

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



149 – Gosling Moor – 2.2 to 2.8 miles

A choice of routes today, all quite short and not very muddy (except for the marsh on the wet walk). All start the same way, across a grassy field and over 5 stiles, so despite being short and generally flat, they have their own challenges and are rated Grade 2 – stiles, grass and puddles. Lots of wildlife and baby lambs!

Park at the end of Bank Lane – go up Fox Hill Road, through Grenoside Village and out on Woodhead Road. Past Greno Wood the road goes downhill for over a mile then climbs a small ridge. Just at the top of the ridge there is a small lane comes in on the right, a very sharp turn, then there is space to park on the verge on the right.

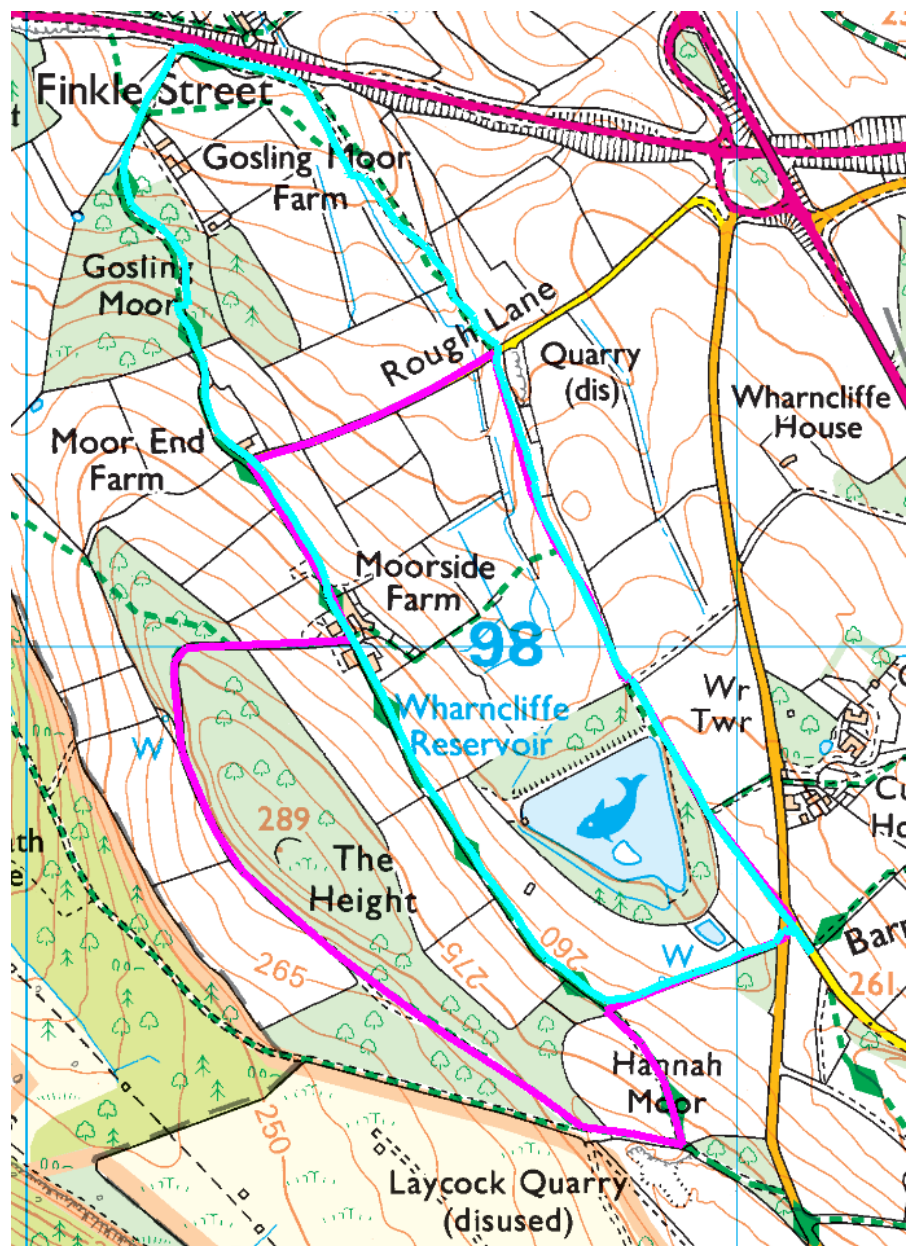
Anticlockwise

From the end of Bank Lane, cross Woodhead Road and go over the stile into the field. Cross diagonally to the far corner near the trees and cross another stile into a ploughed field. Keep close to the wall as you descend to another stile in the bottom left corner, which takes you onto a track. Cross the track and the stile on the left and turn right across another grassy field. After a while, a ridge appears with a fairly well marked path; follow this to the stile into Rough Lane.

Wet Route : Cross Rough Lane and the stile and drop down to the swampy ground, carefully crossing over to the drier ground beyond before bearing right along the edge of the swamp and then round the wettest area to the stile in the right hand corner. The next field has a clear track across it which leads down towards the main road, bearing left and dropping to go under the road. At this point go straight on up the track and round towards Gosling Moor. Ignore tracks on the left and climb up through the trees and out to Moor End Farm.

Dry Route : Turn left on Rough Lane and follow it up to the end at Moor End Farm, then turn left and rejoin the main route.

Both Routes : Go through the gate and follow the track to Moorside Farm.



Short Route : Follow the track through Moorside Farm and on across the hillside, looking down on Wharnccliffe Reservoir. As the track bends left, follow it down till it joins Woodhead Road and return to the cars.

Long Route : As you pass through Moorside Farm, take the track going off on the right, uphill into the trees. Either follow this around the back of The Height, or watch out for a path on the left which goes over the top of the hill; both eventually join up near Wharnccliffe Chase. Follow the track towards the road then turn left through the gate and across the field to rejoin the main track; turn right and drop down back to the cars.

Risks

- One road crossings and a lot of farm tracks. Watch out for tractors, sheep and horses.
- No steps but plenty of stiles (at least 5), most paths are not too rough underfoot but have muddy puddles.
- Some parts are muddy (especially the wet route), lots of wet grass, so boots recommended.