The Roman Ridge on the Kimberworth Hills

The route of the dyke on the Kimberworth Hill is important, because it was here that the Roman Ridge appears to have split into two. It had travelled from Sheffield as a single dyke and entered the parish of Kimberworth by crossing along the north side of Meadowhall Road for about half a mile, before veering sharply north towards Hilltop.

From there it ran to the junction of Old Wortley Road and Wortley Road, crossed Kimberworth Park Road, ran down Wheatley Road and Hudson Road and crossed Wingfield Playing Fields to Wentworth Park.

Cross Section of the Roman Ridge near Hilltop, excavated in May 1947 (Note the fragment of Roman Pottery in the ditch on the right)

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.

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Follow the Country Code, happy walking!

Maps, leaflets, guides and books

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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.

Reporting path problems

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.

KIMBERWORTH PARK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
This is one of a series of short walking guides that takes you on a wonderful world of discovery following the Roman Ridge. 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.

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

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” where the photos in these guides are taken from.

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