Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays

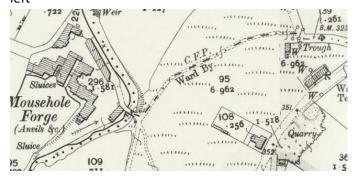


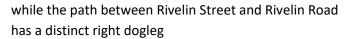


126 - Racker Way - 2.1 miles

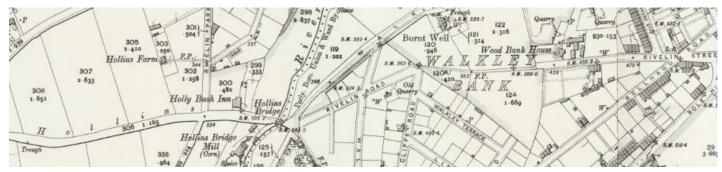
Todays walk is inspired by an old photograph Geoff shared with us. It is labelled 'Early photo of Racker Way' but Sarah says it 'Looks like the bottom of Rivelin Street with Milner's farm on the right?!'

Looking at old map, Racker Way definitely bends to the left



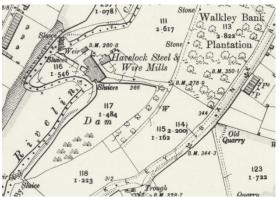






But the only way to be sure is to go and have a look!

Park by the old Havelock Steel and Wire Mill (nowadays known as the Walkley Tilt Car Park or the Havelock Dam); drive down Rivelin Valley Road for 500 metres (or about 300 metres pat the fire station), then look out for the very small parking sign and turn right. There is a 1.8 metre height restriction, so don't take a minibus in here!





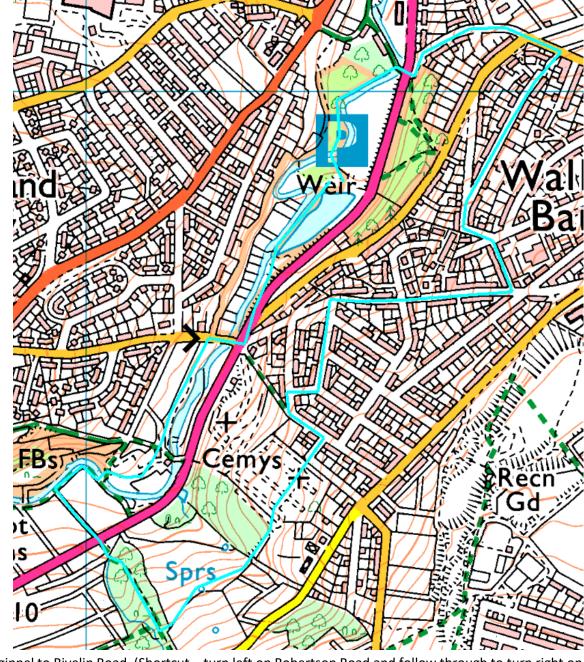


Clockwise

From the car park, head away from the dam and follow the river path to the bridge near Mousehole Forge. Cross the bridge and the pedestrian crossing then head uphill to Racker Way. At the top of the road, look back to see if it matches the photo.

Continue up Rivelin
Bank, passing
Morley Street then
turn right up the
ginnel to Welbeck
Road. Continue to
Fern Road and cross
into Thrush Street
then turn right down
Rivelin Street and
stop at the bottom
to compare the view
to the photo.

Carry on down the ginnel into
Robertson Drive and



on through the next ginnel to Rivelin Road. (Shortcut – turn left on Robertson Road and follow through to turn right on Waller Road – cuts out some of the hills). On Rivelin Road, turn left up Cliff Road then right down Rangely Road and left onto Waller Road.

From Waller Road turn into Nichols Road and straight through into the cemetery, then as near as possible straight on through the trees and across the field till you enter Reaps Wood. Take the footpath right (downhill) down to Rivelin Valley Road, cross over and go down between the allotments to the river. Turn right and follow it back to the cars.

Risks

No walking on major roads, but lots of side streets and 2 crossings of Manchester Road, so take care. One or two stiles, paths are rough underfoot.

Some parts may be muddy and wet grass, so boots recommended.

