

Walking in the Area

You may also be interested in these other walks in surrounding areas.

Ecclesfield

Three leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Ecclesfield Conservation Group, see www.conservation.ecclesfieldgroups.com

- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 1. The Village Core
- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 2. From Whitley to Smithy Wood
- Discover Ecclesfield's working past 3. Nether Lane to Butterthwaite Dam

Grenoside

Two leaflets outlining historical walks have been produced by Grenoside and District Local History Group, see www.grenosidelocalhistory.co.uk

- A Historical Walk around Grenoside Village.
- Wheata Wood Archaeology Walk.

Tankersley

A leaflet outlining two walks around Tankersley has been produced by Tankersley Parish Council, entitled Tankersley Trails.

Bradfield

A series of ten short and longer walks around Bradfield and the surrounding areas in the parish have been produced by Bradfield Parish Council and Bradfield Walkers are Welcome. All walks are available for download from www.bradfield-walkers.org.uk

Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail crosses the Ecclesfield Parish. This is a coast-to-coast route for walkers, cyclists, horseriders and people using pushchairs and wheelchairs. For further information visit www.transpenninetrail.org.uk or telephone **01226 772574**.

Walks in the East Peak

The East Peak Innovation Partnership LEADER programme has funded a variety of walking projects across the East Peak area. As well as maps and directions for walking routes, the projects also provide information on public transport and local facilities. The leaflets are available to download from:

- www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org
- www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk/walksandtrails.aspx
- www.upperdenby.org.uk/ddpwg
- www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk
- www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk
- www.stonetosteel.org.uk
- www.penline.co.uk/walks.htm
- www.visitpenistone.co.uk/walks/walks.html

Circular Walks Around The Parish

A Walk Round Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond

This leaflet is one of a series of 8 walks published by Ecclesfield Parish Council. The aim is to provide information to walkers, to encourage them to enjoy walking in our beautiful area and stay and enjoy the facilities that local businesses can offer.

The walks in the series are:

- Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane
- High Green to Wortley
- Potter Hill to Greno Woods
- Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond
- Mortomley to Thorncliffe Woods
- Grenoside to Whitley
- High Green to Tankersley
- Ecclesfield Church to Whitley

Ecclesfield Parish Council seeks to promote responsible walking. Please follow the Countryside Code when visiting the area.

- ✓ Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs.
- ✓ Leave gates and property as you found them.
- ✓ Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.
- ✓ Keep dogs under close control.
- ✓ Consider other people.

Great care has been taken to ensure that the information in this leaflet is accurate. Ecclesfield Parish Council accept no liability for any claim, loss, damage or injury (howsoever arising) incurred by those using the information provided.

If you have any comments about the walks, encounter any difficulties or would like information on other activities in the Ecclesfield area please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council, Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS. Tel. **0114 2845095**, email ecclesfieldPC@aol.com

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A Walk Round Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond

An easy walk around Charlton Brook to Charlton Brook Dam. The walk may be extended to include the wooded area around Thorncliffe Pond. The woodlands along both sections of the walk are attractive in all seasons and host a variety of wildlife. Total walk about 2 and a half miles.



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Points of Interest



Footpath leading to Charlton Brook Dam

Charlton Brook

The wet, marshy ground near the brook may have given this area its name. In 1453, it was recorded as 'Cherking brooke'. 'Chirkin' is a medieval word meaning 'squeaking' or 'squelching.' For more information visit the Friends of Charlton Brook website – www.friendsofcharltonbrook.org.uk

Charlton Brook Dam

The dam was created by Newton Chambers & Company Ltd. in 1870 to provide water for Thorncliffe Iron Works. Amy Jones lived at Charlton Brook

when she was a child. She remembered people coming from all around to swim in the dam in summer and skate on the thick ice in winter. (From J. & M. Jones (2004) *Picturing the Past.*)

Charlton Brook Hamlet

In the mid 1950s there were about 50 houses, 2 shops, a farm and a pub here. It was a small, close-knit community, with some families having lived there for several generations. Some of the houses in the hamlet were demolished when new housing was built.

Charlton Brook Foundry



Smithy at Charlton Clough (Courtesy of Châpeltown and High Green Archive)

An iron foundry also operated near here until 1990, making cast iron manhole covers and grates. It is thought that Stanley Road was built around 1880 by Jabez Stanley, the co-owner of the Iron Works. Nothing now remains of the works.

Housley Hall

A house on the site of the present hall is recorded to have existed as early as 1436. The present building dates from the 17th century. At one time the hall was owned by the Earl of Wharnccliffe but in 1837 became the home of the Chambers family. Since then the hall has been used as a

boy's boarding school and as a farm. After some years of neglect it has now been restored as a private house.

St. John's Church

The church dates from 1860. It was closed in 2000 because of structural problems but has been restored and turned into offices.



Thorncliffe Pond



The pond, fed from Charlton Brook, is thought to have been constructed to store water for Chapel Furnace, which operated in the c16th and c17th. The furnace was situated off Station Road. The water was used to turn a water wheel to work bellows to keep

the furnace burning at a high temperature for iron smelting. It is thought that some of the iron was used to make cannon balls for Cromwell's army in the English Civil War (1642 – 1651). In later years Chapel Furnace and the pond became part of Newton Chambers' Ironworks. A pump house was constructed near the pond (remains of pipework can still be seen) to provide water for cooling the furnaces.

Lound National School

The building on the corner, now restored and used as offices, was originally a school. The first Lound School was built with an endowment from Anne Sylvester in 1711. It was replaced in 1845 by the present building which became Lound National School. It later became the Sunday School for St. John's Church and Lound Board School was built on the neighbouring site.

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church stands next to St. John's Church. It was built in 1866 to replace an earlier church. Thomas Newton, a founder of Thorncliffe Ironworks and a staunch Methodist, laid the foundation stone. The building has now been converted to offices and living accommodation.

Walking Information

Walking with Dogs

There are things to consider when walking in the countryside to ensure you, your dog, other rural users and landowners can all enjoy the countryside. The Countryside Code advocates keeping dogs under 'effective' or 'proper' control – where they stay close by and you are confident they will respond to your command – but there are certain situations, and times of year, such as when birds are nesting, when specific rules apply that require dogs to be kept on a lead.

Dog walkers should take extra care when walking dogs around livestock (especially young farm animals) and horses, where there are ground nesting birds, near reservoirs and streams used for public water or by the coast. There may also be local restrictions banning dogs from areas that people use.

If you find yourself being threatened by cattle – which can become unsettled by the presence of a dog – while out walking it is always best to release your dog from its lead. The dog will be able to run away and the cattle's interest will be diverted from you to the dog.

Remember to clear up after your dog, even on farm land, as dog faeces can carry diseases that can affect humans, farm animals and wildlife. It is also worth remembering that some people are wary of dogs and may find even your friendly dog intimidating!

Public Rights of Way

The information below is intended to give general guidance only about public rights of way – it is not intended as a definitive guide to the law. Always observe any signs when you are out walking.

Public Footpaths- are for walkers only.

Public Bridleways- can be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders BUT NOT motor vehicles, including motor bikes.

Restricted Byways – can be used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders BUT NOT motor vehicles, including motor bikes.

Permissive paths – are paths which an owner has given the public permission to use, but it can be withdrawn at any time. Usually they are for walkers only.

Cycle tracks - are usually specially created paths, over which there is a right of way on pedal cycle and possibly also on foot.

For more information see Ramblers website – www.ramblers.org.uk

Reporting Problems on paths

If you encounter any problems when using public rights of way, please contact Ecclesfield Parish Council or Sheffield City Council Rights of Way Unit.

A Walk Round Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond

Distance: 2½ miles Time: Allow 1½ hours.

This walk can be split into two short circular walks, each starting from and returning to the Barrel Inn.

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Barrel Inn, Lane End, off Rotherham Road, Chapeltown S35 2UL

Public Transport: For information on public transport ring the South Yorkshire Traveline on **01709 515151** or visit **www.travelsouthyorkshire.com**

Car Parking: On road near Barrel Inn. Please park sensibly.

Public Toilets: None on route.

Refreshments: Barrel Inn, Lane End; Bridge Inn, Greengate Lane.

Level of Difficulty: Easy. A pleasant stroll, mostly on surfaced paths and roads, but some slopes and grassy paths on the far side of the brook. No stiles, although there are some shallow steps in places. There are seats, children's play areas, a BMX track and places to picnic along Charlton Brook. Boots or stout shoes advisable when wet.

2 Continue straight on. Eventually the path turns right and slopes down some shallow steps to Charlton Brook Dam. Go along the path between the dam wall and the stone bridge on the right to join the surfaced path of the Trans Pennine Trail. Turn left and follow this path to the road at the end of the park (Hollow Gate), passing the dam on your left.

3 Go through the gate at the end of the park and turn left to visit the Bridge Inn, otherwise turn and retrace your steps back down the trail.

4 Keep straight on past the dam on your right, passing the children's play areas and BMX track. The path returns to School Road. Turn right to reach the Barrel Inn. From the Barrel Inn, go right at Lane End and turn left down Bridge Inn Road. Where this road bends right, carry straight on down a track (marked Trans Pennine Trail) to a green metal gate with an A frame gate beside.

5 Go through and turn right over a metal bridge beside Thorncliffe Pond.

6 Follow the path across another bridge, up some shallow steps and keeping the railway on your left, continue to follow the path round to a metal railway bridge. At the bridge take the path up to the right, up onto Mafeking Road and continue to the end of the Road. Lound Hall is on your right, with Lound Junior School beside.

7 Cross (with care) and turn up Housley Park at the side of St. John's Church. (A possible short extension to the walk to see Housley Hall – continue to the end of Housley Park, following it round left at the end. Housley Hall is a short distance along on your left.) Immediately at the end of St. John's Church, turn right down the public footpath. Follow the path along the back of the former church until you reach a lane (Ribble Croft). Turn left and continue round on the path to reach Sherburn Gate. Turn right and follow Sherburn Gate to reach Blackburn Drive. Turn right at Blackburn Drive and right again at School Road to return to the Barrel Inn.

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The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

1 From the Barrel Inn go up Rotherham Road and turn left into School Lane, and left again onto Blackburn Drive. At the top of the grassy slope turn right on a path down across the grass and join a wider path leading straight on through bushes by the side of the trees overlooking Charlton Brook below you on the right. In spring the hawthorn bushes, covered in white blossom and the spring flowers make the walk along Charlton Brook particularly attractive.

