

ELSECAR WALK

(6 1/4 miles - 10 km)

1. From **Elsecar Park car park**, on Armroyd Lane, go on the Right to Fitzwilliam Street [*The Earls Fitzwilliam developed Elsecar as a coal and ironstone mining community in the 1700 and 1800s*].

2. Go up Fitzwilliam Street and take The Croft (a dead end) on your Left. Follow the Timberland Trail through the Inclined Plane [*a private railway constructed in 1838 to link Milton Iron Works at the top of the slope with Elsecar canal in the village. Horses and a stationary steam engine pulled wagons up the slope. The railway was in use until 1911*].

3. At the railway, turn sharply (you can see Milton House on your right) follow the Timberland Trail, cross Armroyd Lane, and go straight on past Skiers Hall on your right and Elsecar reservoir on your left.

4. Turn sharp Right on Burying Lane. Cross Broadcarr road, still following the Timberland Trail. Cross a bridge entering Skiers Spring Wood on an "ancient woodland", which has been in continuous existence since at least 1600]. Go through the gate, and follow the path through the wood, turn Left, and turn Left again parallel to the railway line on your left hand side. On reaching the end of the wood, leave a bridge on your right, cross Stead Lane and go straight on.

5. Cross Skiers Reclamation Site [*an old ironstone pit*] on to Sheffield Road. Cross Sheffield Road follow Timberland Trail [*Skiers Bell Ground on your left*]. Turn Right, onto Black Lane and follow the Trail. Bear Left [*you can see Old Hall Farm on your left*], then turn Right under the M1 bridge.

6. Reaching Saint Peter's church [*parts of the present church date from the 12th century*] on your right, and turn Left on Church Lane footway. At Tankersley Manor Hotel, turn Left and follow the Track, turn left again (golf course on your right). up to Black Lane (Saint Peter's Church on your left).

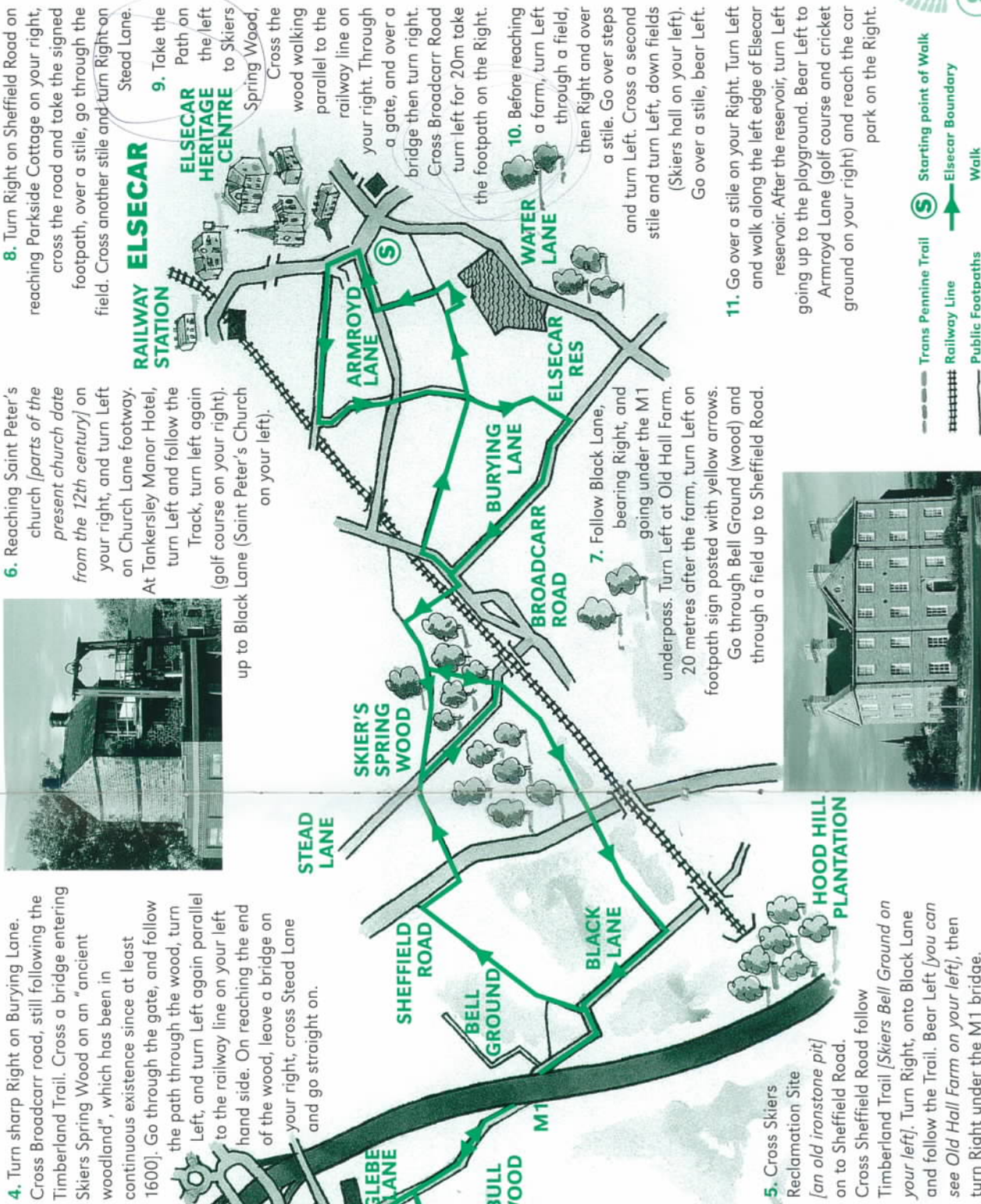
7. Follow Black Lane, bearing Right, and going under the M1 underpass. Turn Left at Old Hall Farm. 20 metres after the farm, turn Left on footpath sign posted with yellow arrows. Go through Bell Ground (wood) and through a field up to Sheffield Road.

8. Turn Right on Sheffield Road on reaching Parkside Cottage on your right, cross the road and take the signed footpath, over a stile, go through the field. Cross another stile and turn Right on Stead Lane.

9. Take the Path on the left to Skiers Spring Wood. Cross the wood walking parallel to the railway line on your right. Through a gate, and over a bridge then turn right. Cross Broadcarr Road turn left for 20m take the footpath on the Right.

10. Before reaching a farm, turn Left through a field, then Right and over a stile. Go over steps and turn Left. Cross a second stile and turn Left, down fields (Skiers hall on your left). Go over a stile, bear Left.

11. Go over a stile on your Right. Turn Left and walk along the left edge of Elsecar reservoir. After the reservoir, turn Left going up to the playground. Bear Left to Armroyd Lane (golf course and cricket ground on your right) and reach the car park on the Right.



Trans Pennine Trail
 Railway Line
 Public Footpaths
 Starting point of Walk
 Elsecar Boundary
 Walk