



WALKERS ARE WELCOME

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Medium Walk: Dunford Bridge from Langsett

- Length – 9.0 miles
- Grade - Mostly well-defined paths, including the [Little Don Link](#) and the [Trans-Pennine Trail](#) (TPT), stiles and steady ascents
- Start - Yorkshire Water Car Park on the A616 between Langsett and the Flouch roundabout or the TPT at Dunford Bridge (13)
- Grid Reference SE 202 012 or SE158 024
- Parking - Yorkshire Water Car Park on the A616 or, if you wish to start at (13), the TPT car park at Dunford Bridge. The Yorkshire Water car park has a height limit of 2.1 metres (m). Alternatives are the lay-by which is adjacent to the car park or the old Manchester Road, at the opposite side of the Flouch roundabout
- Public transport – Bus 20A from Barnsley and Stocksbridge / Deepcar and bus 20 from Barnsley/Penistone and Holmfirth stop at the Flouch roundabout. [National Express route 350](#) (Liverpool to Cambridge) stops at Langsett.
- Refreshments - [The Waggon and Horses Inn](#), [Bankview Café](#), Langsett
[Dog and Partridge Inn](#), Woodhead Road
Please note: the 'PH' at Dunford Bridge, the 'Stanhope Arms' closed some years ago
- Public Toilets – [Langsett Barn](#)

Description

This is a long walk along pack horse routes, moorland and former railway tracks. Some sections can be boggy. There are short sections close to the busy A628. Some of this route is on access land. The land owner can close the area for short periods, usually in the shooting and nesting seasons. There may also be restrictions on taking dogs onto grouse moor access land. More information is available on the [Natural England Website](#)



Approaching Dunford Bridge (13): the now-closed, 'Stanhope Arms' is centre right

Route Instructions

1. Leave the car park and cross the road into the woods. Follow the track down into the wood until it reaches a junction where paths go off and down to the right
2. Take the second path to the right, signed 'Swinden'
3. Continue up through the wood until the track emerges from the trees to a junction with another track. Take the right hand track up between the stone walls
4. Follow the track as it swings left and then after 100 m, take the long wide track on the right through the gate (4)
5. At the end of the track turn right and follow the track up to the main road, the A628

The A628 connects Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire by crossing the Pennines via the Woodhead Pass through the Peak District National Park. The height and the exposure of the road often creates problems during poor weather. The road is sometimes closed due to snowfall or high winds.

The A628 is mentioned in a Human League track "The Snake" (2001). It is suggested as an alternative route to the M62 or the Snake Pass (A57).

6. At the main road turn left and go along the verge to the [Dog and Partridge Inn](#)

The Dog and Partridge is situated on an old medieval salt way route and has a history that can be traced back to the Elizabethan period. It was originally a farmhouse and alehouse, known as Border Hill House and was owned by the Gothard family. It became known as the Dog and Partridge in 1740 when it obtained its first license. Since that time it has been owned by many local land owning families. These include the Pilkingtons of Chevet Hall who still own the surrounding grouse moors.

7. At the Inn cross the road and go through the gate onto the Snow Track (7). Follow the track all the way up the hill
8. At the wooden gate near the summit go to the right of the gate and follow the path along by the side of the snow fence (8)
9. Go through the next metal gate and follow the fence to the footpath sign.

During wet weather this section is boggy and it might be necessary to go left, nearer the road

10. Take the footpath to the right and across the moor
11. Follow the path across the moor. The path will pass to the left of the small reservoir ahead (Upper Windleden Reservoir). Drop down and cross the stream by the stone bridge. Continue up the other side. The path swings left up the hill to a gate

Upper Windleden Reservoir was built by the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks Board and was completed in 1890.



12. Follow the path right from the gate, down and across the stream before climbing back up to the road
13. Turn right at the road and follow it down to Dunford Bridge. There are picnic tables at the Dunford Bridge section of the [Trans Pennine Trail](#)

This was once the Woodhead railway route (Sheffield to Manchester). The railway closed in 1981. It is now part of the [Trans Pennine Trail \(TPT\)](#), a route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders linking the North and Irish seas, which passes through the Pennines, alongside rivers and canals and through historic towns and cities in the North of England.

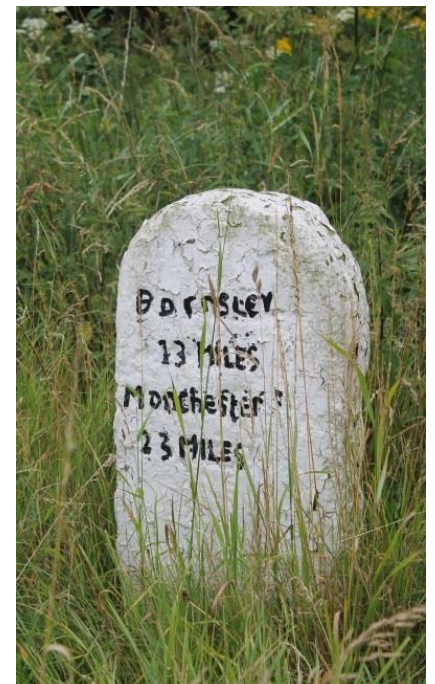
14. Take the trail, heading east, away from the Woodhead tunnel

On your left, you will soon pass the old goods yard, now Wogden Foot Nature Reserve

15. Follow the trail for nearly 2 miles (3.2 km). As you approach the first over bridge (Cote Bank Bridge), take the steps on the left (15). Then cross the bridge
16. The path then goes left for about 20 m. There is a wide gate ahead, however, the path goes through a single walkers gate on the right before taking a clear path back to the Old Manchester Road (16). This path was re-laid as part of the Little Don Link in 2015
17. At the old road, turn left and follow the road until it widens out by the houses. Take the signed footpath to the right (17)

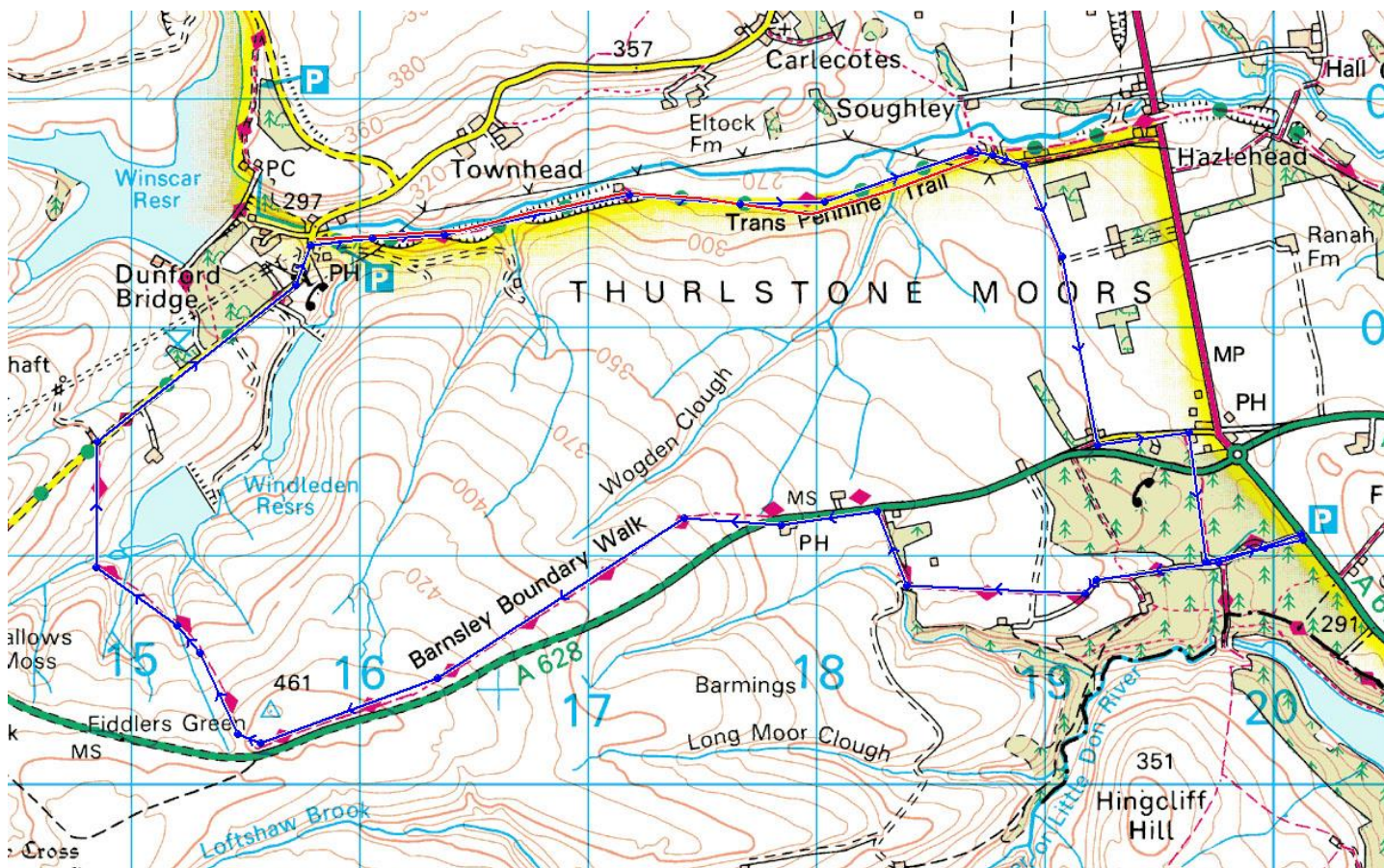
You will pass an old mile stone on your right. This was probably erected when the road was upgraded in 1828.

18. Cross the main road and take the path opposite. Follow the path down until it reaches the junction with the path above. Turn left and follow the track back to the car park



Picnic Tables at Dunford Bridge (13)

Milestone on the old Manchester Road (17)



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Historical information on the area is available from Stocksbridge and District History Society: <http://www.stocksbridgehs.co.uk/>

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