

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



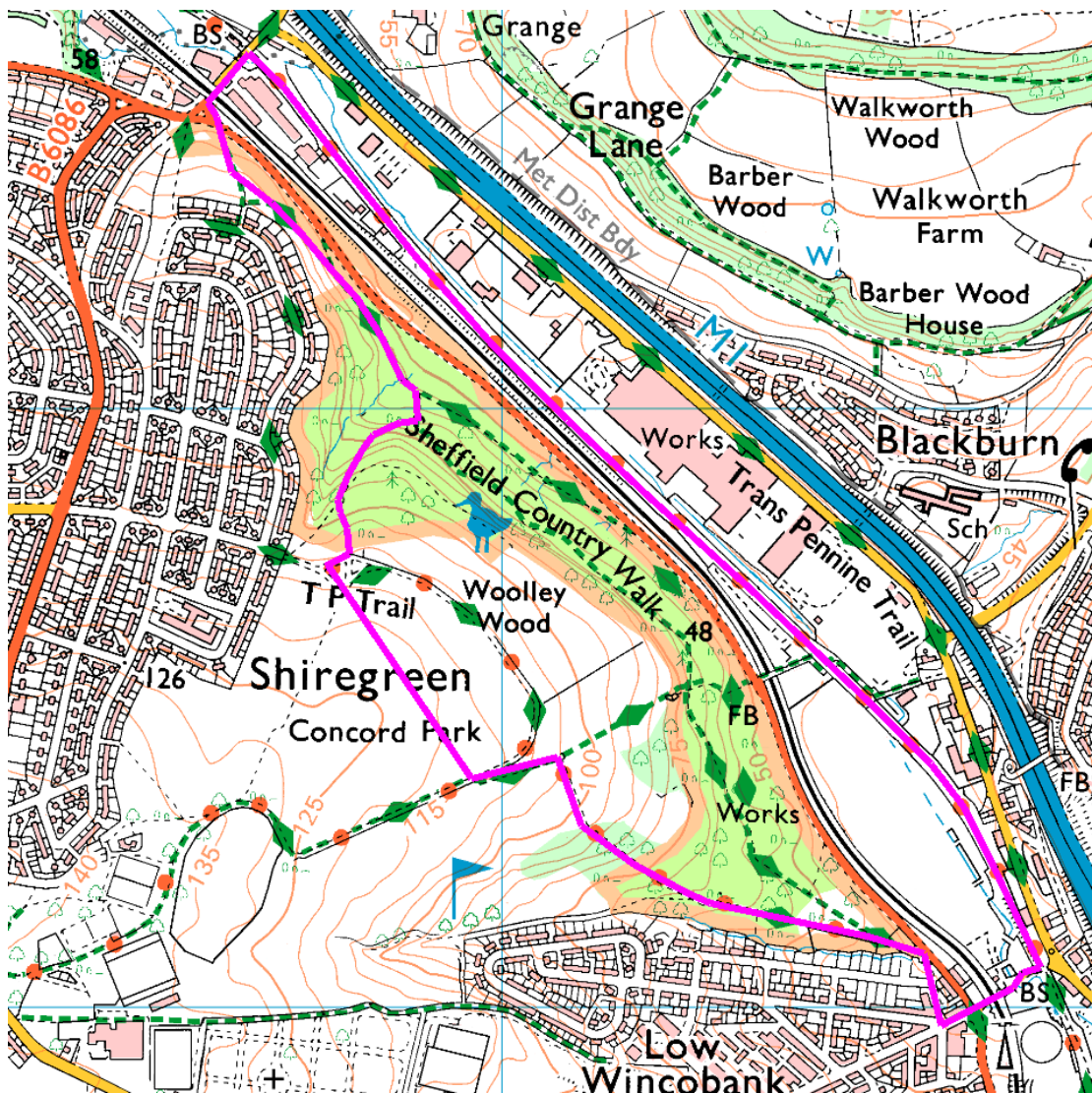
Walk 118 – Concord Park and Blackburn Valley – 3.0 miles

A couple of hilly bits with a long flat bit in between, some grass and some woodland paths but mainly hard surface so not too muddy despite recent thunderstorms! We start from the bottom car park on Concord – directions below.

Anticlockwise:

From the car park, head up the hill along the path till you get past the trees on your left, then head across the grass, over the shoulder of the hill and just to the right of the clump of trees to drop down where the footpath goes through the hedge across the golf course. (Alternatively, you can follow the TPT marked path round to the same point.)

Follow the path across the golf course for a few yards, then turn right on the path which takes you downhill and into the woods, eventually coming out at Wooley Woods Car



Park. As you approach the road, turn right and go behind the houses on Dara Street then turn left on Fife Street. Cross Barrow Road carefully, then go under the first railway bridge through the handy pedestrian tunnel. Carry on round the curve, then just before the second bridge, take the path on the left signposted 'access to TPT'. Climb up to join the Blackburn Valley Trail, and head round this for over a mile to get to Deep Lane.

On Deep Lane, turn left and cross the stream (with care over this narrow bridge), go under the railway (with care if you are over 13 foot tall) and cross Ecclesfield Road (with care, traffic moves very fast round here). Go through the stile and up the footpath, bearing left to enter the bottom of Wooley Wood. Follow the trail then branch right, up the steps and keep right back to the car park.

To find the car park, head towards Concord Leisure Centre along Hatfield House Lane, but at the traffic lights just before the park, turn left down Bellhouse Road. At the mini roundabout turn right onto Concord Road, and straight on to the end.

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Risks:

- Crossing Ecclesfield Road and walking along Fife Street and Deep Lane – all are fairly busy so take care.
- Can be a bit rough underfoot through the wood and across the golf course, but generally fine. Wet grass may be slippery.