

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

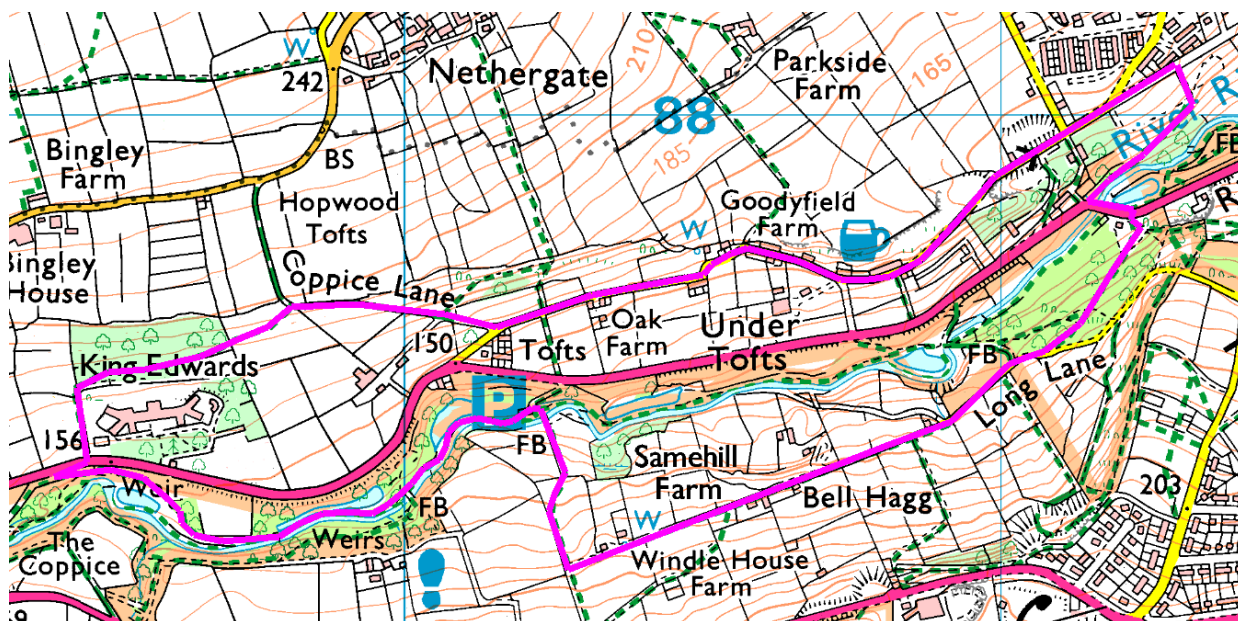


Walk 117 – Rivelin Valley – 3.2 miles

A walk round the Rivelin Valley, which has a little bit beside the river but mostly it is above the trees to give us some views. Starting on Roscoe Bank (at the bottom of Liberty Hill in Stannington), we walk along to King Edwards (old school) then cross over and return along Hagg Lane. Park off the road, opposite the footpath (we come back up there).

Clockwise:

Start by carrying on along Roscoe Bank, up the hill past the quarry and on past the pub and turn right up Coppice Lane.



Where the lane bends right, go over the stile on the left and follow the footpath into the wood (may be muddy). As you emerge from the wood turn left and cross 2 stiles (one with holly) to drop down to the road. Cross over and turn right for about 30 yards before taking the track sharp left to drop down to the river. Follow the riverside path to the second footbridge, cross this and enter the field, climbing straight up to a stile and then angling right to follow the wall up to another stile. Turn left onto Hagg Lane which slowly improves from a cart track to a proper (narrow) road which drops steadily then starts to rise again. As it starts to rise, take the bridlepath which bears off on the left after the parking space and steadily drop down to the road just beside the bridge over the river.

Cross the road on the bend where you have best visibility both ways, then cross the bridge and turn right up the footpath which takes us back up to the cars.

Risks:

- Quite a long length of road walk at the start, take extra care beside the quarry and allotments as the road is very narrow.
- Crossing Rivelin Valley Road twice. Both times, visibility is best where you first come to the road.
- Can be a bit rough underfoot, but generally fine. Wet grass may be slippery.
- Muddy in wet weather through the trees and beside the river.