

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 from Grenoside to Whitley

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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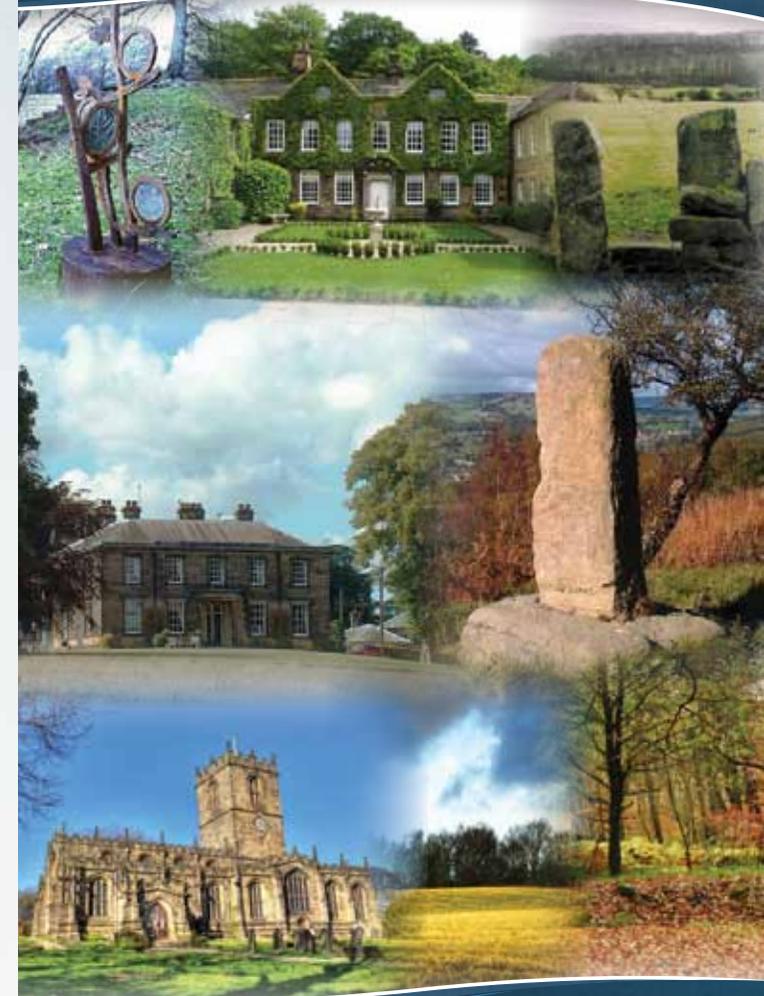


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A Walk from Grenoside to Whitley

A steady walk of around 4 miles through ancient woodlands and pretty villages on country lanes and footpaths across fields. Several stiles and some uphill sections across fields.

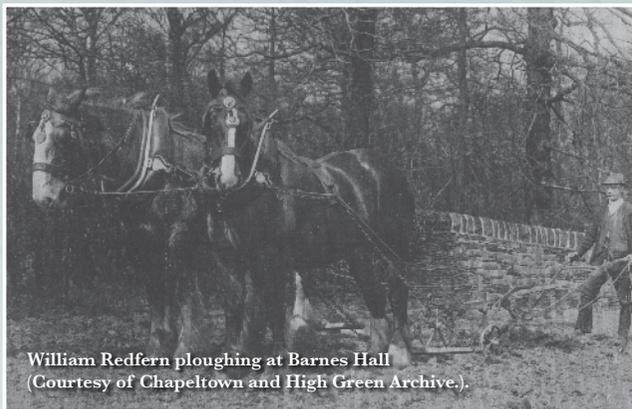


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Points of Interest

Barnes Hall



William Redfern ploughing at Barnes Hall
(Courtesy of Chapeltown and High Green Archive.)

The present hall was built in 1824 and was the home of the Smith family. Lady Mabel Smith, daughter of Earl Fitzwilliam, was instrumental in establishing the former physical education teacher training college at Wentworth Woodhouse. She lived at Barnes Hall after her marriage until her death in 1951.

Grenoside

The name Grenoside was first recorded in the c13th as '*Graenhou*' from the Anglo-Saxon word '*græfan*' meaning a quarry, '*o*' from the Old Norse '*haugr*' meaning hill and the modern word '*side*', altogether meaning a quarried hillside. In the c19th quarrying was an important industry in Grenoside. Woodland crafts, such as basket making and clog-sole making were also specialities in this area, and light metal trades such as nail making, cutlery manufacture and file-cutting also took place. Grenoside was also the birthplace and location of the Walker brothers' first foundry and steel furnace. They later operated iron and steel works at Masbrough.



Greno Woods

The woods are now owned by Sheffield Wildlife Trust but the woodland has been managed since at least medieval times. Timber was used for building and the underwood for making charcoal, clog soles, brushes and baskets. From 1950 the Forestry Commission managed the woods for conifer production and large areas of larch and Scots pine

remain, interspersed by sweet chestnut, beech and oak. More information can be found on -

www.grenosidelocalhistory.co.uk and www.heritagewoodsonline.co.uk online downloadable leaflet with map and trail though Wheata and Prior woods. www.heritagewoodsonline.co.uk/map/033/Wheata%20Pamphlet.pdf

The Old Red Lion

This public house was a coaching inn on the Sheffield to Huddersfield and Halifax turnpike road.

Whitley



The name Whitley means '*a bright woodland clearing*'. J. & M. Jones, in their book '*Whitley Hall - an illustrated history*' note that in the c19th, although this was an agricultural area, there was also a strong tradition of metal-working. People produced goods such as nails, forks and files in small workshops attached to their cottages. The farms and cottages of Whitley probably once formed part of the Whitley Hall estate.

Whitley Hall

Records show a house called Launderhouse occupied the site of the present Whitley Hall as early as 1406 but the oldest surviving part of the present building dates from 1584. From the early c17th to the late c18th the hall was the home of the Shirecliffe family, until it was sold and became a boy's boarding school for some 80 years. Whitley hall became a hotel and restaurant in the late 1970s. For more information see J. & M. Jones (2002) *Whitley Hall - an illustrated history*.



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 from Grenoside to Whitley

Distance: **4 miles** Time: **Allow 1 ½ hours**

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Old Red Lion public house, Main Street, Grenoside S35 8NY

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

Car Parking: On road at Grenoside. Please park sensibly.

Public Toilets: None on route.

Refreshments: There are numerous public houses in Grenoside.

Level of Difficulty: A moderate walk, with some surfaced roads / tracks, but with some sections through woods and across fields. Some stiles. Good views across farmland. Boots or stout shoes needed.

The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

1 From the Old Red Lion public house go down Main Street to the crossroads at Norfolk Hill. Turn left down Norfolk Hill (Interpretation Board on right hand side of road) to reach the Norfolk Arms on the A61 Penistone Road. Cross the road with care and continue about 200 yards down Whitley Lane to a public footpath on the right.

2 Turn right onto the footpath and follow it across the field to the small hamlet of Middleton Green. Turn left to pass in front of the row of cottages (one of which has a sign indicating it was once a school) and immediately take the public bridleway on the left (signposted Trans Pennine Trail) after the houses, keeping the hedgerow on your left, and cross the fields to Whitley.

3 At Whitley village turn left and go about 100 yards up the road, (Whitley Lane) passing converted farm buildings dated 1896, to a public footpath, signposted Trans Pennine Trail (TPT), on the right. Take the footpath and follow the lane straight on to a group of cottages at Wood End.

4 At the red telephone box, turn right on the lane running between the cottages. As the lane bears right and turns into a private drive to a house, turn left on a path up the bank opposite a large yew tree to a wooden stile leading into the field. Continue straight ahead on the footpath, keeping the hedge on your right, across the fields to Green Lane Farm. Pass in front of the double arched barn (dated 1825), cross the farm track and go slightly right to the footpath up some stone steps into a field. Continue straight ahead across the field to reach a stone stile. Go over the stile and up the hill to the corner of the wood. Go over a stone stile into the lane (Elliott Lane).

5 Turn left up Elliott Lane, passing Barnes Green House on the right. The other large house which can be seen further to the right across the field is Barnes Hall. The stone walls bordering the lane here are mostly covered in ivy which is very attractive to butterflies. When you reach the main road (A61) turn right and continue on the footpath, crossing the road at Bracken Hill then cross (care!) the A61.

6 Continue up the unmade track opposite on the public byway until you reach an A-frame gate at the end of the track leading into Greno Woods. Turn left onto the wide, level track and carry straight on. Eventually a path joins from the right. Follow the low wall round to a gate at the end of the woods by the houses.

7 Go through on the track between the houses. This path becomes a paved lane leading back to emerge on Main Street just above the Old Red Lion public house. Turn left to return to the starting point.

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