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WALKING GUIDE
FOR THE
51 BUS ROUTE

Walking Roots

Accessing walks
by public transport

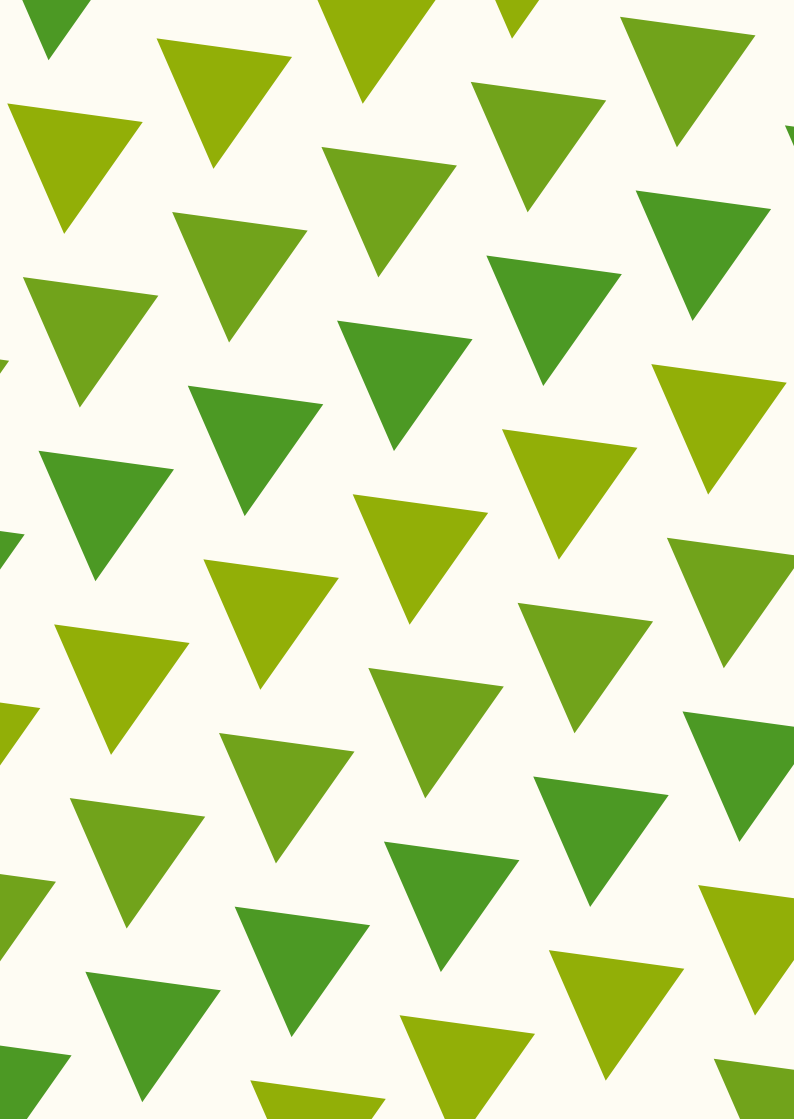
Hello

This leaflet has been designed to give you a taste of the beautiful countryside you can access in Sheffield by using your local bus service.

Lodge Moor is an area of exquisite beauty just 6 miles from the city centre. The walks within this leaflet are just a taste of what's available in the area; this is a place you can visit time and time again without the need to do the same walk twice!

This leaflet has been designed around one central loop. There are several options where you can turn off the main route for an alternative walk and options for you to explore a little further. Just pick your route and follow the arrows. The map at the back of the leaflet shows you the different routes and options available. Follow one of ours or mix and match to make your own walk.

Most importantly.... enjoy!



Let's make tracks



Main Route

Approx 6 miles – Follow yellow arrows

Whether it's stunning views over the reservoir, enchanting woodland or rugged Moorland you want, this walk offers a taste of it all. This easy to follow walk takes you on a circular route starting and ending at the 51 bus terminus.



Option 1 - Wyming Brook

Approx 3 miles – Follow purple arrows

This short but exciting walk will take you through the enchanting Wyming Brook nature reserve. The footpath follows the Brook winding up through the woods across stepping stones and bridges before emerging at Redmires Road which you follow back to the bus terminus.



Option 2 - Easy trail

Approx 3^{1/2} miles – Follow blue arrows

This is the least challenging of the walks which follows clearly defined and well maintained footpaths. The perfect choice for those wanting a casual stroll.



Option 3 - The Head Stone

Approx 500 metres – Follow pink arrows

This short add on from the main route takes you to an unusual rock formation with a mysterious local history.....



Option 4 - Leisurely stroll

Approx 5 miles – Follow green arrows

This option is a shorter but equally scenic alternative to the main route. This option offers an easier and quicker route back to the bus terminus.



Option 5 - Explore the Moorland

Approx 1 mile round – Follow pink arrows

This add on takes you to a derelict stone cabin and a small reservoir, allowing you to explore the Moorland a little further.

Leave the bus terminus at Lodge Moor and cross the road, turn left and follow the footpath until you reach a public bridleway on your right hand side. There are beautiful views to your right down over the woodlands and over towards Wyming Brook.




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Public
Bridleway

Go down the bridleway. Take care as this section is steep in places.

A dirt path winds through a lush green landscape. The path is marked with a series of bright yellow arrows pointing to the left, indicating the direction of travel. The surrounding area is filled with tall grasses, ferns, and various trees, including some with purple flowers. In the background, rolling hills and a dense woodland are visible under a clear sky.


Continue to follow the well defined path as it bends left heading towards the woodland.

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As you reach the woods, the path becomes less well defined and depending on the time of year may be boggy. Take care on this section as the ground is uneven and steep in places.

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A dirt path leads through a wooded area. On the right side of the path, there is a wooden fence. The path is lined with green foliage and trees. A large yellow number '5' is visible in the bottom right corner of the image.

As you exit the woods the path eventually leads you towards a picnic area. There are stunning views out over the Rivelin Dams and some benches that make a good lunch stop. To continue the walk follow the path as it curves to the left, taking you alongside the Dam towards the woods.

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Continue straight on following the path into the woods.



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Option 1 – Wyming Brook

Approximately 1 mile into the walk you reach Wyming Brook nature reserve. This option can be a walk in itself taking you up through enchanting woodland to a small picnic area before following Redmires Road back to the bus terminus. If taking this option, turn left off the path as indicated by the purple arrow (shown at point 8) following the public footpath and pick up the directions from point 26. Option 1 is approximately 2^{1/2} miles with some steep sections through the forest.

To follow the main route continue straight ahead.



Option 2 – Easy Trail

You will approach this section from where the yellow arrow is indicating (as shown at point 9). Here you can take option 2 and turn back around the tree and follow the easy trail which is indicated in blue. If choosing this option follow the path which eventually brings you out at a car park, exit the car park and turn left onto Redmires Road continuing on until you reach the 51 bus terminus. This route is approximately 3 miles.

If following the main route, continue to straight on in the direction you were walking.



Continue straight ahead, you need to follow this path for approximately 500 metres from the tree at Option 2 until you reach a way marker on your left hand side.

Be aware of how far you walk from this point as the way marker can be a little tricky to spot.

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A dirt path winds through a lush green forest. The path is marked with a series of yellow triangles pointing forward, receding into the distance. The trees are tall and dense, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. The overall scene is a natural, wooded environment.

On reaching the way marker, turn left up into the woods. The path may not be clear for the first few metres depending on the time of year.



The path up through the woods will bring you onto open access land. Follow the path straight ahead. There are some beautiful views along this section of the walk and you are able to look back down towards the woods in the valley and out to the city.

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As you walk through the access land there will be kissing gates, please adhere to any signage and notices.



After approximately 400 metres of walking through the access land you will reach Moorland. This is the highest section of the walk with stunning views in every direction.

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See if you can spot the large flat numbered stones, can you guess what they're for?



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Option 3 – Explore the Headstone

There is an option here to explore the Moorland a little further and see the mysterious Headstone. It's only a short walk following the small pink arrows straight ahead (approx 500 metres there and back). Legend has it that one night each year the stone turns round 360 degrees on its mount...

After visiting the Headstone retrace your steps back to the main route and bear left.

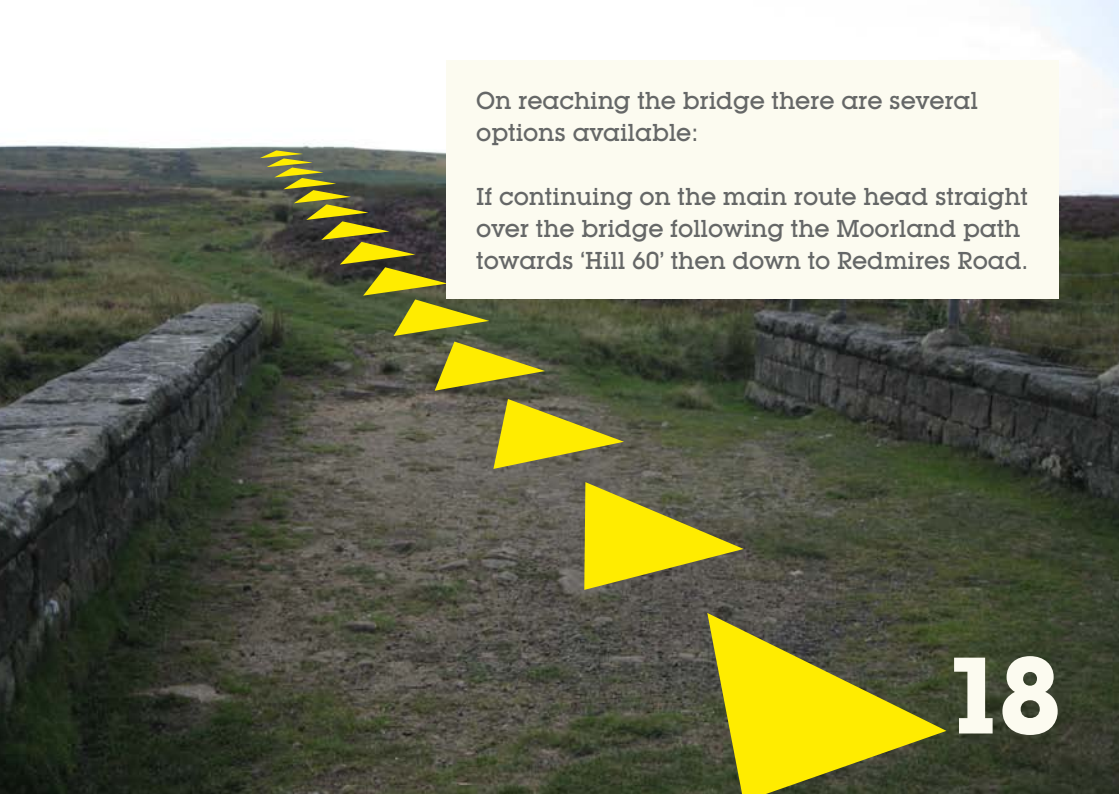


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Continue straight on following the path towards the gap in the wall until you reach a stone bridge. The landscape is absolutely stunning with the vibrant colours changing with the seasons. Try and see it in spring when the cotton grass covers the landscape like a sheet of snow.

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A wide-angle photograph of a vast landscape covered in purple heather. A path of yellow triangles leads from the bottom left towards the center of the image, where a stone bridge is visible in the distance. The sky is overcast and grey.



On reaching the bridge there are several options available:

If continuing on the main route head straight over the bridge following the Moorland path towards 'Hill 60' then down to Redmires Road.

Option 4 – Leisurely Stroll

If you would like to shorten your walk you can follow the green route and choose Option 4. If taking this option, turn left along the path just before the bridge (see point 19). This takes you along an easy and well defined trail to Redmires Reservoir. From there you can follow Redmires Road back to the 51 bus terminus. If taking this option follow the directions from point 25.

This option is approximately 5 miles in total.



Option 5 – Explore the Moorland

You can choose to explore the Moorland a little further by taking the pink route which follows a path down to a small reservoir and stone cabin (see point 20). If taking this option, turn right before the bridge and over the stile. When you've reached the ruin retrace your steps back and the bridge to rejoin the main route.


(This section of the route can be closed at certain times of the year – look out for notices).



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Hill 60

During the First World War Sheffield formed its own 'Pals' battalion and between 900 and 1000 civilian men from various walks of life enlisted to the Sheffield City Battalion. The men spent their last months preparing for active service at this site and the remains of the trenches they dug and trained in can still be seen carved into the landscape. On the 1st July 1916 the 1,131 strong Battalion fought in the heroic but hopeless attempt to capture the heavily fortified village of Serre during the Battle of the Somme. Half the Battalion was wiped out in the first day of battle and only a small number made it through the harsh winter that followed in the trenches. Very few returned and, for many, this was the last they ever saw of home.


A photograph of a grassy hillside under an overcast sky. A white rectangular text box is positioned in the upper right quadrant. A trail of yellow arrows starts from the left edge of the frame and points towards the right, following the contour of the grass. The number '21' is printed in white in the bottom right corner.

Continue straight ahead and on reaching Redmires Road, turn right. Continue straight on keeping the reservoir on your left until you reach a gapstile on your left at the bottom of the long causeway (indicated on map). Go through and continue around the reservoir on the path until you reach Soughley Lane, turn left down the road and continue to the gapstile on the right.

Once through the gapstile, continue around the reservoir on the path (can be muddy in places) until you reach Soughley Lane. Turn left down the road and continue to the gapstile on the right.

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Turn off Soughley Lane through the gapstile on your right and follow the well worn path for approximately 3/4 of a mile until you see the playing field on your left hand side.

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Turn left and head across the playing field to the Sportsman pub. Turn right up the road to head back to the 51 bus terminus.

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A dirt path leads through tall grass and pink flowers towards a green field and distant buildings under a blue sky. A yellow arrow trail points along the path.

A dirt path leads from a stone building on the left towards a reservoir in the distance. The path is marked with a series of green arrows pointing forward. The background shows a landscape with hills and a body of water.

If you have chosen Option 4 on the green route you will eventually emerge here at the reservoirs and Redmires Road, turn left and follow the road back to the 51 bus terminus.

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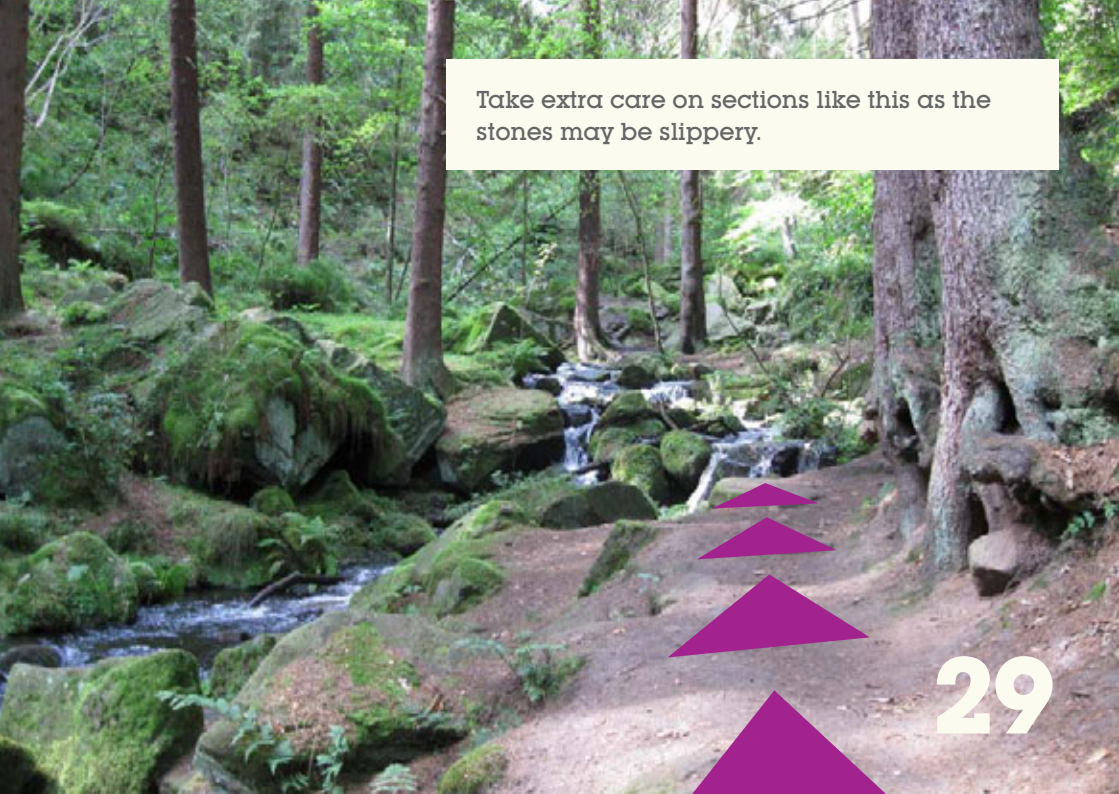
On entering the woods, continue on up the steps, take care as they may be slippery.

Continue to follow the main route through the woods, it will take you across some bridges as it follows the brook.



A vibrant photograph of a forest stream. The water flows over numerous large, dark rocks covered in thick green moss. The surrounding forest is dense with various green plants, ferns, and trees. The scene is captured from a slightly elevated angle, looking down the length of the stream. The overall atmosphere is fresh and natural.

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A photograph of a forest stream flowing over mossy rocks. A dirt path leads through the woods, and a white text box is overlaid at the top. Four purple triangles are arranged in a vertical line on the path, pointing upwards. The number 29 is in the bottom right corner.

Take extra care on sections like this as the stones may be slippery.

Continue to follow the path straight ahead as you exit the woods; this will eventually bring you to a secluded picnic area.

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A dirt path winds through a lush green forest. To the right of the path, a small stream flows over rocks. The scene is filled with tall trees and dense foliage. A series of purple arrows points along the path, leading the viewer's eye towards the stream. In the bottom left corner, the number '30' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font.



To exit the picnic area, take the path to your right which will bring you out onto Redmires Road. Turn left onto the road and follow it back to the 51 bus terminus.

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Notes:





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Walking Roots - Map

Route Key

-  Bus stop / Route start
-  Main Route
-  Option 1 - Wyming Brook
-  Option 2 - Easy trail

-  Option 3 - Explore the head stone
-  Option 4 - Leisurely stroll
-  Option 5 - Exploring the moorland
-  Toilet facilities / food available



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