

BARNSLEY BOUNDARY WALK

The Barnsley Boundary Walk is made up of twelve short walks joined to form a continuous route some 73 miles (117 km) in length, mainly through the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, but also in parts of Kirklees, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Sheffield.

You can join the route at any point and enjoy one or more sections to suit your time and energies, and travel arrangements.

This Leaflet is one of a series of six designed not only to show you the route but also to point out and explain many of the interesting facts and features to be discovered along the way.

The walk roughly follows the boundary of the Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley through a great variety of landscapes from the moorland of Dunford, the wooded environs of Wharnccliffe, the historic parks at Cannon Hall, Bretton and Wortley, and the wetlands of the Lower Dearne. Landscapes rich in social, economic and natural history.

As you enjoy the Boundary Walk please respect the interests of those who live and work in the countryside.

Further Information

If you have any comments on the Boundary Walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks and rides in Barnsley, including the Trans Pennine Trail, please contact:

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Waymarked Walk No. 9

WHARNCCLIFFE WOOD to WORTLEY STATION

Starting Point

Woodhead Road.

Distance

6.2 miles (9.9 km).

Time

Allow yourself half a day or longer to explore the wood at a leisurely pace.

Footwear

Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground. Choose appropriate footwear.

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:
OL1 The Peak District
278 Sheffield and Barnsley

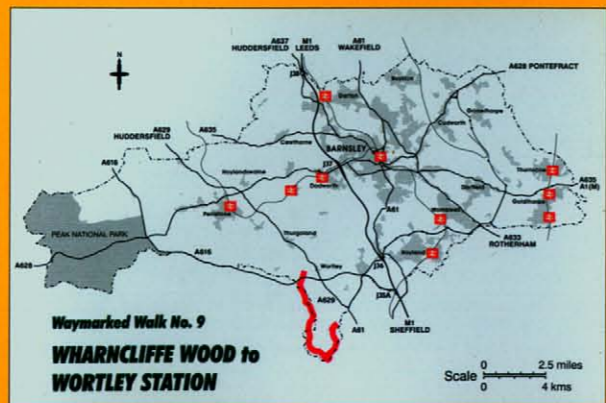
Wood and Craggs ...

The extensive Wharnccliffe Woods have long been well frequented by walkers, climbers and nature lovers. Horse riders and mountain bikers now join them to enjoy this splendid environment courtesy of the Forestry Commission.

The walk enjoys the best of what the woods have to offer going deep into the forest, turning northwards along the well made Plank Gate track and climbing to Wharnccliffe Craggs with impressive views across the valley of the River Don to the Peak District moorlands beyond.

The area was once covered in dense primeval woodland which was gradually settled and cleared in parts. However, the steep, rugged terrain aided the survival of large areas of woodland, and although Wharnccliffe is a 'working' wood it remains rich in archaeological and natural history interest.

Wharnccliffe Wood



1 Walkers continuing from Tankesley can follow the walk from The Hollow; visitors using the nearby car park at Woodhead Road can join the route at Stead Spring.

At Woodhead Road turn right onto the footpath through Stanfield Ash Farm. Follow the path down the fields and right into the lane to The Hollow.

2 At The Hollow turn left and follow the footpath into Wharnccliffe Wood, heading towards Stead Spring, close to Sough Dike.

3 A popular car park off Woodhead Road serves Wharnccliffe, Wheata and Greno Woods. You can follow the main track westward (marked Trans Pennine Trail) to join the Barnsley Boundary Walk at Stead Spring.

4 The network of tracks through Wharnccliffe Wood can be confusing; following the waymarkers will keep you on the right path. Generally the route descends southwest to Wharnccliffe Wood End, then turns north west to follow the main Plank Gate track parallel to the railway line.

5 Look out for the path diverging; follow the right fork climbing Pales Wood Gate track to Wharnccliffe Craggs.

6 Initially the path is below but then climbs to be on top of the Craggs. The gritstone craggs of Wharnccliffe have long been a favourite venue for rock climbers.

7 At the end of the Craggs follow the path down to the right and cross the embankment of a small pond. Turn left downhill between ornamental stone gate posts to rejoin Plank Gate track.

8 At the end of the wood pass under the A616 Stocksbridge By-pass and join the Upper Don Trail (Trans Pennine Trail). Past the former Wortley Station turn right up the access ramp and right again into Cote Green Lane by farm buildings down to Finkle Street Lane.

In 2003 a car park will be opened to serve the various recreational routes that converge here.

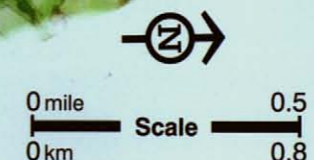
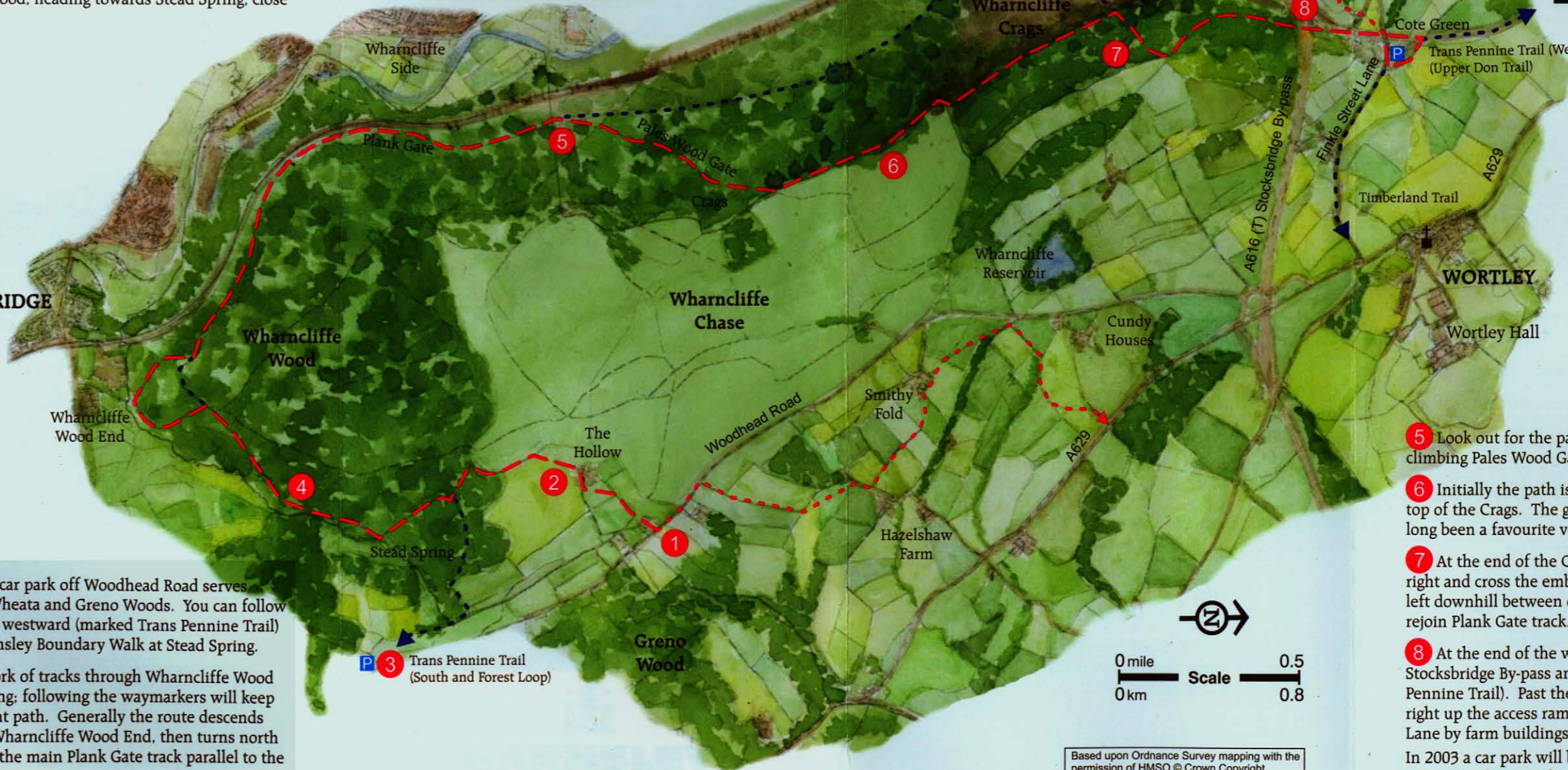
Wortley Station



Upper Don Trail, Wortley



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