

Step Out at SWFC

The Wednesday Walk on Thursdays



151 – Stanley Fields – 2.2 miles

Another mainly mud-free walk round some of the green spaces in Burngreave and Pitsmoor. Starting at Parkwood Springs, we drop down to cross Rutland Road and Pitsmoor Road before going up the steps to Andover Street, down Fox Street and through Abbeyfield Park. No stiles but plenty of steps and a couple of busy roads to cross, so rated 2.

Park on Shirecliffe Road near the main entrance to Parkwood Springs.

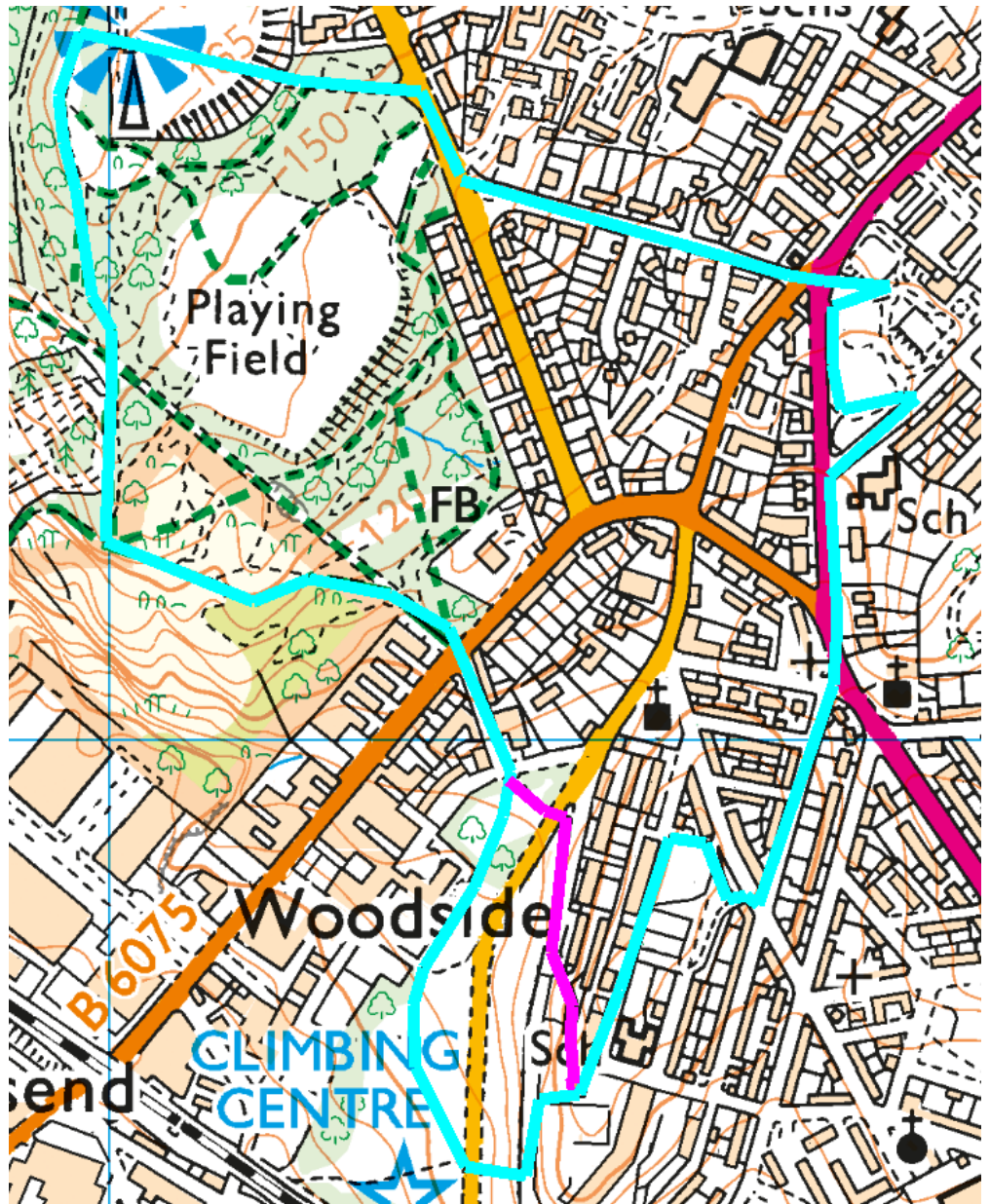
Counterclockwise

In Parkwood Springs, head up to the viewpoint, either straight across the football field or follow the gravel track round the outside. From the viewpoint, head down the main track which drops down the side of the hill to come out on Rutland Road. Cross over and down Wood Fold, cross Woodside Lane and take the right hand path which leads down to Stanley Fields (named after the Stanley works which used to be here). Keep on till you reach Pitsmoor Road, cross and head up the steps to Pye Bank Road. Turn left and try to remember what this looked like in the film Full Monty – it has changed a bit but the view is still recognisable.

The same cannot be said for the view in the opposite direction – in the last 10 years, the Astrea Academy has taken over the ridge and now dominates the view. We need to climb up closer, up another flight of steps

on the right to come out on Andover Road. Go straight ahead, on the block-paved road and through the jinnel to the playground then follow round to Nottingham Street and cross over to go down Fox Street.

At the bottom of Fox Street use the crossing to cross Burngreave Road then turn left up the pavement. Take the first road on the right (Abbeyfield Road) and enter Abbeyfield Park. Have a wander round admiring the cherry blossom (or whatever is flowering today) before leaving the park through the main entrance onto Burngreave Road. Cross all three pelican crossings before heading up Shirecliffe Lane back to the cars.



Risks:

- A few busy roads to cross and some quieter roads to follow – please be careful. Use crossings where available.
- Parks and pavements, watch out for dogs, cyclists and joggers.
- Lots of steps – if you think you might have difficulty, there is an alternative (marked in magenta on the map), let me know at the start.