

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

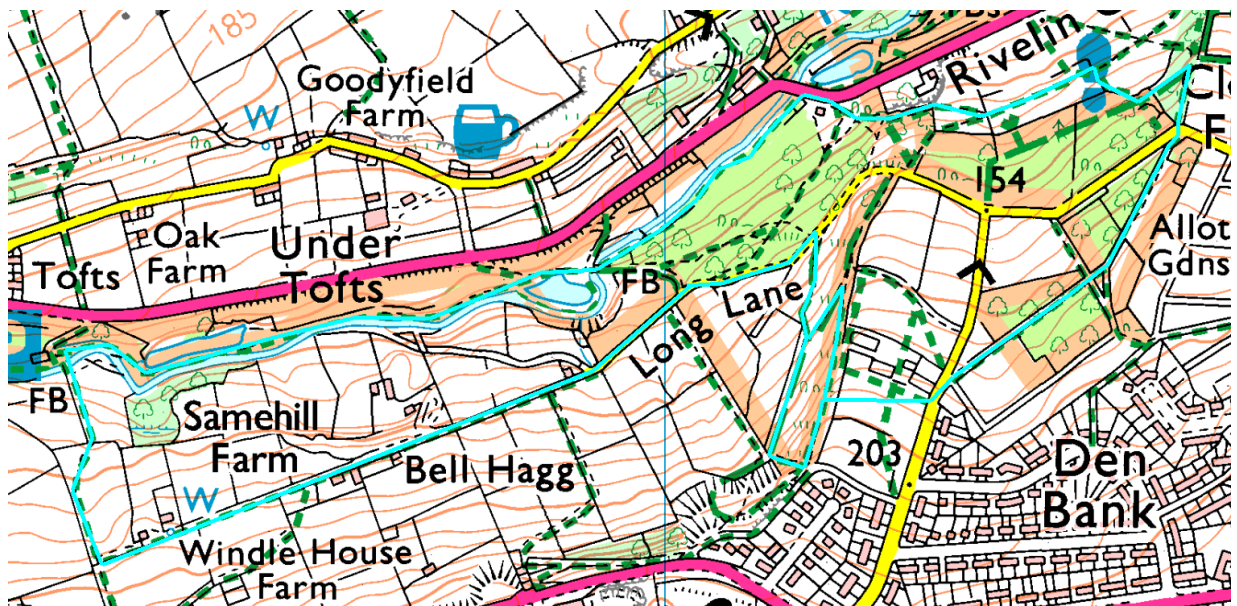


91 – Hagg Lane – 2.5 miles

Walk round Rivelin and Den Bank this week. There's some bracken so if it rains tonight, shorts (or waterproof trousers) may be a good idea. Generally steady climbs, one bit of a scramble (which, as ever, can be avoided) and one slightly steeper grassy bank towards the end. Park in what OS call Long Lane, but the council (and Google) call Hagg Lane, there are a couple of pull-ins or a larger parking area further on.

Clockwise

Head back up the road, then take the path uphill on the right. This joins a bigger track after a few yards, so turn right again and continue uphill following the wall.



Where a path joins on the left, go straight on (or to avoid the scramble take this path and double back on the path near the top). Keep following the wall till it turns left, then either scramble straight up the hill or turn right and follow the path through the spoil heaps, which doubles back to the same place.

Head down the path to rejoin with the ones who avoided the scramble, and look for the sword and lion carved into the stone just below the path (it's a steep drop but worth it). Return to and cross the path and take the obvious path diagonally across Carver Fields and come out on the road just above the trees. Cross the road, head left and bear right on the permissive bridleway and just keep straight on till you get to Long Lane. Cross carefully and take the bridleway (the right hand path) on down the hill. At the wall turn sharp left then drop down the side of the field and turn left through the squeeze. Follow this path all the way down to the Rivelin.

Now follow the path up beside the river. At the footbridge, if you are really tired, you can cut back up the hill to the cars; otherwise go on over this bridge and two more, before turning left over the river and heading uphill. Cross 2 fields then turn left in the end of Hagg Lane, and follow it back to the cars.

Risks

- A short bit of road and a couple of crossings, watch out for cars. Hagg Lane itself might have a car – even 2...
- A few stiles (I think there are 4)
- Footpaths (mud, slipping, tree roots, steps, etc).
- Bikes, horses and dogs

