The Town Walk around Wath upon Dearne

How do I get there?

Wath is served by a regular bus service from Rotherham. For up to date information contact Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for timetables.

The walk starts at the town library.

About the Author

Elaine is the first local member of the public to write a Doorstep Walk. She ran a wildlife hospital, mainly for wild birds and was a Yorkshire Wildlife Group Leader. In 1987 she won the You and EYE European Year of the Environment competition for her work with an environmental group and school.

We’d like to thank Elaine for all her hard work and boundless enthusiasm.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168

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: 13

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Produced by the Rights of Way Team.
This walk is about 2 miles long, which makes a good base and head left, on your right and a good variety of things to see, all on agree that this is a great walk with a nearby on this walk. We hope you’ll make sure your kids are always these have safe crossings please on the way, and although many of countryside around the town of Wath. You may see kingfishers, and birds of unexpected species of wildlife so close to the brook, and areas of countryside you can see around the brook. You will also see burnet prey, as well as swallows and swifts in the valley, taking the left fork after a short while. Eventually you will reach an old stone canal bridge, head left across this bridge and follow the road ahead, you will soon be back at the roadside. Head right downhill), and stay on the pavement until you reach a request stop at the side of a school. Cross the road here and head left, across a small grassed area, and then follow the path which heads right above a brook. The path heads downhill slightly and crosses the brook by a footbridge.

Doorstep Walk
Short, Easy to follow and local!

Take an easy walk into the countryside around the town of Wath in this easy, family friendly stroll. There are few roads to cross on the way, and although many of these have safe crossings please make sure your kids are always nearby on this walk. We hope you’ll agree that this is a great walk with a good variety of things to see, all on the outskirts of a town.

This walk is about 2 miles long, so allow an easy morning or afternoon to enjoy the route.

Wath which makes a good base for any walk or ride, with many paths around the town, we hope this trail will encourage you to take other walks on the fringes of towns to see what lies close by.

You do not need to read a map.

You do not need fancy equipment.

Just follow the Green Doorstep Waymark

Brook Dike How many people have passed this small stream without giving it a thought? The brook, and areas of countryside you pass where are lots of unexpected species of wildlife so close to some of the paths, walkers and birders, as well as swallows and swans in summer when you will also see arctic and cavernous moths, dragonflies and many types of wild flowers, water voles may also be seen around the brook.

Our picture shows the way the dike looked in the 1920’s, the picture was taken from the very path you are standing on now. You would like to thank Martyn Gleaden for the great picture of the dike as it appeared many years ago, which is from the Wath and Dearne Valley Resources website.

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Wath

The word walk is Wång for ford, and the town was the site of a medieval market - a buttercross stump from the time it can still be seen in the grounds of the old town hall (a buttercross is a name for a cross in a market). If you visit the town on a Wednesday bear in mind that cheese and butter in town has been taking place for nearly two centuries.

The old All Saints Church is one of the few South Yorkshire churches mentioned in a Doomsday Book, and has a long and interesting history. Well worth some further research of your own.

You'll find plenty of other trails in the Wath area including the Trans Pennine Trail – a multi-user route that stretches across the country, as well as the Rotherham Ring Route – a fifty mile long trail which visits some of the Borough’s most outstanding scenery. For more details contact the Rights of Way team.

Why not think about using Wath as a base for walks of your own, perhaps using variations on the trails above? For more details of all our walks and rides, downloads of alternative route descriptions and themed guides check out our web-page on www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow