

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



40 – Clay Wheels Lane and Birley Edge – 2.5 miles.

This walk is an alternative to walk 8, if you have transport. It avoids the long road walk at the start and end of 8, and this lets us get up to the top of Birley Carr.

Anticlockwise

Park somewhere on Clay Wheels Lane and head back past Sainsbury's, then turn left. Head uphill, under the bridge and bear left at the traffic lights, then first left into Baxter Road. Walk straight through into the fields and bear right when the path splits. Keep bearing right to the road (Midhurst Road).

Turn left for a few yards, then take the footpath which bears right (uphill). Pass the trig point (stop to admire the view) then carry on straight through to the road (Stubbing House Lane). Turn left and immediately left again, steeply downhill to Royds Row and back to Midhurst Road. Turn left then right over the stile and cross the field, over another stile turn left and follow the path down into the corner of the field. Find the stile over the wall, and follow the path down to the road. Turn left and right onto Limestone Lane and carry on down the steep hill, watching out for traffic.

At the bottom of the lane, turn left and return to the bus.

Risks

- Steep hills up and down
- Walk beside Limestone Lane – no pavement.
- Muddy footpaths, tree roots, leaves, etc

Places to pause and ponder

- This area was all heavy industry, driven by the water from the Don. Not much left now but we still get names, especially Niagara and Clay Wheels mills, and the weir at Clay Wheels Forge
- The trig point – can you find it? Why is it here?

