

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

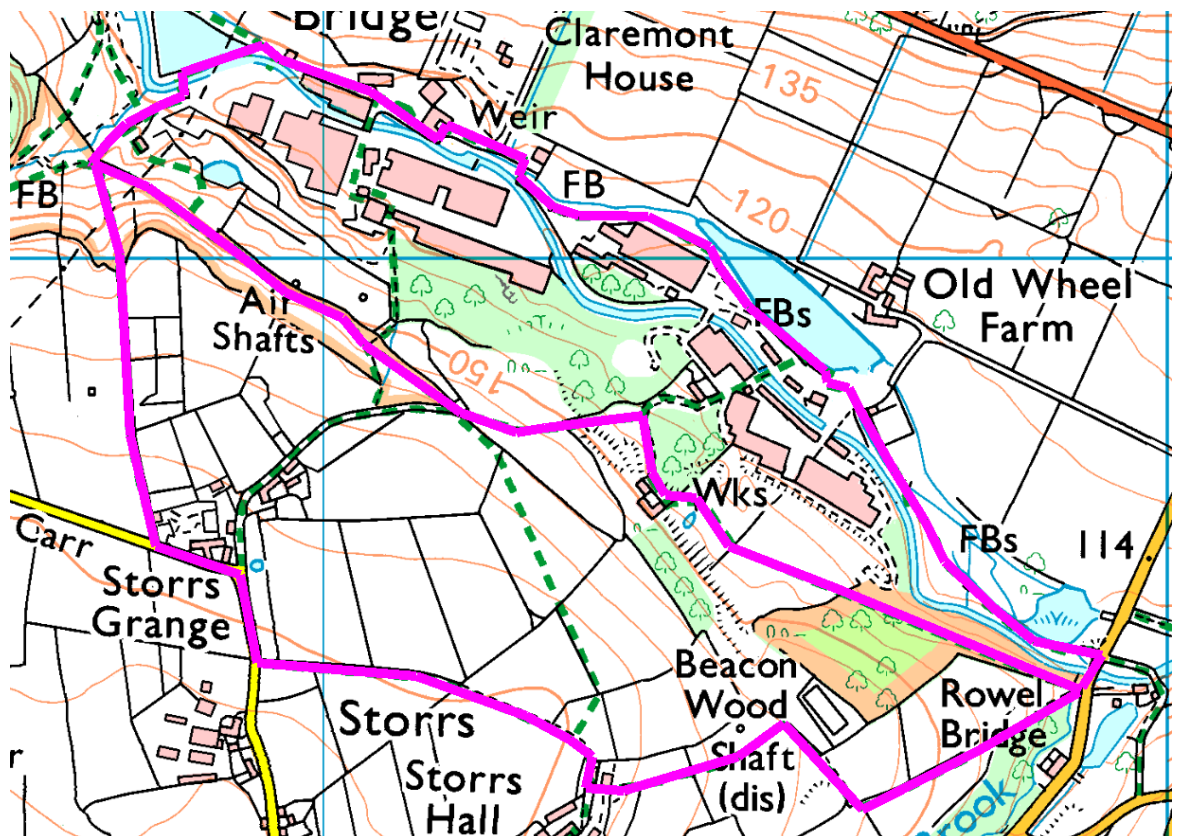


84 – Loxley and Storrs Grange – 2.1 miles

A short walk, quite hilly but with a flatter option. Start at Rowel Bridge (out on Loxley Road, past the garden centre then turn left and down the hill), we walk up through Beacon Wood then carry on along to the fish pond before turning left, up a steep climb and along to Storrs Grange then back via Storrs Hall.

Anticlockwise

From the car park, cross the bridge and take the footpath on the right, going parallel to the river up the steps. Past the clay pits the path drops, but turn left and continue uphill. Coming out of the trees, cross one stile then bear right over another, down a rough, possibly muddy path with views across the valley.



Where a path drops away on the right, keep left around the side of the hill until you reach a cross path; turn left up the slope, across a field and out onto Storrs Carr. Turn left, follow the road round to the right, then turn left across a stile and onto the footpath to Storrs Hall. Look out for the footpath on the left, across somebody's garden and back down the path besides Stoneface.

Flatter alternative: Starting at the car park, do not cross the bridge but follow the river upstream along the concrete path and various bits of road, track and bankside to the fishing pond (this bit may be flooded!). Keep to the left side of the pond, over the bridge and up into the wood; bear right along the lower path and keep straight on at the cross paths till you reach Storrs Grange. For a totally flat walk, turn back at the fish ponds (or wherever you feel you can walk to).

Risks

- A bit of road walking on minor roads, so watch out for traffic and keep right.
- A few stiles (some with steps)
- Footpaths (mud, slipping, tree roots, steps, etc).
- Some walking across grass (which may be slippery if wet)
- Look out for sheep lying on their backs! (wrong time of year, but you never know)



