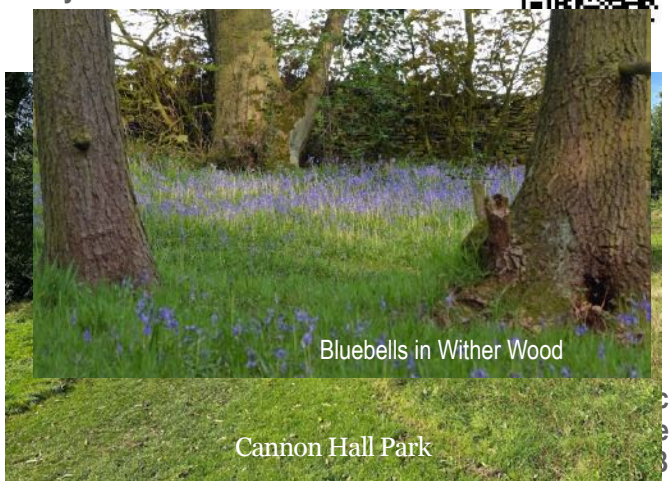


Check (Clough House Dike), go through a kissing-woodland, over a wooden stile into a field, straight on towards the trees, over another wooden stile passing Stubbins Farm on the right, to the farm-track. Continue along the track till it meets Common Lane/



Cannon Hall

First & Nursery School in view and just before a turning right onto a public footpath. Immediately after a wooden footbridge turn lovely Wither Wood.



Bluebells in Wither Wood

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wish to explore the Wither Wood, owned by the Woodland Trust a conservation charity see and managed as community woodland open for all to enjoy

If not, take the broad track into the wood for just 20 metres, then fork left onto the narrower path which hugs the western border of the wood. Cross a low footbridge over a small stream, continue ahead looking out for a second footbridge



Sparrow Hawk in Wither Wood

down to the left. Cross this, climb the large (& steep!) log steps and follow the path round to a stone stile on your left. Exit the wood via the stone stile and walk up the field to join Cumberworth Lane at the side of a stone house. Cross the lane with care, turn right and proceed past the Bromley Park estate back to the Foresters Arms where walkers are welcome and refreshments await!



The Foresters Arms



Cannon Hall Park

This... written by members of Denby Dale Walkers are We... and funded by Denby Dale Parish Council. "C... mbrians" by A. Tarbatt (published 1983) is an excellent history of Lower Cumberworth available from Kirklees Libraries. Also worth reading is "Exploring the Upper Dearne Valley" by John Wilkinson.

The Lower Cumberworth Circular



Footbridge over Thorpe Dike on Kirklees way

View from pavilion in Deffer Wood
Denby Dale is well served by train and bus services. We would encourage you to travel public transport so as to minimise your environmental impact. Train, the Sheffield to Huddersfield line stops at Denby Dale as well as many other stations along the line.

Lower Cumberworth is served by bus services from Huddersfield to Denby Dale Interchange and from Holmfirth to Wakefield (no Sunday service).

Local services can be found by the... to our website.

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Walking in and around Denby Dale

Over The Border



View of Cawthorne from High Hoyland

A 7.5 mile scenic walk from Clayton West over the border into South Yorkshire and back. The views are stunning with no end of interesting sites to see and lots of amenities. Give yourself a full day to enjoy the many sites this walk has to offer. Stout footwear is advisable.





The Lower Cumberworth Circular

This part of west Yorkshire is rich with clues to its past heritage in the names of our villages. There are signs nearby of Neolithic and Iron Age settlements at Castle Hill, site of an ancient hill fort near High Flats. Cumberworth or Cumbra's Enclosure is derived from its Celtic heritage. Later the Romans showed an interest in the iron deposits at Castle Hill but left no name to any settlements. Cumberworth then became surrounded by Saxon villages, Emley, Scissett and Clayton West. Following the Saxons were the Vikings in Denby Dale, Kitchenroyd and Skelmanthorpe. Later on we have the Quakers in Quaker Bottom.

Cumberworth was once renowned for its hand loomed fine quality woollen cloth. In 1822 there were 4 manufactures listed in Cumberworth. With the advent of the industrial revolution and power looms it was left behind in favour of the valley bottoms where there was water power.



Start: The Foresters Arms, Lower Cumberworth

Walk along Lane Hackings Green, continuing straight ahead (on the Kirklees Way) as the lane becomes first a track and then (after Little Hackings) a footpath.

The Kirklees Way is a 73-mile route, devised by Kirklees Council, which circles the district.

The term Hackings refers to cultivation of soil.

Turn right through a kissing-gate, remaining on the Kirklees Way, eventually leaving the field through another kissing-gate onto Giltwhaites Lane. (0.6 miles) Here the two walks diverge.



View towards Kitchenroyd

Main route, 3.2 miles

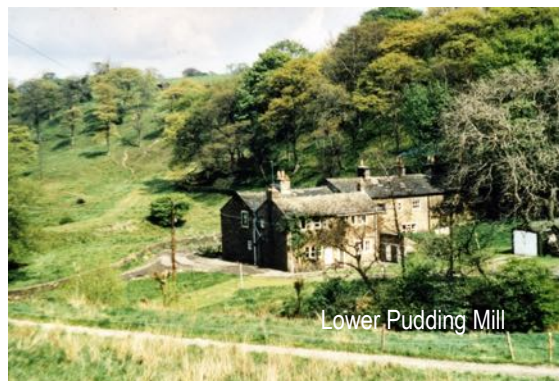
Turn left onto Giltwhaites Lane, then after 100 metres take the right fork off the lane onto a path across fields which leads to Cross Lane on the outskirts of Skelmanthorpe. Walk across the football pitch (round it if there's a match on!!) to a waymarker. Turn right downhill, along the Kirklees Way, onto a woodland path which after a few minutes leads onto a splendid stone causeway, Thorpe Lane, over Thorpe Dike and beyond. Stay on the Kirklees Way, turning left over a wooden stile (or through a gate) onto a broad track, with a deep wooded valley (bluebell woods!) to your left, which leads to a further wooden stile/gate. Follow the path on the right hand side of the field (with Perch House Farm to your right) over a



Lower Pudding Mill

stile, onto the farm track and down to the main A636 Wakefield Road. Cross the road with care and immediately take the sign-posted footpath downhill which soon joins the driveway to Lower Clough House.

To the right is Lower Putting Mill (Lower Pudding Mill according to local historians), a fulling mill with mill house in



Lower Pudding Mill

outdooractive Map and directions



the early 19th century. The fulling process was used to thicken the newly woven cloth by wetting and beating



Old bridge over River Dearne

causing the fibres to matt together to give it strength and increase waterproofing. After fulling the fabric was stretched secured by tenterhooks.

The driveway crosses the River Dearne and proceeds steeply uphill to the house. At the wooden footpath sign turn right through a picket-gate, cross the field to another gate, just before which you should turn right again and walk along the path beside the fence.

You are now briefly on The Dearne Way, a 30 mile continuous footpath from the source of the river near Birdsedge to its meeting with the River Don at Mexborough.

