

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



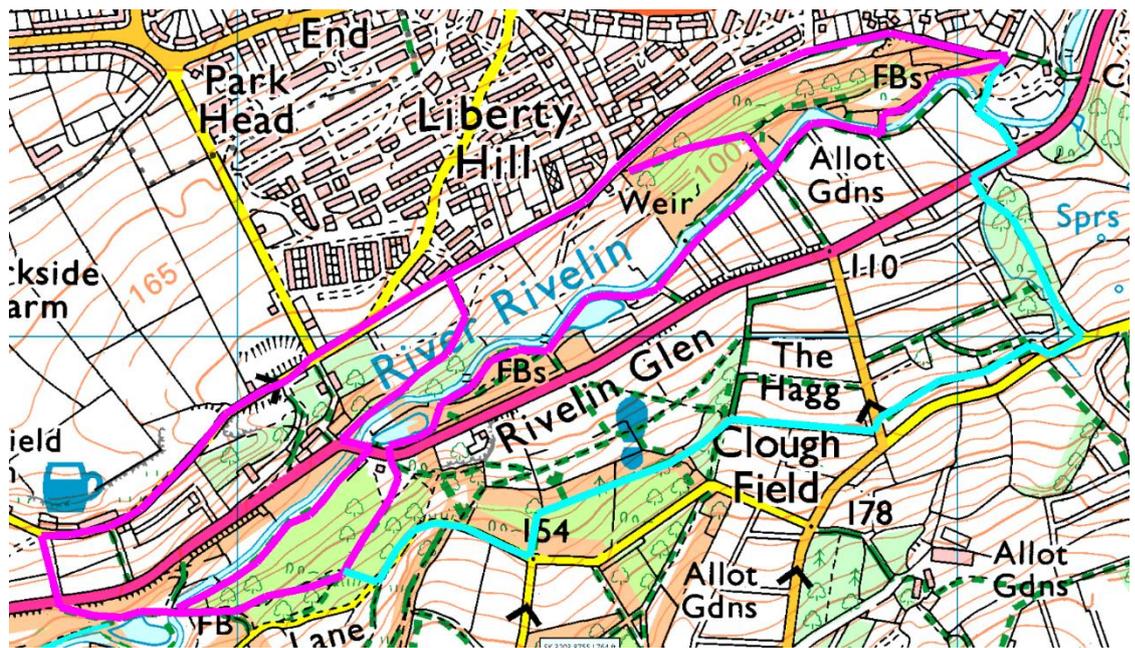
77 – Lower Rivelin – 2.2 miles plus

Lots of options here, depending on the weather and how fit you are feeling. We start off at Roscoe Bank on Liberty Hill in Stannington, drop down to the Rivelin at Hind Wheel and then head downstream to the children's play area, before heading back along the road; or we climb up the South side of the valley to Long Lane and head across the top of the Hagg to drop back down by the allotments – the choice is yours.

Anticlockwise

We park at the side of the road, just at the top of the footpath which leads down to Rivelin Bridge, and then we decide which walk to follow..

If you want a flatter, mud free walk, follow the road west as far as the Rivelin Hotel (this road is narrow and has a blind summit, so watch out for cars.) At



the pub, turn left, down the (steep) hill and cross the main road (with care) before taking the footpath down to the Hind Wheel dam. Cross the footbridge and turn left, then follow the riverside walk all the way to the children's playground. Head up around the top side, and just at the end of the road take the bridlepath up the hill then follow Roscoe Bank back to the bus.

For a more interesting walk, from the parking area, cross the road and drop down the footpath to Rivelin Bridge. Mind your footing as the path here has an adverse camber! Cross the bridge and the road with extreme care then take the footpath on the right which leads along beside the river to Hind Wheel Dam. Just before the footbridge, double back up the hill to Long Lane and follow it round to the junction with Hagg Lane. Turn left down the bridlepath and basically go straight on, until you come out on Bole Hill Road, then left on the road for a few yards and left down the footpath. At the bottom, cross Rivelin Road and to turn right then left and right and left (or some other combination – it's hard to get lost here!) to return to the bus.

Risks

- 3 road crossings, 1 on a blind bend so take care. Paths so may be muddy or slippery if wet.
- Quite a lot of paths, so try not to get lost!

