



**Waymarked Walk No. 6**  
**BOLTON UPON DEARNE to**  
**ELSECAR**

**Starting Point**  
Bolton upon Dearne Railway Station.

**Distance**  
6 miles (9.7 km).

**Time**  
Allow yourself half a day or longer to explore Old Moor and/or Elsecar.

**Footwear**  
Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose footwear accordingly.

**Waymarks**  
The route is waymarked with a distinctive B circled with arrows.

**How to get there**  
The villages around the route are served by bus services and some railway stations.

You can make your own travel arrangements using the South Yorkshire Travel Line; Tel: (01709) 515151.

If you do use a car please use the car parks where these exist, and be considerate of others when parking elsewhere.

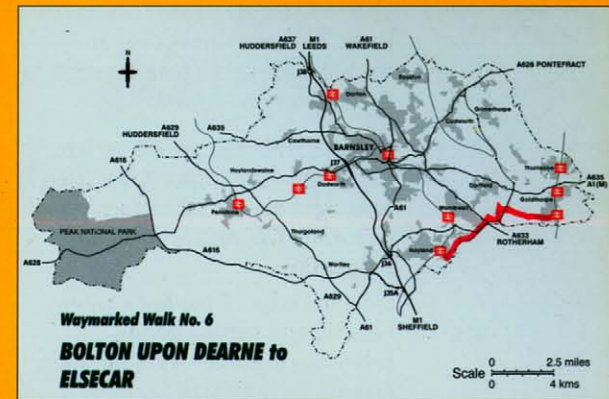
**Additional Information**  
The route is covered by OS Explorer Maps No's: OLI The Peak District 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

**History with a Future ...**

Eastwards of Bolton upon Dearne lie the extensive reclaimed WR3 Tip and the Old Moor Wetlands Centre, both transformed from wasteland to stand as symbols of an exciting future for the Dearne Valley.

These are important sites for wildlife as well as people. Old Moor is now managed by the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and is the jewel in the necklace of wetland sites along the lower reaches of the River Dearne.

South-west of Old Moor our route enters the Elsecar Greenway to follow a corridor steeped in social, economic and natural history. Canal, railway and road follow the natural stream of the Knoll Beck, providing a sequence of transportation from Elsecar, one of the hearths of the Industrial Revolution.



**9** Elsecar was a coal and ironstone mining community developed in the 1700 and 1800's by the Earls Fitzwilliam of nearby Wentworth Woodhouse.

The Elsecar Heritage Centre is situated on the site of the original Elsecar Colliery Industrial Workshops. There is a Living History Centre, Craft Shops and Tearooms.

To the north of the Heritage Centre is the Elsecar Newcomen Engine which is an Ancient Monument. It is the only one in the world still on its original site and was built by John Bargh of Chesterfield in 1795 at a cost of £167.19s.3¾d. It was used to pump water out of Elsecar New Colliery which opened in the same year.

You can travel the mile between the station at Elsecar Heritage Centre and the Hemingfield Basin on the Dearne and Dove Canal by steam train.

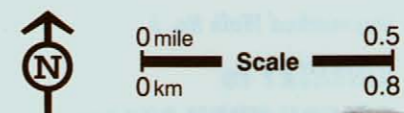
The station was built for Earl Fitzwilliam in 1870 and was used by the Earl and his guests to travel to the races at Doncaster. The Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, was a frequent visitor.

For further information call (01226) 740203.

**7** Carefully cross the busy main road and enter a stile and path leading under Brampton Road to reach the Elsecar branch of the Dearne and Dove Canal.

The branch supplied water from Elsecar Reservoir into the main canal network and served the many collieries along its length.

**8** We now follow the towpath for 2½ miles along the Elsecar Greenway to Elsecar Heritage Centre.



**1** Our walk starts at the small car park at Bolton upon Dearne Railway Station. From the car park turn right into Lowfield Road, then left into Angel Street. Turn right at St. Andrew's Church into High Street. Continue ahead into Wath Road and Ingsfield Lane.

**2** The route now leaves the urban settlement and onto a path with the reclaimed WR3 Tip to the right and Bolton Ings to the left. Follow the footpath ahead towards Broomhill.

**3** Go under both the dismantled railway and the A6195 Dearne Towns Link Road. To the south lies the expanse of the Old Moor Wetlands.

**4** At Marle's Bridge turn left and onwards through Broomhill where the Old Moor Tavern provides refreshments for birdwatchers and walkers alike.

**5** Follow the quiet route down Highgate, or detour through the new woodland alongside, then turn right onto the footpath through Gypsy Marsh Nature Reserve.

**6** Turn right onto the dismantled railway which forms part of the Trans Pennine Trail, then left between industrial units to reach the A633 Wath Road.



**Waymarked Walks 5 & 6**  
**BRIERLEY to**  
**ELSECAR**

**Barnsley Boundary Walk**



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