

BROOKLANDS CIRCULAR WALK 1

Note: This walk requires good walking boots and takes approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Leave Brooklands by going up the drive and turn left on the road for approximately 50 yds. On the left go through a small gap in the wall. Follow the path down through the field till you come to wall on the right which is broken down, go through the gap and make your way toward two gateposts at the beginning of the lane, go over the stile on the left by the gate post.

Follow the path down the right-hand side of the field to the top of the wooded area, go round the large holly bush and over a stile. Go right on to the path at the top of the wood, go through two stone posts and straight on to two more stone posts in a gap in the wall.

Go right on the path and over the little footbridge and up to the main road.

Turn right up the road toward Lee Mills, go left immediately after the small car park on the left and past Lea Farn 1, go past an electricity sub station on your right and follow the path down into another wooded area known locally as Dob Wood where you will see Dobroyd Mills on your left and the spectacular views of the hillside beyond.

Proceed across the wooden footbridge over a small weir and up the steep cobbled path. (Dob wood is awash with colour in the spring from Rhododendrons), at the top of the steep path you will see Hepworth church straight ahead.

Turn immediately left along to the mill car park, go through a black and yellow barrier and turn right along the tarmac road to the main road which is called Butt Lane.

Go left down the road over the bridge on the bend and immediately turn right through a steel gate where a pleasant walk alongside a small stream awaits (this is called Carr wood), you may like to stop and listen to the beautiful bird-life. Follow the newly laid path till you come to another steel gate, go through this and on to the end of the gravel path and turn left up the old road to Foster Place.

Proceed straight across the main Sheffield Road (A616) where it is sign posted no through road, go through the farmyard of Lower Foster Place and up to Middle Foster Place on the right. (This is where the Great Plague of London came to Hepworth, it is said a young girl from London came to work as a skivvy and was sent a bale of clothes which was contaminated with the Black Death).

Carry on up the road to Top Foster Place on your right, follow the road round to the left, continue past two plastic cones up the steep very rugged path with water running down, this may dry out during summer months.

At the top go sharp left where the paths fork, on the path marked with a blue arrow, there's also another arrow on a gate and follow the path, another blue arrow on a wooden post and go down to another gate and signpost public Bridleways where a wooden seat awaits you for a welcome rest. Here you can take in the spectacular views of this wonderful countryside overlooking Hepworth, Scholes and you can also see Brooklands to the right of Scholes Village.

Go left down the lane till you come to a wooden post on your right sign posted public footpath, follow the Tarmac drive on the right, till you come to a wooden stile on the left (marked

FOOTPATH go over the stile and follow the footpath over a fence stile, take the path straight along just below Bankhouse Farm on the right, veer left before the water pumping station, while keeping left please note for your safety an electric fence on your right. Proceed through a wooden gate and follow the path over a steel gate to the road. There is a wooden bench to sit and take in the breath taking views again.

Go down the road and take the road to the right just before some cottages on the right, (by now you will have a good view of Brooklands across the valley). Follow the narrow road till you see a sign Public footpath on your left, follow the path where you will find a small stream. This path brings you out by a bungalow on your left and semi's on your right, carry on to the road which is Butterly Village, proceed left down the road till you come to the main road (Sheffield Road A616 again) go straight across down Wildspur Grove, follow the private road to the old mill which has been converted into apartments.- Turn right over the footbridge and follow the steep path to a gap in a wall, go through and take the path up to the right then right again on to a top path. (If you notice the river bed below is of a rusty colour, this is because the water comes out of some old mine workings in Jackson Bridge, called Hacker water).

Follow the path over the wall past the big holly bush and up the left side of the field and over the stile, turn right and follow the grassed path to the first football field and into the nursery by way of the gate on the left, where you can relax and have a meal or light snack inside or outside of the coffee shop.

ENTRANCE GATES CLOSE AT 4.00 IN WINTER & 5.00 SUMMERTIME.