

Continue straight on towards St. Leonard's Church and across the main road to the church gates. (This is the safest place to cross) Turn left, and follow the pavement (the church is on your right). The church yard is well worth looking around on passing. There are the remains of a thin pillar or cross dated 1679 on the left at the church door.

6. Follow the pavement around the bend. Just before the last cottage on the right there is a passageway under the houses. Go down this, and over the stile, down the fields and past the Wortley cricket field on the right. Through the gate, and across Finkle Street Lane over the stone stile into the field. Cross the field (bear right a little) and head towards the row of cottages. There may be animals in this field, so find the best path. Keep to the left of the farm, and there is a stone stile in the field corner. Over this, and straight on keeping the stone wall on your left. There may be sheep in this field too, but as usual, find the best path which will least disturb the animals. Go over the wooden stile, and turn left keeping the stream on your right. Continue across this open field aiming for another stone stile in the left hand corner of the field.

7. Over this, and straight on keeping the wall close on your left to the next stile onto Rough Lane. Go under the by-pass. THERE IS A CHOICE HERE .. If you go left up through the fields the footpath is not clearly defined, but you will eventually arrive at a tarmac road. Look to your right and you should see Moor End Farm at the top of the hill. Head towards the farm. If you go right keep on the broad path it is a slight gradient up-hill, but you will eventually arrive at Moor End Farm. Whichever route you take you should arrive at the 'elbow' in front of the farm. Continue on the wide track to Moor Side Farm - some 400 yards in front. Carry straight on passing through the farm with the farmhouse on your left. You pass fields on both sides for some distance until you reach Woodhead Road. Here turn left, then next right into Bank Lane. At the junction is a refurbished ancient marker 'Cundy Cross'.

8. Pause along Bank Lane to admire the view east. How many landmarks can you work out? Follow Bank Lane past Bank End Farm on the right, down to Penistone Road. Straight across the road into Berry Lane.

9. Continue down the lane, and just past the house on your right, take the footpath right. The footpath is not clearly defined, but head across the field towards the distant water tower. When the route starts descending bear left, and you will eventually come to a stile, and follow the footpath through the wood, over the stream and uphill to the A61.

10. Carefully crossing this busy road, and slightly to the left is Thompson Hill. Walk along Thompson Hill which is now a residential area back to the start of the walk.

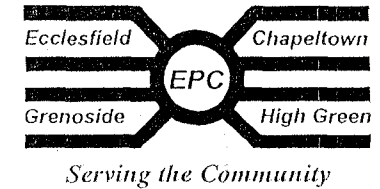
COUNTRY CODE

WHEN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE - REMEMBER:

GUARD AGAINST ALL RISK OF FIRE
FASTEN ALL GATES
KEEP DOGS UNDER PROPER CONTROL
KEEP TO PATHS ACROSS FARMLAND
AVOID DAMAGING FENCES, HEDGES AND WALLS
DO NOT LEAVE LITTER
SAFEGUARD WATER SUPPLIES
PROTECT WILDLIFE, WILD PLANTS AND TREES.
WALK CAREFULLY ON COUNTRY ROADS
RESPECT THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

Acknowledgements:

Ecclesfield Parish Council thank all concerned in suggesting this walk for your enjoyment. Times stated are for average walkers, but many will be tempted to take longer to experience the wide variety of seasonal wildlife, and develop interest in the rich history of this area. There are groups and individuals in the parish who can help with information about things you see on the walks. Ecclesfield Parish Council will advise where possible, and Sheffield City Council has various departments specialising in, and with responsibility for many environmental, planning and countryside issues.



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WALKS AROUND THE PARISH

NO. 1

High Green - Wortley

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RECOMMENDED FOR THIS WALK**

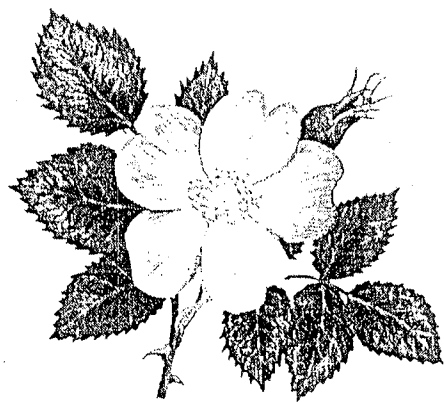
DISTANCE: 7 miles (3 hours)
STARTING POINTS: High Green -
crossroads

with Thompson Hill,
Westwood Road,
Wortley Road

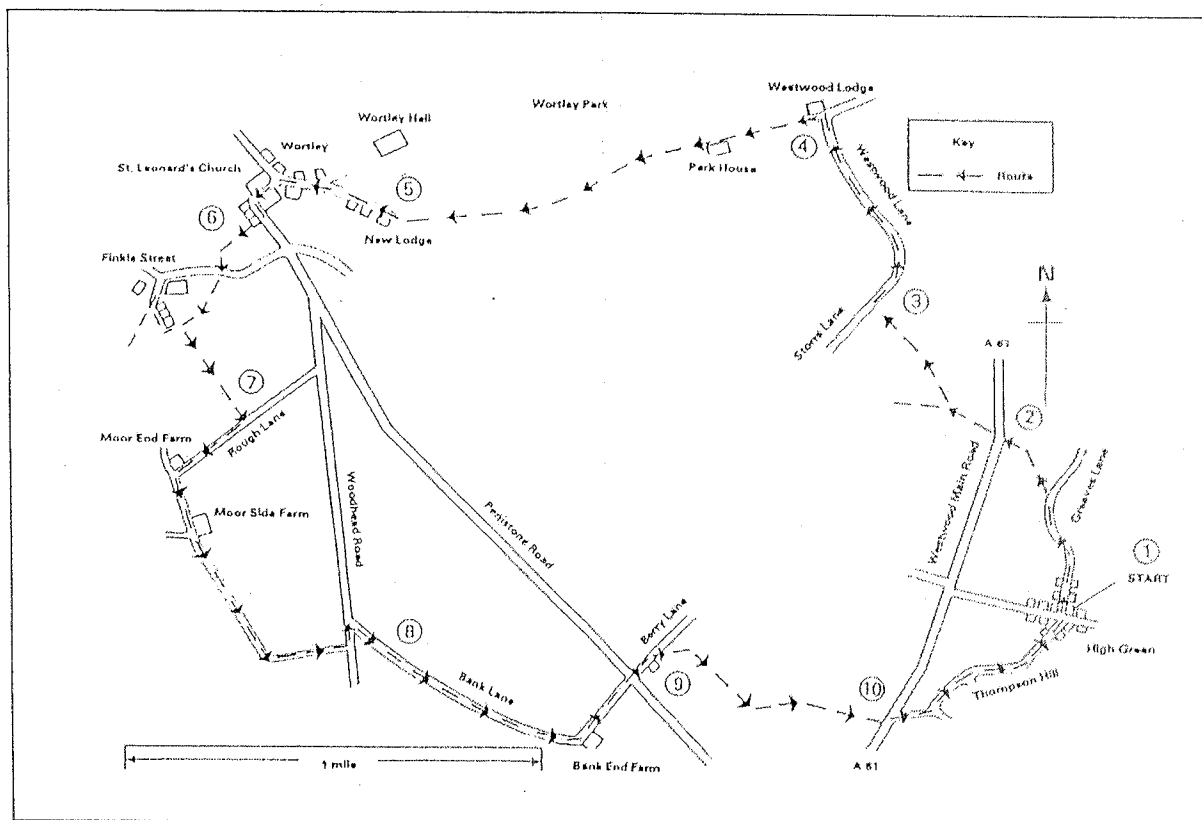
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Most of this walk is on wide unsurfaced bridle routes and lanes, although some parts cross farmland with a few stiles to negotiate. A good part of this walk offers excellent views in various directions. It is a gently undulating walk with no steep climbs or descents.



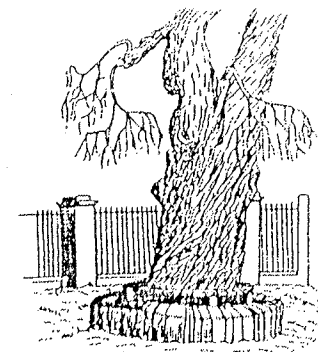
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3. On reaching Storrs Lane turn right, and follow this remembering to face oncoming traffic. There is a rough grassland area on the right a few hundred yards after joining the lane which has a large patch of purple thistle-like Knapweed growing. They flower during late summer and usually attract butterflies.

4. Further along as Westwood Lane swings to the right, take the bridleway to the left which passes the front of Westwood Lodge. Follow the hard surfaced bridleway with distant views of Stainborough, and the more distant television mast at Emley. Keep on the main path past Park House on the left and eventually Wortley Hall appears over the hill on the right. This was built in 1761 in its present state although there was a residence here as far back as 1165. During the Civil War (1642 - 1648) Sir Francis Wortley commanded the loyalists at Tankersley Garrison and led the battle on Tankersley Moor.

5. Follow the bridle path for a good distance past New Lodge and other large houses into Wortley Village. If you need a rest at this point the café MAY be open - next to the post office, or there is a large old Sweet Chestnut tree with some seating around it. Sweet Chestnut trees are thought to have been brought to this country during the Roman occupation. This large tree does not go that far back, but it is likely to be well over 200 years old.



Sweet Chestnut, Wortley

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

1. From the crossroads of Thompson Hill, Westwood Road and Wortley Road in High Green take the route along Westwood Road. Continue straight on past the houses, and then downhill. Take the signed footpath on the left which is just before the 'Dump it Site'.

2. Follow the footpaths (which can be unclear) straight across the field, over the stream, and up the steps to the A61 Main Road. Straight across the road - taking care of oncoming traffic - and down the steps on the other side. Continue along this footpath, keeping the wood, and Storr Dike on your right. Over the stile further on, and keep straight on with the wood on your right.