Responsible Walking

This walk uses some of our many rights of way. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone’s livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

Follow the Countryside Code:
- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

How do I get there?

Unfortunately Thorpe Salvin only has limited bus links to other areas in the borough, for up to date information call traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables.

The walk starts at the Parish Oven public house.

Public Paths in Rotherham are clearly shown on the OS Explorer Maps Nos. 278 and 279. Why not pick up a copy at your local bookshop and devise your own walks.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822932

Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.

Key
- Walk No: 19
- The Thorpe Salvin Trail

An easy way to explore the beautiful, local countryside on your ‘doorstep’.
**Waymark**

Just follow Salvin and along the ancient woods of Thorpe Salvin

Take a walk through the Doorstep Walk

You do not need fancy times before planning your visit, however check opening times in advance to ensure it is open. The airfield can be found on Netherthorpe Road.

Anston and transported via the canal. The canal was fully restored by British Waterways in conjunction with English Partnerships and Planning Services, although it is currently only navigable as the Cuckoo Way, forms part of the Chesterfield Canal Trust for Partnerships and Planning Services.

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The path more or less mirrors the line of the canal until you reach the canal from the airfield and enter the wood. As soon as you are in the wood, take the right hand path that runs parallel with the canal. The path will be waymarked with yellow arrows.

Hawks Wood & Old Spring Wood

Old Spring and Hawks Wood are ancient woodlands dating back to at least 1600. This means that there has been continuous tree cover since that time. For this reason ancient woodlands are one of the most important land types for nature conservation in England.

Hawks Wood and Old Spring Wood are very different in character. Hawks Wood has many young trees with a diverse ground flora whilst Old Spring is very dark because of the closely growing older trees. More information about these woodlands is available by calling Streetpride on 01709 822177 or visiting the council’s website.

**The Thorpe Salvin Trail**

The name Thorpe derives from the Norse for an outlying farmstead, while Salvin refers to its 13th century lord of the manor Ralph Salvin. Thorpe Salvin is also home to Sheffield Aero Club, which takes you over the canal and onto the tow path.

**The Chesterfield Canal**

Chesterfield canal built in 1777, skims the southern boundary of the borough and its towpath (known as the Cuckoo Way), forms part of this Doorstep Walk. Originally the canal ran from the River Trent at West Stockwith, Nottinghamshire to Chesterfield.

The canal was built to export coal, limestone, and lead from Derbyshire, iron from Chesterfield, and corn.

For more details, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on: www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow

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