

and Co. Ltd. and over the years has produced many different fabrics including Cotton Brocades, Damasks and Taffetas. During the last war the mill made Parachute silk and Khaki shirting. The Mill now has a range of shops and also a café and toilets.



Short cut: At the Mill turn left up Norman Road back to main A636 and take directions after war memorial

Otherwise continue along Dearnside Road to the T-junction and turn right up Miller Hill.

As you walk up the hill the first house on the left is where local women took their washing to be wrung out on the village mangle for 1 penny a load. The two-storey part of the house was also a Dame School. A Dame School was run by elderly women and provided limited education for working-class children until they reached an age where they were economically useful to their parents.



After about 150m fork left down Cuckstool Road and after about 100m where the road bends carry straight on along Hollin Edge.

Where the road dips (Heywood Bottom) look to the right and notice the bucket trough in the wall. This was used by local people for their water before there was a mains supply. As you walk along Hollin Edge notice the number of holly trees which give this road its name. In the Middle Ages before root crops were available holly was harvested as a fodder crop to feed cattle through the winter months. Without such a winter food supply livestock often had to be killed at Martinmas (11th November).

Continue along Hollin Edge and just over the brow of the hill turn left down the public footpath onto White Close Lane. Cross the River Dearne at the footbridge and bear left back to Cuckstool Lane. Now turn right alongside the cricket pitch back to the main Wakefield Road.

As you cross the bridge notice on your left Pogson or Pogstone House which was also a Dame School up until the 1920s. On the right is Cuckstool Farm where the 1846 pie was baked. A cuckstool was an ancient form of summary punishment in the form of a "ducking-stool". The cuckstool was often used as a punishment for a nagging wife.

Cross the main road onto Leak Hall Lane.

On the right of Leak Hall Lane notice the three-storey building "Field House". In the 18th and 19th centuries

this was a cloth manufacturers and dye house. It was here that a Mr. Wood started the Methodist movement in Denby Dale in old outbuildings at the back of the house.



Walk to the top of Leak Hall Lane and turn right at Leak Hall Barn.

Leak Hall unfortunately no longer exists but at one time was the centre of a considerable estate which covered much of Denby Dale and Cumberworth. In 1597 John Firth was born here. Firth was a major instigator of the Quaker movement in the area and eventually established the Meeting House at the Quaker settlement at High Flatts.



Enter Wither Wood at the wooden squeeze stile and feel free to wander throughout the wood or follow the waymarkers to the north-west corner.

The history of Wither Wood has been traced back to the 14th century with a reference to "a tenement called Leyke and all lands, woods and meadows". Leyke refers to the nearby farm of Leakall which became Leak Hall. In its long history Wither Wood, known to many locals as Withey Wood, has been an important economic resource providing timber, firewood, grazing and in more recent times fire clay. In Hanoverian times the wood was referred to as "Springwood", a reference to the practice of coppicing or pollarding. Wither Wood is now owned by the Woodland Trust, a national conservation charity, and is managed as a community woodland.



Leave the wood by the stone stile and turn left. On reaching a wooden stile in the hedge turn right along the field edge to a stone squeeze stile. Turn left along Dark Lane and go past the farm. Turn right through a gate into the fields then continue through another gate to Cumberworth Lane. Turn left down the hill and then right immediately after the Methodist Chapel down Wesley Terrace at back of the war memorial.

The war memorial commemorates the 56 men from the Denby and Cumberworth area who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

At Wakefield Road A636 turn right and along the road past a retirement home and then turn right. Walk around back of Dale Inn and take path at left hand side of white house up hill, Wood Lane. At top is railway station.

Denby Dale Village Trail



The 1964 Pie Dish

Getting Here

Denby Dale is well served by Train and Bus services. We would encourage you to travel by 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. Details of timetables can be obtained via our website or National Rail.

Bus, there are several routes that pass through Denby Dale. There is a bus terminal at the railway station. It is best to plan your journey beforehand via Metro website, or follow the link from our website.

Look out for the Denby Dale Village Trail waymarkers to help guide you around the trail.

see: <http://www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk>

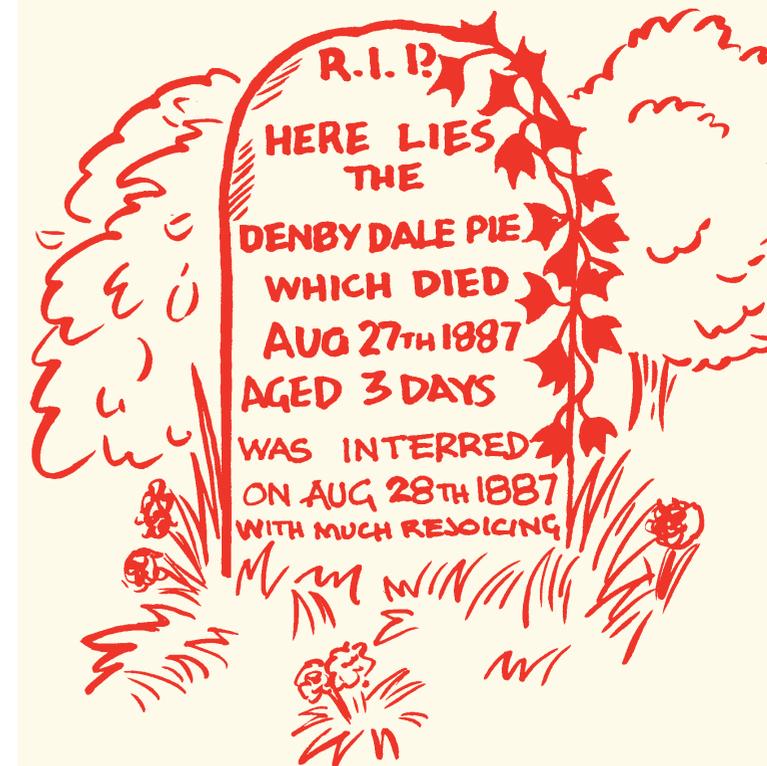
Walking in the East Peak



Walking in and around Denby Dale



Denby Dale Village Trail



A scenic 5-mile walk around the village of Denby Dale. Allow 2 to 3 hours for a leisurely walk. Stout footwear is advisable. The trail splits easily into two parts.

