Something to think about!

Remember that farmers’ livelihoods depend on the success of their land. Please play your part by taking your litter home, sticking to the proper paths and keeping dogs on leads through farmland.

How do I get there?

For up to date information on bus links, call the Traveline on 01709 515151, or visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com for timetables.

Paths are shown clearly on the OS Explorer Maps 278 – Rotherham and 279 – Doncaster.

Why not pick up copies at your local bookshop and devise your own walks?

Visit the Rotherham Information Centre on All Saints Square for more walking leaflets, guides and books, including the Roman Ridge by K.A. Cronk. Tel: 01709 835904.

If you find any problems with the state of the Rights of Way, please report them to 01709 822168.

To find out more about Making Trax phone 01709 822186.
This is one of a series of short walking guides that takes you on a wonderful world of discovery following the Roman Ridge.

One dyke travels from Sheffield to Kimberworth, there it splits into two. One arm continues to Mexbrough via Hilltop, Wentworth Park, Hooper, Abdy and Wash Woods. The other runs towards Kilnhurst, through Wingfield, Greasbrough, Upper Haugh and Swinton Common.

The Roman Ridge is a series of dykes (banks with a ditch alongside) which run between Sheffield and Mexbrough. In spite of their name, they were not built while the Romans were in Britain.

If you wish to find out more about the Roman Ridge, there are two books by K.A. Cronk, "South West Yorkshire’s Roman Ridge. A ‘Who-Dug-It? Mystery’" and "Journey Along the Roman Ridge", available from Rotherham Information Centre, the Central Library and Clifton Park Museum.

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A remnant of the Dove Dearne Canal, just north of Bridge Street in Swinton. Work on this section of the canal began in 1793, and Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth lent £5000 to help finance it. It was completed in 1798. (K.C. 2002)

Built in 1815, the Rockingham Works produced magnificent, internationally famous pottery on an extensive site. Examples can be seen at Clifton Park Museum.