



Keep on this road, with fields to your left and bungalows to your right, which takes you to the pathway down into the grounds of Cannon Hall.



Cannon Hall

Go down the path and over the ornamental bridge into the vast grounds. If you wish to visit the Hall, gardens, farm shop cafe, adventure playground and farm carry forwards up the grassy track. Otherwise follow the lakes edge and to the car park and exit.



Cannon Hall country park



If it's the Garden Centre café and toilets which you seek turn left and head over the grass through the car park. Having been sufficiently fed and watered we resume the walk for its final stages.

From the entrance at Cannon Hall Car Park we turn right along the road past the entrance to an old lodge house, taking care on this narrow busy road with no pavement. After a few hundred yards take the farm track on your left towards Jowett House. Just before the farm buildings turn right and go along this track.

Keep the farm buildings to your left and just after the last cowshed enter the field taking the path which bears to your right. Head towards the hedge and gate.

Cross the small stream and over the stone stile in the wall. Turn left and keeping to the lower part of the field keep forward to the stile into Deffer Wood. Soon after entering woods turn right onto a track until you reach another junction; turn right up a steep track walking parallel to the field on your right. At the top of the hill you will see a pretty little round pavilion. Take a breather here and admire the beautiful view. The rafters of this building are also worth noting.

Going back to the track carry on forwards up this main track until you come to a left-hand bend with fields to your right. Turn right here through what once was a stile and follow the path to the road locally known as Toppit. At this road junction go forward down the hill. After passing two houses on your right turn right again going downhill and then up the other side on Upper Common Lane - again there is no pavement so take care.

After passing a house on your left followed by the driveway to another house look for a footpath sign pointing into Cliffe Woods on your left. Turn down this stony track then turn right into the woods.



Follow this path through the woods and into the small car park. Just inside the car park is a magnificent stone sculpture by Ryan James. Ryan worked with a local school and local people to create a 4m high obelisk representative of Clayton West.



Carry on forward to the bottom of Cliffe Street, turn right along Church Lane past All Saints Church. At the junction cross High Street back to the Village Stores and journey's end.

Over The Border



View from pavilion in Deffer Wood



Getting Here

Clayton West is well connected by Bus services. We would encourage you to travel by public transport so as to minimise your environmental impact



Clayton West is served by buses from Denby Dale Huddersfield (via Skelmanthorpe and Denby Dale) and from Wakefield and Holmfirth

There is a car park just inside the entrance to Cliffe Woods, at the top of Cliffe Street.



Denby Dale walkers are Welcome

Please check out our website for further information. We are supported by Denby Dale Parish Council.



Updated October 2023



Walking in and around Denby Dale

Over The Border



Cawthome 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.



Over The Border

The walk is on established paths and tracks. The terrain is mostly low level through fields and pastures. It starts in Clayton West and climbs over the ridge at High Hoyland which is the border between West and South Yorkshire. Thereafter descend to the village of Cawthorne; on then to Cannon Hall Country Park, returning to Clayton West via Deffer Wood and Cliffe Woods. 7.5 miles, the actual mileage will depend on the amount of sightseeing.

 **Start : Clayton West High Street.**

From the 'Village Store' take the marked footpath down the side of the shop through a kissing gate onto Kaye's Millennium Green. You are now following the Kirklees Way.



Follow the path past the cast-iron sculpture of a cow to the next kissing gate.



Kaye's Millennium Green

Go straight ahead to the next kissing gate, then follow the line of the hedge over the field down to the stream. Cross the wooden plank bridge and stile, walk up the field following the hedge and over the next stile. Cross this field diagonally to the hedge, looking for a gap by the gate ahead; once over the stile follow the path with the hedge on your left to the opening to your left. At the farm entrance road turn right and follow path towards the high ridge with the spire of High Hoyland church visible above the tree line, you have now left the Kirklees Way. The paths makes it way to the Litherup Road.

Turn right and then left on the footpath at the side of the old High Hoyland church which is now a house.



At the next path junction turn right towards High Hoyland and start to follow the Barnsley boundary Walk which you will follow all the way to Cawthorne village.

Carry forward on this path which takes you through fields bringing you out onto the road at High Hoyland, where you turn left down the road to meet the Barnsley road. Turn left along this road for a few yards then take the footpath by the sign on your right.

The path takes you down the side of a field; at the bottom turn left, then over a stone wall into Margery Wood. The path winds its way through what can be a muddy area of woodland coming out into a field via a stile. Carry on forwards down the field, with the wood to your left, then enter the small Hood Wood. Go forwards into the next field again using stiles.

Follow the path to a footbridge which you cross; then at the junction carry forwards up the track into the village of Cawthorne. This picturesque village is steeped in history, the Cawthorne Victoria Jubilee Museum is well worth visiting.



Cawthorne Museum

At the top of the path turn right along the road then left at the junction. Take a lane on your right and head into the church yard, following the church path right then right again down the steps past a mausoleum on your right, which you might like to take a look at. Carry on down the tree-lined driveway onto the road. Cross this road and turn left. Just after a club which serves meals turn up a small road passing a pretty old lodge-type house on your right and a blue plaque on the gate post.

