

Brooklands Circular Walk 2

ENTRANCE GATES CLOSE AT 4.00 IN WINTER & 5.00 IN SUMMERTIME

Leave the car park by the bottom gate and turn right in the football field, follow the grass path toward the trees, at the beginning of the lane there are 2 gateposts, go through the gap by the left hand gatepost.

Follow the footpath down the right hand side to the bottom of the field, go round the holly bush and take the path to the left, down the steps in the wall and into the top of the wood. Follow the path down and round the perimeter of the old mill, which has just recently gone out of existence.

Turn left over the bridge where on the left you'll see the mill bearing the name of Wildspur Mills.

Follow the steep drive to the top where you will come to the main road (A616)

Walk down the road for approx. 30 yards, on the right, go through the gap in the wall, up the steps and follow the path until you come to another road (Spring Lane), proceed left here (please note, it can be narrow in places).

Follow the road past 2 new houses on the left hand side of the bend, proceed past Butterly Leys Farm on the right, keep to the road, through a small gap and steps in the wall on the right, then through the small gate (please close the gate behind you). Follow the paved path over the field (on the right you will see the back of the large house once owned by Mr William Haigh, founder of Dobroyd Mills at Jackson Bridge). Go through the wrought iron gate and follow the path alongside the trees to a wooden stile on the left, follow the diagonal path through the fields and over the stile

into Butterly. Take the drive round to the road which is Butterly lane. Turn left up the road, at the junction follow Scaley Gate sign and past the 2 red roofed bungalows on the left. At this point the road comes to an end and a cart track takes over. This becomes very steep, but at the top, the views are quite spectacular.

When at the top of the hill follow a yellow arrow marked on the wall, follow the lane immediately right (Brooklands Nursery and Coffee Shop can now be seen straight ahead).

At the end of the road, a green bench awaits you for a welcome rest, for you to once again take in the breathtaking views.

Proceed down the road where you will come to a public footpath on the left, follow this path to a converted barn on your right, make your way to a large lawned area (YES! - This is a public right of way) to a fence stile marked with yellow posts, go down the field to another fence stile with a spring gate, follow the path (which is not very clear) to a wooden stile with a spring gate). Follow the wooden path down to the stream and over a wooden bridge, up the path and onto a tarmac drive. Turn left, keep going then veer right onto the old lane heading toward the hamlet of Meal Hill, with the folly and the lake on the right, then back onto a tarmac drive and back onto the main road.

Proceed straight across and follow the Kirklees Way down into Carrs Wood, turn right and follow the new "isb" path until you come to a steel gate, turn left up the road (Butt Lane), heading towards Hepworth.

Half way up the hill you will see the sign on the right for John Woodhead, follow the drive then turn left proceeding through the yellow and black barriers, straight across a small grassed area and onto a narrow footpath for approx. 50 yards. Turn right down the steep cobbled path onto Dobroyd Mills Wood (locally known as Dob-Wood - please take care a.c; these cobbles may be slippery when wet).

Proceed over the wooden bridge and up the other side. You are now heading back toward Scholes. You will go past an electric sub-station on your left and Lea Farm will be on your right.

As you approach Lea Mills on the left, turn right down the road past the three cottages on your left, cross the road and follow the path immediately after the cottages down into another wooded area. Go over the small bridge and follow the path to a gap in the wall on the left. Follow this path, through two stone gateposts, proceed until you come to the broken stile on the left. Go over the stile and round the holly bush (where you will see Brooklands on your right).

Follow the path up the left side of the field, turn right over the stile on the old lane and take the path toward the old football field. Through the gate at the back of the goalposts back to Brooklands where you can enjoy refreshments in the coffee shop.