

Silk-Den Trail - 6.3 miles

The walk from Silkstone to Denby Dale takes you through quiet backwaters and varied terrain. There are signs of the area's industrial heritage and parts that time seems to have forgotten. You drop down from Silkstone to Blacker Dam and then climb to Whin Moor before descending again to Tanyard Beck and then over Gadding Moor to picturesque Gunthwaite. Onwards to Denby with fine views back of the route taken. Thereafter the trail drops down a historic cobbled path to Denby Dale.

Points of Interest along the way

Silkstone Common

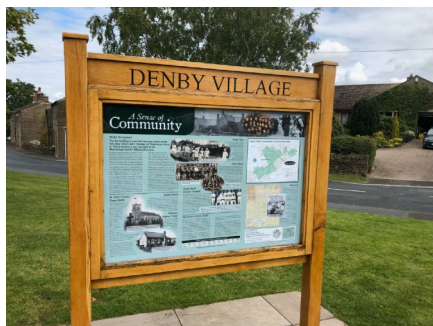
Evidence of the previous long history of coal mining remains including the route and foundations of the Silkstone Waggonway. The local history is worth checking out before you visit.

Gunthwaite

The Gunthwaite valley has a thousand year history of settlement, possibly back to Vikings, with a number of ancient buildings such as the C16th cruck barn. It remains largely untouched today. There is a very informative plaque at the start of the Bridleway to Gunthwaite Hall at 3.9 miles.

Denby

The village green is worthy of a resting place and to view its interesting information board.



Denby Dale

Once back in Denby Dale, you walk beside the stunning railway viaduct. Admire the work that went into its construction as you wander below it.

Amenities

In Silkstone Common, there is the Station Inn which serves food on certain days, best to check 01226 790248

Also, the Cottage Bakery in Silkstone Common, just down the road from the PH towards Barnsley. Tel 01266 790263

En route there is the George at Upper Denby, again check for details 01484 861347

In Denby Dale where the route ends there are numerous shops and amenities which are listed on our website.

The Route

The walk is 6.3 miles, with numerous stiles and some short steep sections. It is a very rewarding route passing along many quiet footpaths and through places of interest. It has an altitude gain and loss of 843ft and 761ft. The ground conditions can be variable which is weather dependent. Stout footwear is recommended. Allow 2.5 to 3.0 hours walking.

Transport

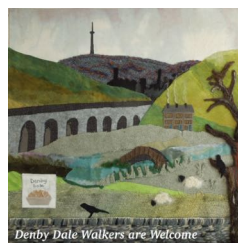
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Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Silk-Den Trail



A walk and a train ride during this 6.3 mile route between Silkstone Common and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

Leave the platform at Silkstone Common station from the Penistone end and cross via the gated crossing. Go through the small car park and turn left on the road.

0.1m Turn right down a track and then after a short while right and left through a gate. Follow the field down to Blacker Dam heading for the left hand end. It can be wet down the field so make for the driest route. Exit the field via a stile.

0.4m At the track, turn right and continue with dam to your right.

0.6m Turn left onto footpath and continue up the field until a stile and then through the wood. Pass dilapidated buildings at Warren Royd.

1.0m At the junction, take the stile straight ahead and follow across field to another stile and drop down to a small bridge, follow the path up and to the main road.

1.2m Cross road and turn left, start to follow the Penistone Boundary Walk (PBW). Turn right down track and continue.

1.6m Turn left down fields having passed Meadow Gate, over a stile and follow hedgerow where another stile takes you to the other side. Continue to another stile and then drop down field to track.

2.0m At track turn right - note no longer following PBW! Continue to follow track up hill. Just before Small Lanes Farm turn left over stile and through a field going through another gate and to the road.

2.3m Turn left and follow the road, do not turn right at the first footpath sign but continue up road past Wool Greaves to Upper Elmhirst. Take care on road, blind bends.

2.6m Turn right off road and follow path on L between hedge and stables to stile. Continue down field and up the other side to leave field at side of white buildings at

Wood Royd.

2.9m After gate, turn left up farm track and continue to Common Side Farm.

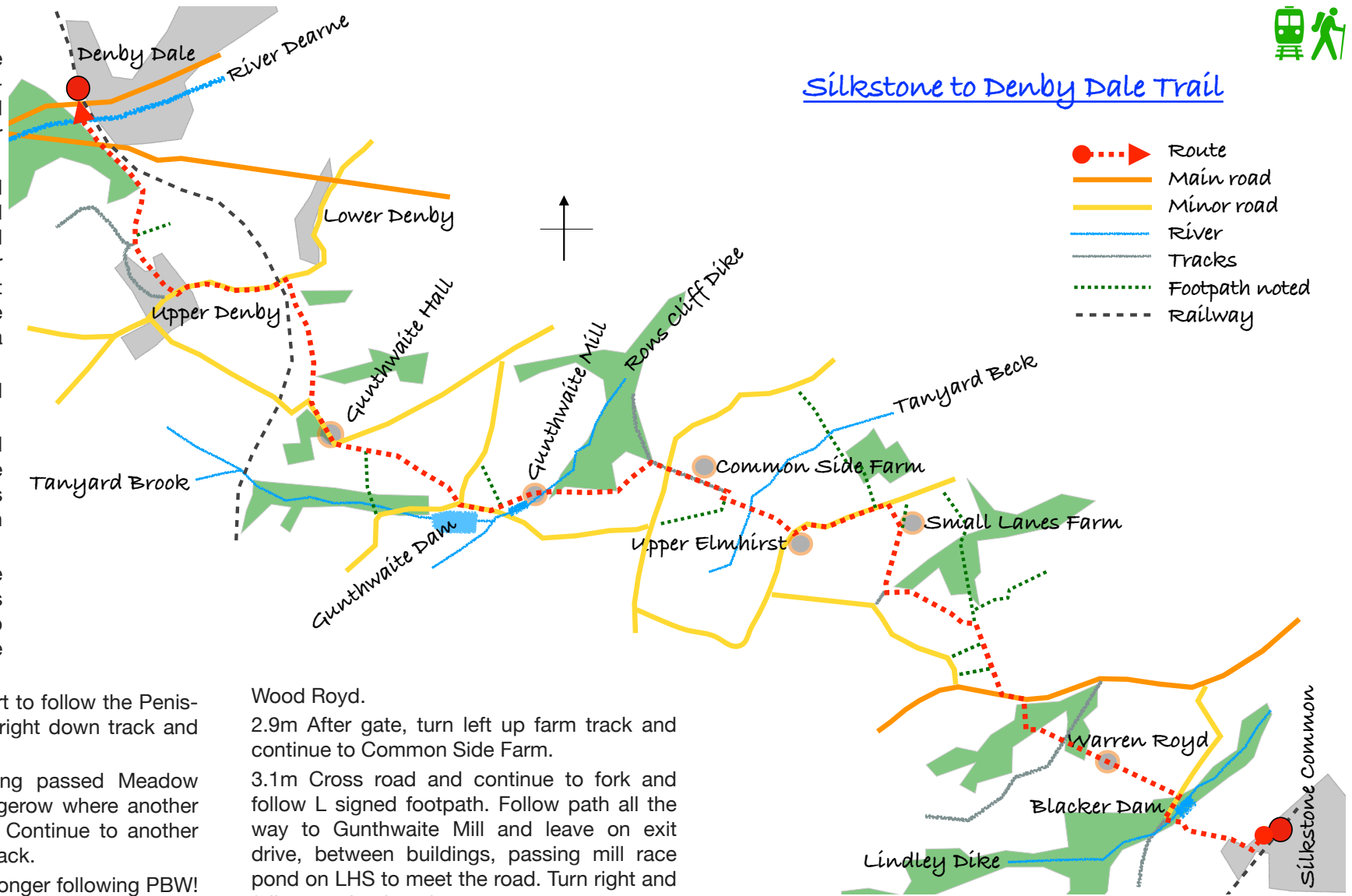
3.1m Cross road and continue to fork and follow L signed footpath. Follow path all the way to Gunthwaite Mill and leave on exit drive, between buildings, passing mill race pond on LHS to meet the road. Turn right and follow road to junction.

3.9m Take Bridleway up to Gunthwaite Hall. Note the very helpful local information sign.

4.4m Gunthwaite Hall, go straight across at road in between ancient barn and modern cow sheds

4.6m Take path straight forward and follow track and across fields, head straight forward and find path at bottom of railway embankment. Continue to wooden duckboard and up hill and over to meet road at railway bridge.

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- ▶ Route
- Main road
- Minor road
- River
- Tracks
- ⋯ Footpath noted
- - - Railway

5.0m Turn left up hill to Upper Denby. At The George PH turn right and then left in front of garages, continue up along green lane and then past houses and down to junction of paths. Take the bridleway straight ahead down to Denby Dale.

6.0m At main road go straight across to footpath. Go straight forward down hill and up other side to meet main road. Turn R for Denby Dale or straight across for railway station.

6.3m Station platform.