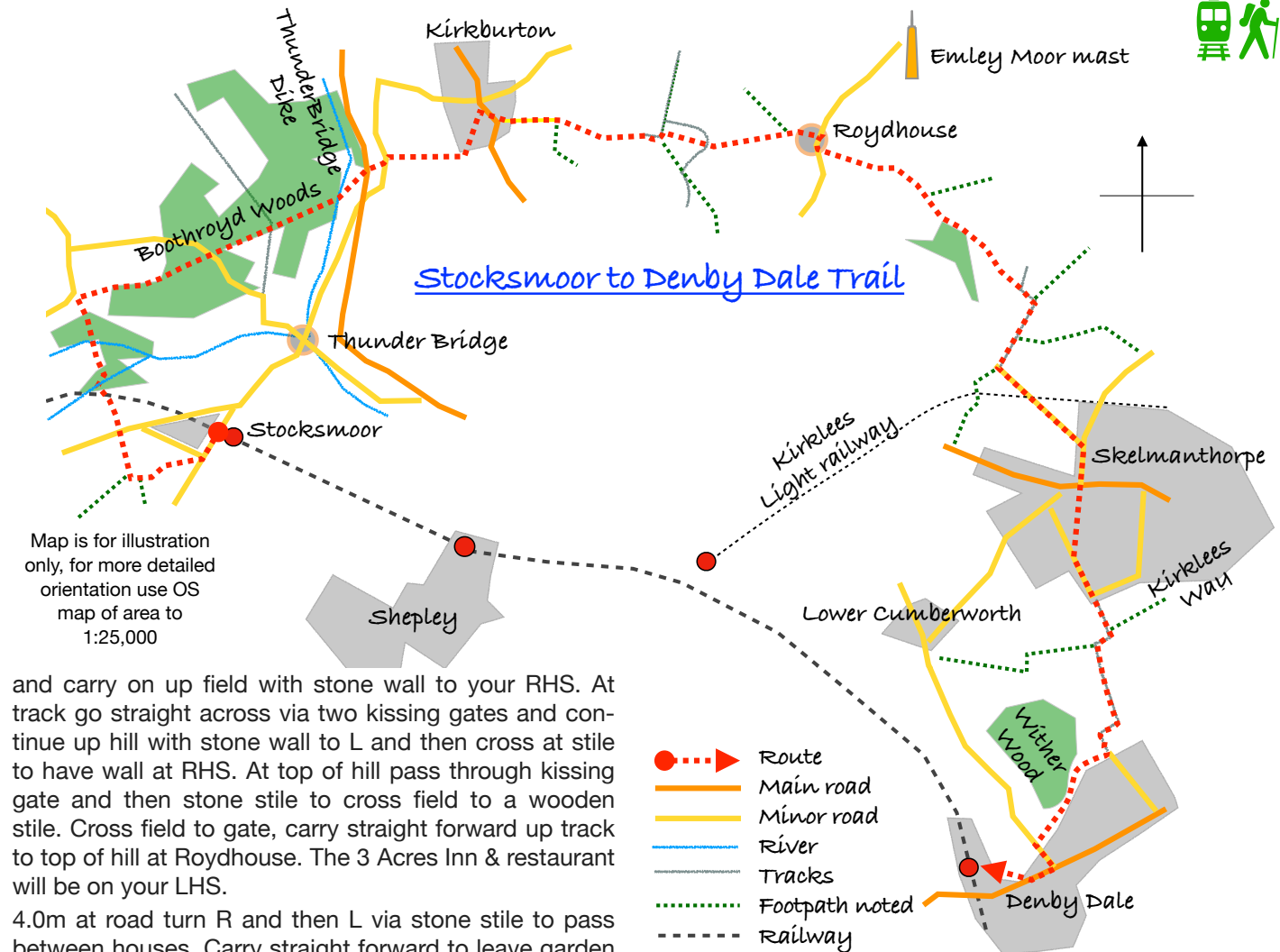
Leave the train station, at road over the railway turn L and continue to crossroads, straight across and take footpath immediately on RHS. Cross wooden stile and continue across field and through stone stile, continue past houses. Cross stone stile and follow footpath with stone wall on RHS. At end of wall take RH stile through wall and walk down field to a gate and a stile.

0.6m meet with road, cross via kissing gate and wooden gate, continue down track to a kissing gate on LHS. Continue down field to railway line and stone stiles at either side. Beware of trains before crossing. Enter woods and follow path immediately L and then R and down to bridge over dike. Exit woods via stone stile and metal gate, keep woods and stone wall to your R and pass through second stone stile and down to bottom of field and wood gate into woods. Enter woods and cross bridge over dike and steep climb up to stone stile. Carry on straight forward towards road. Without leaving field, pass through wooden gate on R and continue with stone wall on LHS to another wooden gate and enter Boothroyd Wood, continue along footpath.

1.5m meet with road, cross and continue down side of stone wall with woods to LHS. Cross track and continue forward down hill. Leave woods and carry on to bridge over Thunder Bridge Dike. Bear L up hill and pass through stone and steel stile into woods and up to road. Leave woods via stone stile. Cross road and take footpath with wooden stile immediately opposite and carry on up hill. At top leave field to road via stone stile. Turn L and then almost immediately R along footpath, follow down fields with stone wall to your LHS. Pass through wooden gate onto grass track to minor road, in Kirkburton village.

2.5m Carry on straight forward down Low Town with Kirkburton church to RHS. Continue down to road bearing R and up to George Street, cross road and turn R. Follow George Street for a short while and then take Lane Head Lane which is straight ahead. At top of lane take footpath to L and continue up hill on path with stone walls at either side. Pass through stone stile and continue up hill. At steel gate pass through and continue up hill with stone wall to your LHS.

3.5m pass through steel gate and turn R on track which then turns L. Soon after pass through stone stile on RHS



and carry on up field with stone wall to your RHS. At track go straight across via two kissing gates and continue up hill with stone wall to L and then cross at stile to have wall at RHS. At top of hill pass through kissing gate and then stone stile to cross field to a wooden stile. Cross field to gate, carry straight forward up track to top of hill at Roydhouse. The 3 Acres Inn & restaurant will be on your LHS.

4.0m at road turn R and then L via stone stile to pass between houses. Carry straight forward to leave garden via wooden stile. Cross field to stone stile. On entering field go down at side of wall to your RHS and then just before buildings bear L down field heading towards wooden stile in hedge which may be unseen but follow worn footpath. Carry on down field keeping to LHS, take second L footpath over stile which has stone wall to RHS with a wood behind. After a short while follow footpath which bears L across field to a wooden stile in bottom LH corner. Continue down field with hedge to LHS. Pass through second stile and then down to steel gate and track. Carry on straight forward and continue on track.

5.2m track meets with lane, turn L and continue up lane

crossing KLR bridge. At Station Road turn R and continue to junction with Huddersfield Road. Go straight across onto Radcliffe Street and take the stepped stone stile to long path leading to Lidgett Lane, turn L. As road bears L continue straight forward on trail signed for Trans Pennine Trail. Continue on track.

6.6m turn R off track onto footpath which goes past Wither Wood to your RHS. At road track turn R and then L through wooden gate, continue through a second wooden gate to meet with Cumberworth Lane. Turn L down to Denby Dale. Turn R and continue up to Dale Inn turn R and continue to path up hill to railway station.

