The Harry Rogers Trail at Ravenfield

How do I get there?
Ravenfield is served by a regular bus service from Rotherham. For up to date information contact Traveline on 01709 823800 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables.

The walk starts at St James Church.

Something to think about
Ravenfield Park is owned by Pheonix Sports and Social club and access is permissive.
If you are interested in information regarding the angling club or becoming a member please ring 01709 363788

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Key
2 Walk No: 12
A stroll around Ravenfield Park

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

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Doorstep Walk
Short, Easy to follow and local

Enjoy a short walk in the countryside around Ravenfield.

- This is approximately 1 and a half miles and is an easy walk almost entirely off the public road.
- Although it is suitable for younger children there are some steep sections, a few steps and a short stretch of quiet road.
- It will take about 1 hour but longer if you wish to sit and watch the wildlife in Ravenfield Park.
- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

Just follow the Doorstep Waymark

St James Church
Ravenfield is an ancient “Domesday” Village, but whilst old enough to have forgotten origins, the church does not have such a long history. St James register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals show first entry dates in 1563 but historians are sure that an earlier book was lost. Those which have survived are kept in the Sheffield City Library Archives.

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4 The path takes you along the side of the ponds and then continues along the wooded hillside. Eventually you will come to the most northern point of the ponds. Follow the path along the field edge at the top of the pond until you come to a fork in the path, take the right hand path.

5 The route then continues back down the eastern side of the ponds along an attractive birch tree lined path.

6 Turn right over the small footbridge and back along the track and back up to Arbour Lane, returning back along the path across the field to St James Church.

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Doorstep Trail
Starting at St James Church the views towards Ravenfield Park are stunning. The area around the ponds is a haven for wildlife and whatever time of year you visit you will find something of interest.

The parks habitats and conditions provide homes for many plants and animals that are rare in Rotherham such as the green tiger beetle and green grasshopper, along with several species of butterfly. You will see and hear dozens of different birds, everything from water birds like herons to woodland and grassland birds.

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

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