

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### 132 –Meadowhall and Carbrook – 3.5 miles (Grade 2)

Something a bit different this week, a long but essentially flat walk on tarmac and towpath, since the ground is still very wet. No muddy footpaths – except the towpath can be muddy in places. Several major roads to cross but the majority have pelicans or puffins or something to help us. Grade 2 because it is long and because of the roads.

Park on Weedon Street (the Meadowhall alternative entrance; go past Forgemasters and turn right at the second traffic light) near the bridge.

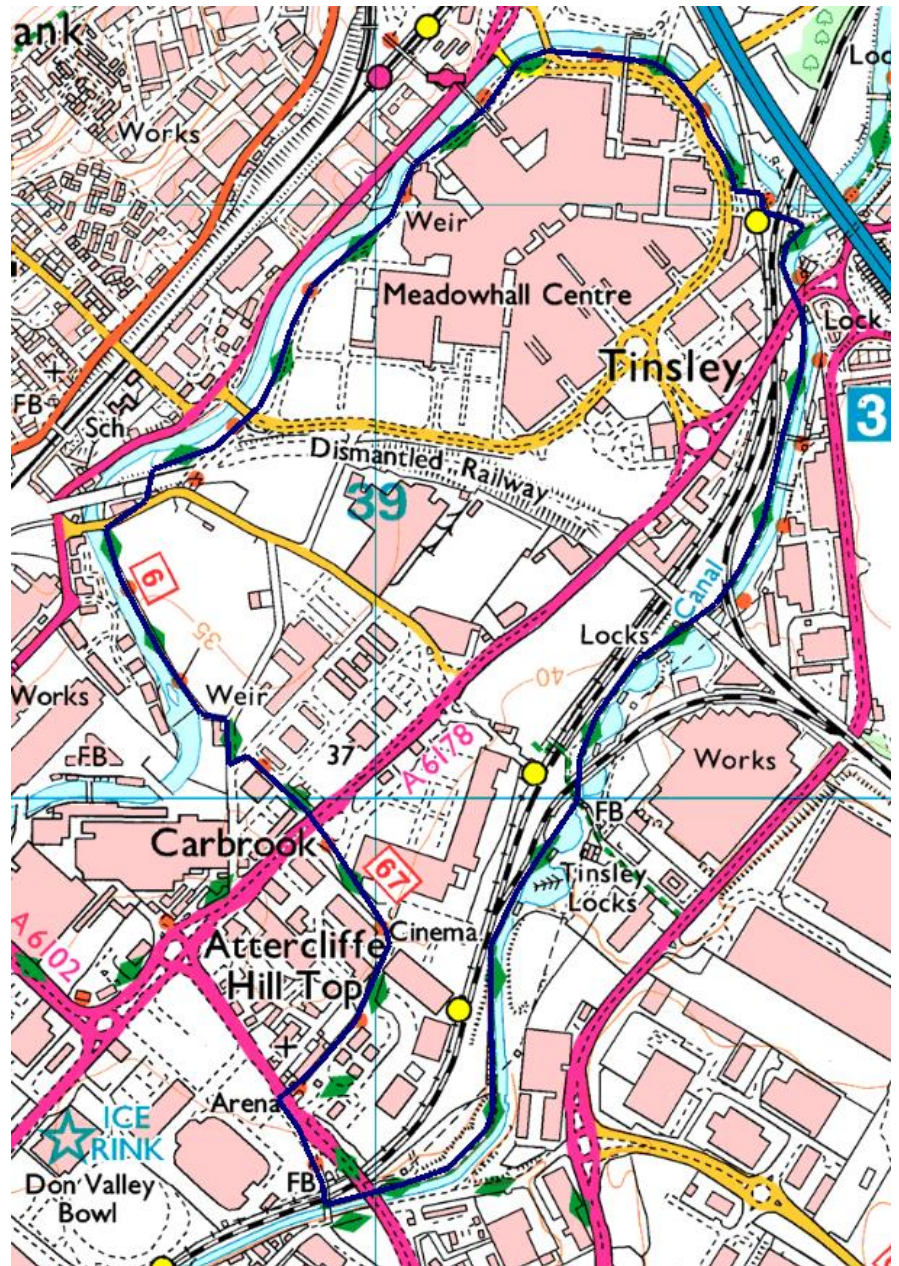
Anticlockwise

Head back towards the bridge and turn left through the metal arch inscribed 'Five Weirs Walk'. This part of the walk is between the River Don and Meadowhall's overflow car parks, with wildlife on both sides.

Soon the path bends away from the river and we leave the 5WW, coming out on Carbrook Street we turn right then follow the TPT signs for Darnell as we cross the major road (which confusingly is still Carbrook Street) and go down Webster Street, straight on across the grassed area and cross Attercliffe Comon. Bear right at the island, then follow the path round past Centertainment and cross Broughton Lane.

Turn left and go up the hill, then turn right beside the bus stop and head over the railway. Turn left before crossing the canal and drop down onto the towpath – and follow it all the way back to Meadowhall.

Just before you get to the viaduct, take the path on the left which crosses the Rotherham rail line then drops down to the tram stop. Cross the tram lines and turn right on the pavement, then just follow the riverside path back to Weedon Street.



## Risks

- 4 major road crossings with lights – all very busy roads. A couple of uncontrolled road crossings, take care.
- Almost the entire route is joint pedestrian and cycle path. Cyclists are supposed to stick to the red surfaced path, and sometimes get very annoyed at pedestrians who stray off the footpath, so watch out for bikes.
- Canal towpath – very close to the water, so take care.
- No stiles and no steps (unless you want to explore).
- Most paths are good, but some parts may be muddy, so boots recommended.

#### ROBIN HOOD:

everyone is familiar with the story of Robin Hood or Robin of Loxley as he is often called. He was reputedly born at Haggis Croft now the site of Normandale House (approx. 100 yards from the start of the Loxley section of this walk) and later said to have lived in the woods near to the current location of the Robin Hood Inn.

#### ROBIN HOOD INN – LITTLE MATLOCK:

was built in 1804- by Thomas Halliday who was known for building several other substantial properties in the area, The inn was designed with the purpose of attracting the gentry of Sheffield and beyond by creating water gardens and woodland walks etc. in the area which reminded him so much of Matlock in Derbyshire that he named it Little Matlock.