

# Step Out at SWFC

## The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



### 142 – Wharnecliffe Chase – 3.0 miles (Grade 2)

A generally level walk across the top of the world – in other words, it has excellent views and is very exposed – not one for a windy day! Starting in the Greno woods car park, we walk down through Wharnecliffe Wood before crossing the stile onto the Chase. A big loop round the Chase takes us up to Woodhead Road and back along to the cars.

Footpaths are rough to long grass, so wear boots. Should not be too muddy, but there is one high step stile hence graded 2

Park in the Greno Woods Car Park.

Clockwise

From the car park, take the main track through the gate and down the hill. At the first junction turn right and follow round to the left till you see the stile over the wall into the chase.

Cross the stile and bear left along the fairly well worn through the heather. Follow this path as it

bears left, crossing a wider track and continuing uphill towards the trees. If you want a diversion, bear left to the rocks you can see on the horizon and admire the views across the Upper Don Valley, then head round the woods to rejoin the main path.

The path round here fades out, but you need to head into the corner by the trees where there is a gate onto a wider track. Turn right on the track and follow it up, through an ex-stile and round to a crossing of several paths. You can see the one we want, heading straight across the hill, follow this to the end then turn left, besides the wall and through the kissing gate onto Woodhead Road. Turn right and follow the road back towards Grenoside.

If you want to extend the walk a little, you can cross the road and go through Greno Woods, or if you want a firmer walk back, just go straight along the road, but the recommended way is to follow the TPT through the woods on the right which takes us straight back to the cars.

#### Risks

- A little bit of road walking and track through the Woods - watch out for cars, bikes, tractors, etc.
- One (steep) stile but no steps. Most paths may be wet if not frozen solid but should not be muddy. Heather, bracken and rough grass, so boots recommended.

