

Walk and Talk

The 'Wednesday' Walk on Thursdays



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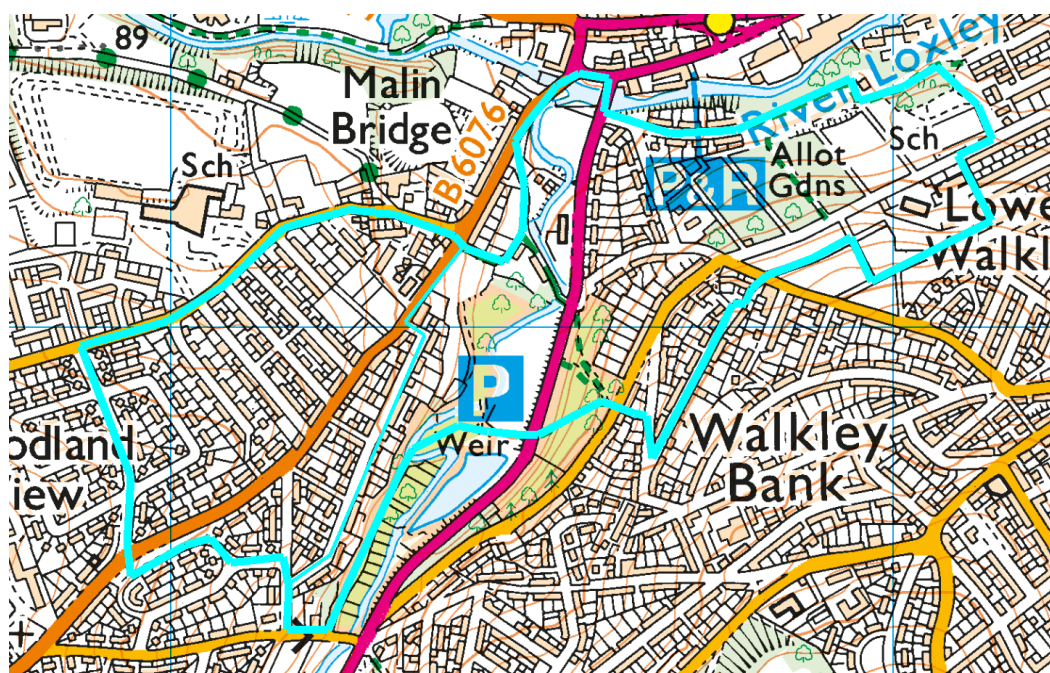
196 – Watersmeet – 2.5 miles

'Where is Watersmeet Island?' I've never heard of it, but apparently it's part of GOSH (the Green Open Spaces Hillsborough project), so let's go and find it. This walk takes us up Walkley Bank, down Watersmeet Road back up to Woodland View on the Stannington side (unless it's windy or raining or we're feeling lazy, in which case there are shorter alternatives). Quite a bit of climbing and some stepping stones but mainly pavements and good paths, so rated 2.

Park on Walkley Tilt Dam (first right off Rivelin Valley Road after the fire station). This car park has a six foot height limit, so no good for the minibus.

Counterclockwise

From the car park head out to the main road, turn left and look out for the footpath sign going up the hill on your right. Follow this up to Walkley Bank Road, cross and carry on up the ginnel to Fern Road. Turn right then sharp left on Welbeck Road and at the end take the ginnel through to come out on Walkley Bank Road again.



Straight across, there is a path into the allotments, follow this to the end, turn right up the hill then left and along to Bowness Road, then left down the (steep) ginnel to Morley Street. Right and then left, down the track, bearing left to come out on Watersmeet Road and down to Malin Bridge. Cross over Rivelin Valley Road, turn right and follow the pavement as it bends left and left again. If you look over the wall on the left, you will see Watersmeet – the place where the water from the Rivelin meets the water from the Loxley, and a bit further round there should be an information board about the Community Space.

Carry on bearing left till you approach Mousehole Forge, then bear right up to Stannington Road, cross the crossing and head up Wood Lane then left on Stanwood Avenue and all the way across to Stannington Road. Cross over and drop down to Rivelin Park Drive, bear left to Rivelin Park Crescent and turn right on Rivelin Park Road, down to Hollins Lane, past the pub then left along the track to the stepping stones (or alternatively, go over the bridge (carefully) and round the tarmacked path beside the pond) and back to the cars.

Risks

Quite a bit of pavement walking, 5 busy roads to cross (use crossings where available).

No stiles, no steps but some steep slopes up and down

Footpaths are well-used but may be rough and wet in places.



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