

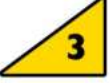




Each card has a letter & number (for example **A3**) in the top right hand corner. It describes the **surface** and **slope** of the **most difficult** parts of the main route. With the map and text, this will help you to decide whether to do the whole route or just the easier sections. The bicycle symbol indicates all or part of the route is suitable for cycling.

Surface Quality (in dry weather)

- A** - Smooth (tarmac, paving, concrete, etc.)
- B** - Quite Smooth (short grass, compacted earth/stone, etc.)
- C** - Uneven (worn grass, loose stone, some ruts, tree roots, etc.)
- D** - Rough (long grass, soft earth, sand, gravel, severe ruts, roots, etc.)

-  **1** - Gentle (up to 1:20)
-  **2** - Quite Gentle (up to 1:16)
-  **3** - Fairly Steep (up to 1:12)
-  **4** - Steep (up to 1:8)
-  **5** - Very Steep (over 1:8)



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Accessible Trails in the Barnsley District

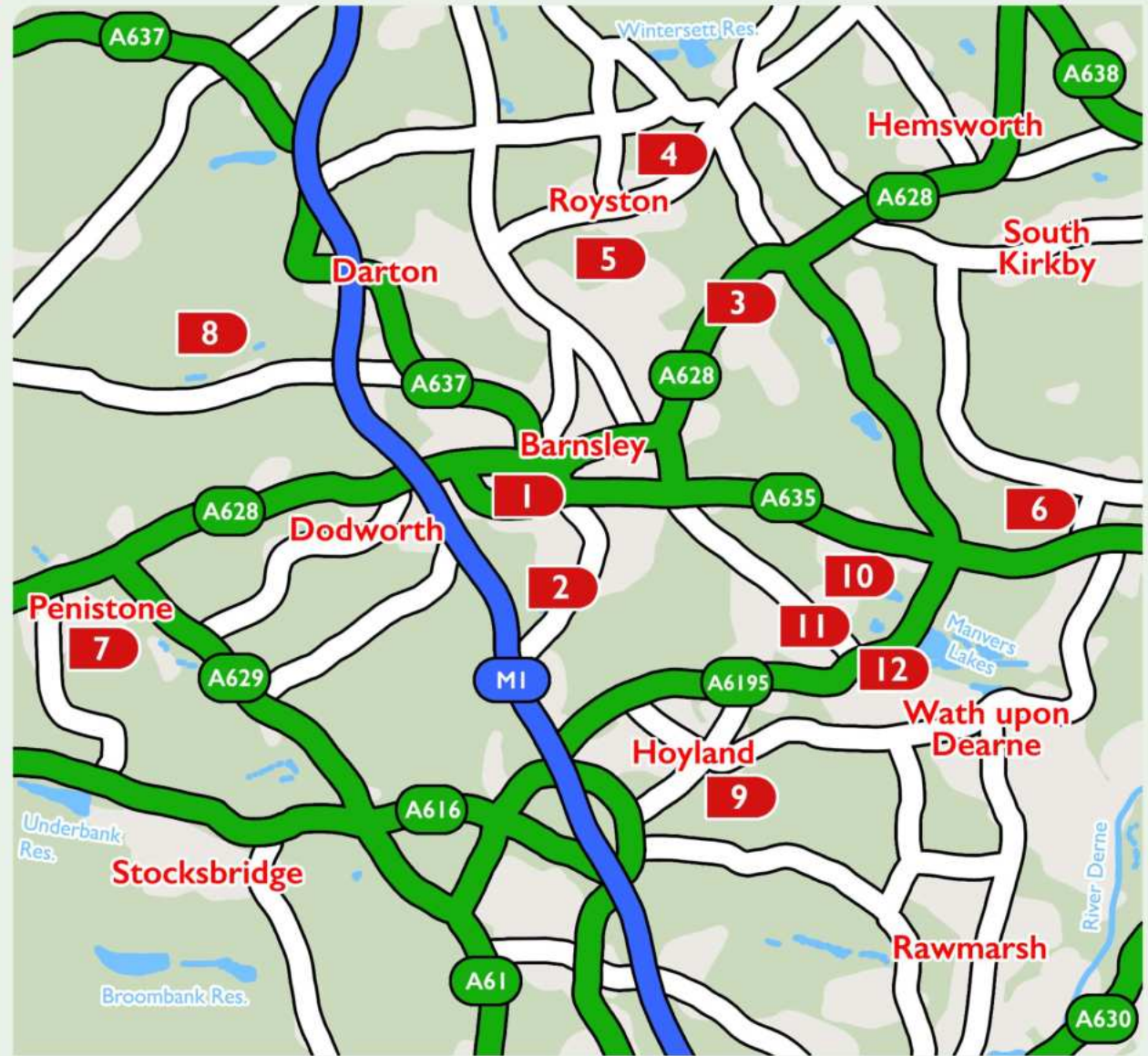


Accessible Trails in the Barnsley District



TRAIL CARD & MAP KEY

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|--|-------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | Suggested Route | | Viewpoint |
| | Alternative Route | | Motorcycle Barrier |
| | Slope/Hill (Level) | | Speed Humps |
| | Linked Trail | | Steps (and how many) |
| | Suitable for Cycling | | Café |
| | Trail Start Point | | Public House |
| | Parking | | Bench/Seat |
| | Information Board | | Picnic Area |
| | Bus Stop | | Playground |
| | Accessible Toilet | | Cattle Grid |
| | Accessible Gate (Manual Wheelchairs & Scooters) | | Trees/Wood |
| | Gate not Accessible to Wheelchairs | | Lake/Pond |
| | Caution | | Landmark Building |



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| 1 Locke Park | 7 Watermeadows Park |
| 2 Worsbrough Mill Country Park | 8 Cannon Hall Country Park |
| 3 Cudworth Welfare Park | 9 Elsecar Park |
| 4 Rabbit Ings Country Park | 10 RSPB Dearne Valley - Old Moor |
| 5 Royston Park | 11 Broomhill Park |
| 6 Phoenix Park | 12 Manvers Lake |





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Walking Group Member

'I've been coming out with the Open Country walking group for over 10 years. I have also been away on weekend trips and I am a member of one of the Tandem Clubs. I enjoy being out in the fresh air and I like getting the exercise. It's also really great to see

my friends and explore new places which I wouldn't otherwise have visited. As a non-sighted walker I need to be guided the whole time but the Open Country staff and volunteers are really helpful so this is never a problem. My trips out with Open Country are a challenge, but in a good way. It means I can get out there!'

Our walking groups offer walks between 4 and 8 miles through beautiful countryside locations.

Nature & Natterers Group Member

'The group has given me a purpose to my week. It's actually the highlight of the week! I really enjoy going out to places I wouldn't be able to get to on public transport. I love my local area. It reminds me of my childhood and my work when I was well.'

Nature & Natterers is a conservation group for people with mental health issues.





Location: Locke Park, Keresforth Hall Road, Barnsley, S70 6NF. **What3Words:** afford.tapes.stone.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 22A, 22C from Barnsley Interchange via Gilroyd 33 from Barnsley via Kingstone and 479 between Kendray and Kingstone all stop adjacent to the park entrance on Park Road near the café. Barnsley Railway Station is 1.6 miles (2.6 km) from the park.



Route Details: All paths are made of tarmac (A). Paths on the suggested route are undulating with inclines up to 4. The minimum path width is 2 metres and there are benches at regular intervals. There are steps which can be avoided. An alternative routes there are some steps, which can be avoided. Some park features are accessed over grass.



I

Locke Park

A4



Brief Description: Close to Barnsley Town Centre, Locke Park offers up to 1.5 miles (2.4 km) of accessible paths through 47 acres of open parkland. Whether you would like to get closer to nature, dive into Barnsley's history, find somewhere for children to play or simply go for a stroll, Locke Park has all this and more.



Access and Facilities: 4 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key), Changing Places Toilet next to Locke Park Café.



Features of Interest: Alphabet Steps, Bandstand, Basketball Court, Benches, Bowling Greens, Café, Children's Play Area, Columns, Fairy Garden, Fountain, Grassland, Hope Tree, Information Boards, John Locke Statue, Locke Tower, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), Picnic Tables, Shelters, Tennis Courts, Wildlife, Woodland.





Location: Worsbrough Mill Country Park, Worsbrough Bridge, Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 5LJ.

What3Words: ports.deeply.chip.



Public Transport: Bus No. 2 between Barnsley and Sheffield and Bus No. 67 between Barnsley and Wombwell both stop on the junction of the A61, Park Road/Sheffield Road and Worsbrough Road.



Route Details: Paths on the accessible route are made from a combination of tarmac and crushed stone (B). Alternative routes can be uneven in places and can get boggy during or after wet weather. The route around the reservoir is generally on the level, with some short inclines (up to 3). Paths from the Mill to the reservoir are steeper (up to 4). Cobbles and steps can be avoided by using the access road behind the Mill.



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Worsbrough Mill Country Park

C5



Brief Description: Worsbrough Mill Country Park offers 1 mile (1.6 km) of accessible paths through a 240 acre SSSI nature reserve. Take in the beautiful Worsbrough Reservoir along with bird hides, willow sculptures and art installations. You can also visit the working flour mill and café at the entrance to the park. This route also links with The Trans Pennine Trail.



Access and Facilities: 2 Blue Badge Parking Bays at the Mill, Accessible Toilets & Changing Facilities are located adjacent to the Blue Badge Parking Bays, opposite the Mill.



Features of Interest: Art Installations, Benches, Bird Hides, Café, Children's Play Area, Information Boards, Mill, Picnic Area, Reservoir, Viewing Screens, Wetland, Wildflower Meadows, Wildlife, Willow Sculptures.





Brief Description: On the outskirts of the village of Cudworth, Cudworth Welfare Park offers up to 1 mile (1.6 km) of accessible paths through urban parkland. It is a great place to escape into nature, with lots of activities for children too, from a playground to a multi-use games area.



Access and Facilities: Free Car Park on Roberts Street, (see location details below). Nearest Accessible Toilet is at The Cudworth Medical Centre adjacent to the park entrance on Carlton Street. **What3Words:** pens.rigid.bolt.



Features of Interest: Benches, Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), Peace Garden, Picnic Benches, Playground, Wildlife, Wooded Areas.



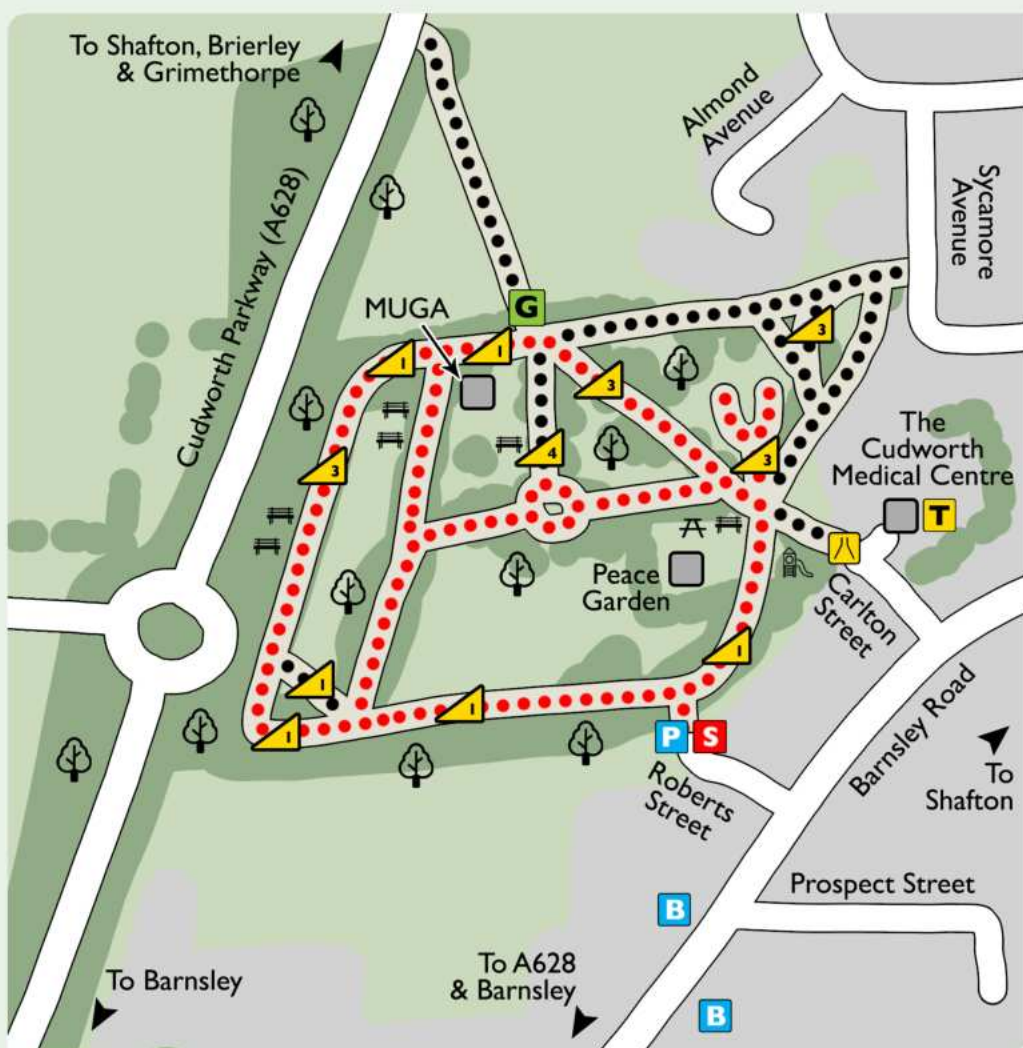
Location: Roberts Street Car Park, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8UQ. **What3Words:** cuts.boot.testter.



Public Transport: Buses Nos. 27, 28, 38 and 198 between Barnsley, Cudworth, Pontefract and Wombwell all stop on Barnsley Road in Cudworth, 0.1 mile (0.16 km) from the entrance to the park on Roberts Street.



Route Details: Paths around the park are made of tarmac (A). Some alternative paths are on grass. Paths are mainly flat, however there are some short inclines (up to 3). There is gated access to the north of the park.





Brief Description: Once the site of Monkton Mine, this section of South Yorkshire's industrial landscape has been reclaimed by nature. With 2 miles (3.2 km) of accessible paths over 64 hectares, this site offers wildlife encounters and spectacular views across the region. It is a beautiful spot to connect with nature.



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Asda Royston, Midland Road, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4BP.
What3Words: prospers.adopters.span.



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Cairn, Lagoons, Spectacular Views, Wildflowers, Wildlife, Woodland.



Location: Rabbit Ings Country Park, Lund Hill Lane, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4BB.
What3Words: slant.clouding.partied.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 59 & 59A between Barnsley, Royston and Wakefield, both stop on Midland Road in Royston, 0.2 miles (320 meters) from the entrance to the reserve.



Route Details: Most paths around the site are made of crushed stone and are in excess of 2.5 metres wide (C). There are some perimeter paths that are level, however, most paths do have steep inclines (up to 5).





i **Brief Description:** Royston Park offers 1 mile (1.6 km) of accessible paths, through urban parkland. With plenty of places for children to play, quiet areas to escape the hustle and bustle and potential wildlife encounters, this park is great for all the family.



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Asda Supermarket on Midland Road, Royston, S71 4BP.


What3Words: unpainted.flasks.complains.




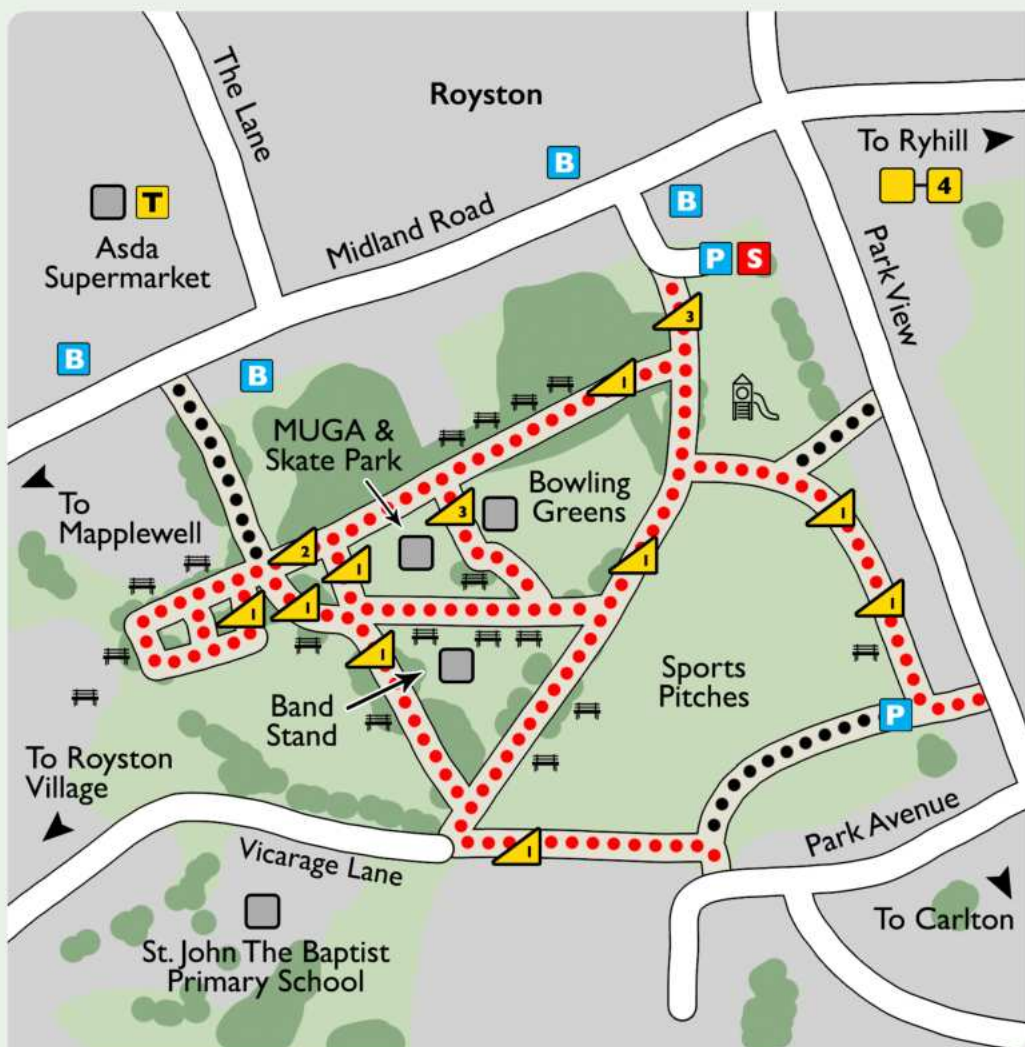
Features of Interest: Accessible Bowling Greens, Band Stand, Benches, Children's Playground, Community Pavillion, Muti Use Games Area (MUGA), Skate Park, Sports Pitches, Wildlife, Wooded Areas.



Location: Royston Park Car Park, St. Johns Walk, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4ND. **What3Words:** villas.blanket.huts.
Alternative Parking off Park View (Term Time Only).

 **Public Transport:** Bus Nos. 57, 59 & 59A between Barnsley, Wakefield and Royston stop adjacent to the park entrance at the junction of Midland Road and St. John's Walk.

 **Route Details:** Paths on the accessible route are made of tarmac (A). The majority of the park is mainly flat (1), with the exception of a short, steeper incline leading to the MUGA (3). There are benches at regular intervals. Access to Park View is via a gap less than 1 metre wide.





i **Brief Description:** Phoenix Park offers 1 mile (1.6 km) of wheelchair accessible paths, which can be extended to 2.5 miles (4 km) for all-terrain chair users. Boasting beautiful views over the surrounding landscape, a sculpture trail and wildflowers in spring and summer, this is a great place to explore and get closer to nature.



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Aldi Supermarket on Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9PJ.
What3Words: swatting.depended.quits.



Features of Interest: Benches, Countryside Views, Information Boards, Pond, Sculpture Trail, Wildflowers (seasonal), wildlife.



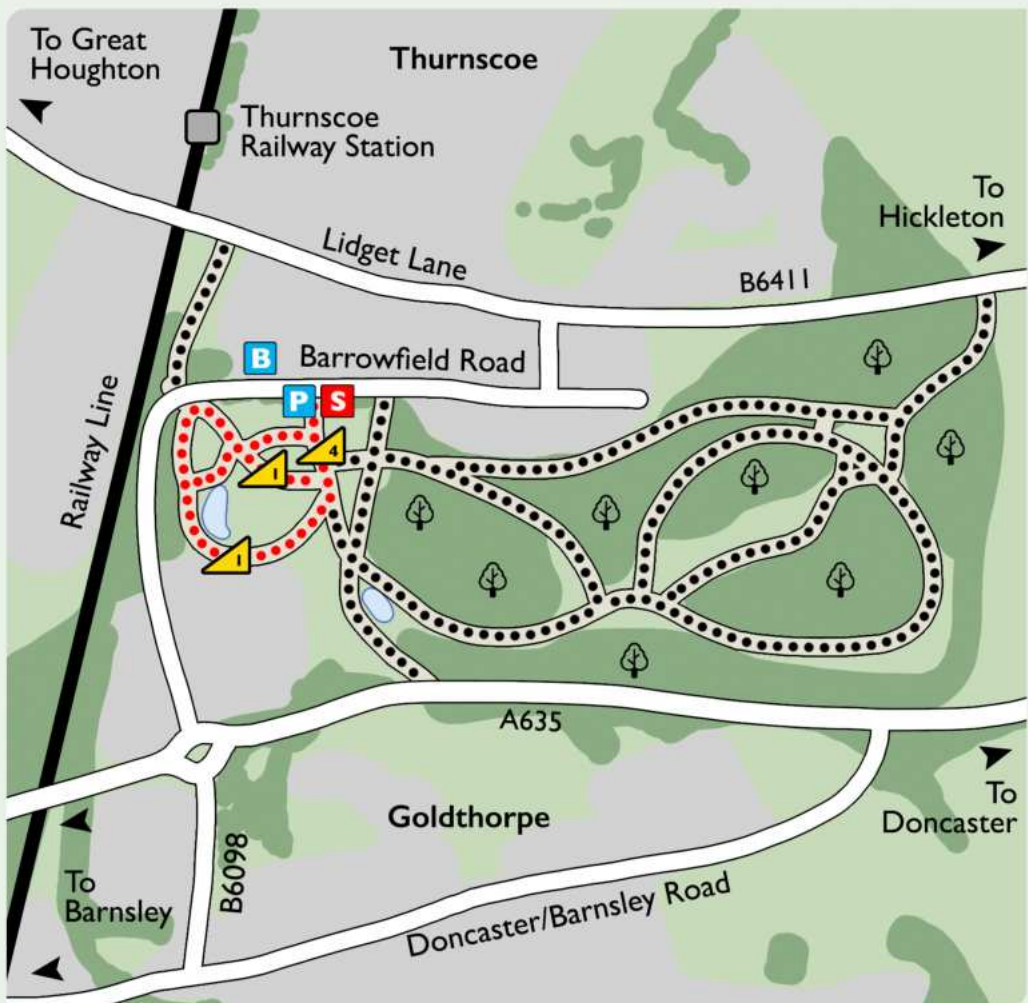
Location: Barrowfield Road, Thurnscoe, Rotherham S63 0BD. **What3Words:** slant.clouding.partied. Please note the car park has a 2 metre height barrier.



Public Transport: Bus No. 219 & 219A between Barnsley, Doncaster and Goldthorpe stop adjacent to the park entrance on Barrowfield Road. Thurnscoe Railway Station is 0.4 miles (0.6 km) from the start of the route.



Route Details: Paths are made from crushed stone and are at least 2 metres wide (B). There are some short gradients (up to 4). Paths on alternative routes are rutted in places (C) and include steeper gradients (up to 5). These paths are recommended for all-terrain chair users and ambulant pedestrians.





i **Brief Description:** Watermeadows Park, on the outskirts of Penistone, offers 0.75 miles (1.2 km) of accessible paths along the riverside, through woodland and adjacent to the impressive Penistone Viaduct. The site offers riverside wildlife to admire and bluebells in the woods during spring.

♿ **Access and Facilities:** Nearest Accessible Toilet is at Penistone Tesco Superstore, Market Lane, Penistone, S36 6TS. 0.7 miles (1.1 km) from the site.
What3Words: layers.described.stages.

🔍 **Features of Interest:** Benches, Bridges, Penistone Viaduct, River Don, Riverside Wildlife, Woodland.

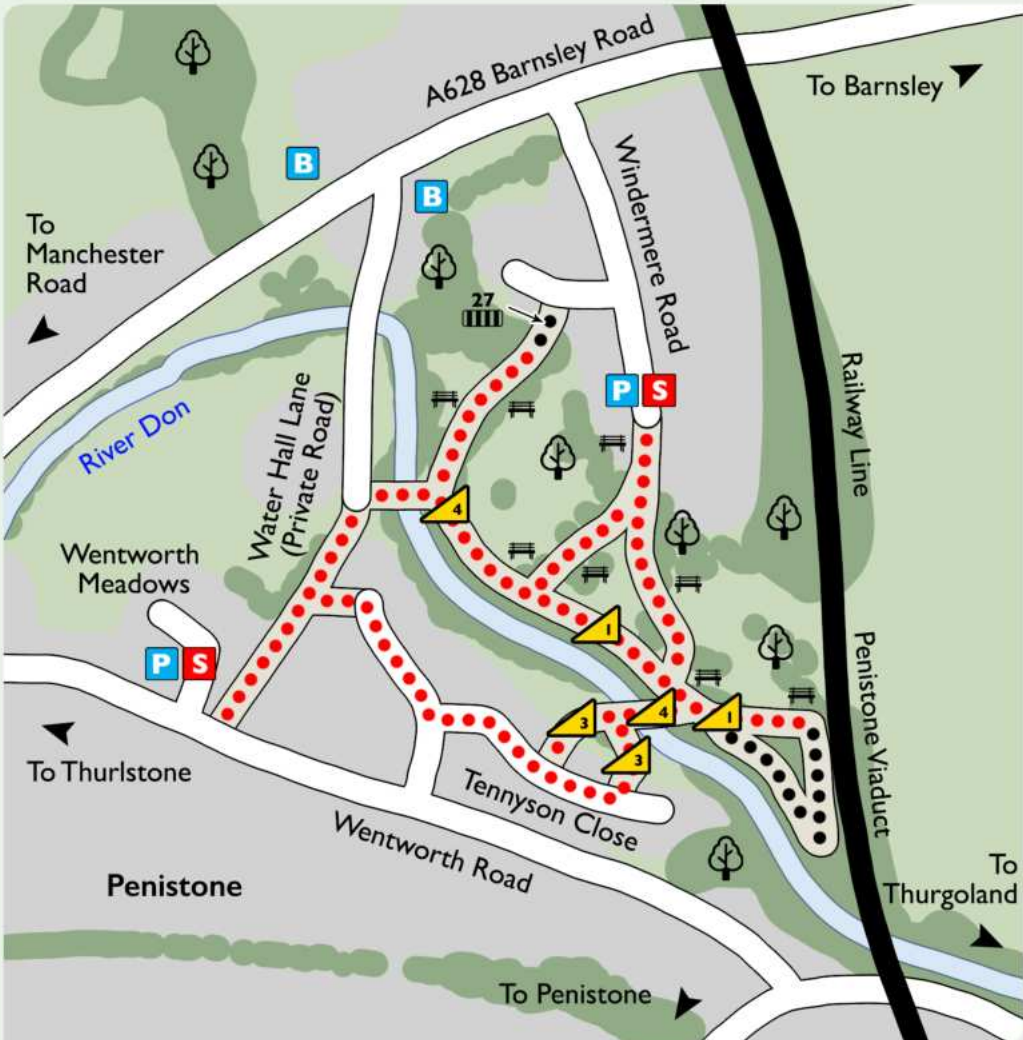
📍 **Location:** On-street parking on Windermere Road, S36 8HL.
What3Words: sweetly.blanking.scales. Alternative on-street parking on Wentworth Meadows, S36 6SW.
What3Words: mammal.perplexed.spare.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 20 & 412 between Barnsley, Penistone and Millhouse Green on Barnsley Road at the junction of Waterhall Lane.



Route Details: Paths throughout the site are made from a combination of tarmac and crushed stone (B). There are some short inclines at the park entrances (up to 4). Alternative routes are on mud paths and can get boggy during or after wet weather.







i **Brief Description:** Cannon Hall Country Park offers a 1.4 mile (2.25 km) trail around the grounds of a grand country manor house, which is now a museum. With spectacular views, a walled garden, activities for children and pleasant accessible paths, through open parkland, this site is great for all the family.

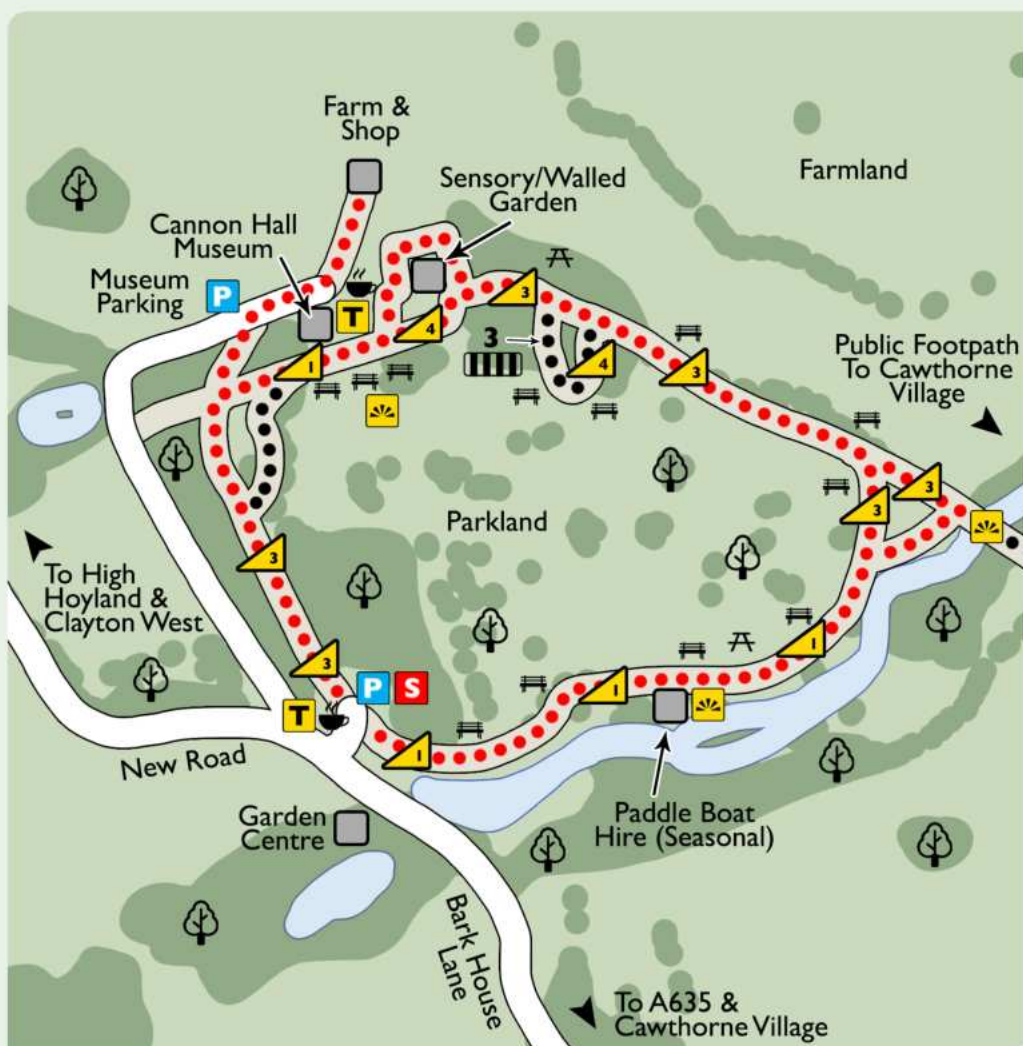
♿ **Access and Facilities:** 6 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilet (RADAR Key), Changing Places Facility in the museum.

🔍 **Features of Interest:** Benches, Café, Farm & Shop, Garden Centre, Information Boards, Lake, Museum (in the hall), Paddle Boat Hire (seasonal), Picnic Tables, Sensory Garden, Walled Garden, Wildflower, Woodland.

📍 **Location:** Cannon Hall Country Park & Museum Car Park, Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, South Yorkshire, S75 4AT.
What3Words: rezoning.richest.touches.

 **Public Transport:** Bus Nos. 90 between Barnsley and Holmfirth and 94 & 94A between Barnsley and Denby Dale both stop on Church Street in Cawthorne village, 1.2 miles (2 km) from the route start point.

 **Route Details:** The paths on the accessible route are made from tarmac and crushed stone (A). There are some inclines on the route (up to 4). Alternative paths can get narrow and bumpy in sections.





i **Brief Description:** Elsecar Park offers up to 2.5 miles (4 km) of accessible paths through historic parkland and along the canal. The nearby Elsecar Heritage Centre offers exhibitions on the industrial history of the area and is free to visit. Paths in the park lead you through ornamental gardens.

♿ **Access and Facilities:** 6 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilet in the Park and at Elsecar Heritage Centre, Changing Places Facility at the Heritage Centre.

🔍 **Features of Interest:** Band Stand, Benches, Bird Hide, Cafés, Canal, Children's Playground, Heritage Centre (Museum), Heritage Railway, Pitch & Putt Golf, Pub, Reservoir, Sports Pitches, Wildlife, Woodland.

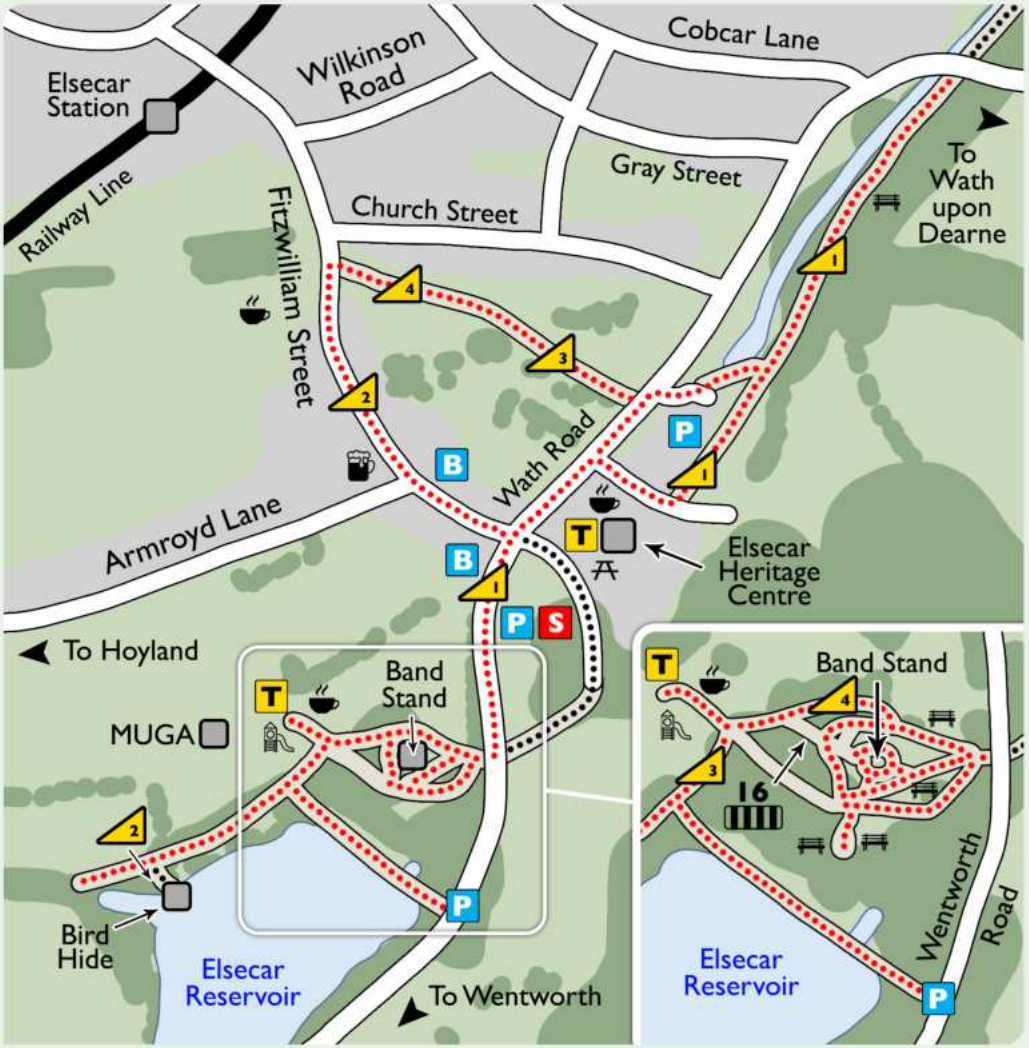
📍 **Location:** Elsecar Park, Wentworth Road, Elsecar, Barnsley, S74 8EP. **What3Words:** ironclad.rising.texts. Alternative parking adjacent to the canal. **What3Words:** label.shook.wove.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 7 & 66 between Barnsley and Rotherham stop adjacent to the park entrance on Wentworth Road. Elsecar Railway Station is 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from the start of the route.



Route Details: Main paths in the park are made from tarmac (A). The path to the bird hide is made of crushed stone and is rutted in places (C). There are some steep inclines in the park (up to 4) and some steps which can be avoided. Caution must be taken when using roads.



Location: RSPB Dearne Valley - Old Moor, Old Moor Lane, Wombwell, Bolton-upon-Dearne, Barnsley, S73 0YF.
What3Words: prepare.scream.joyously.

Public Transport: Bus No. X20 between Barnsley and Doncaster stops on Manvers Road at the end of Old Moor Lane, 0.2 miles, (320 metres) from the reserve. Bolton-Upon-Dearne Railway Station is 3 miles (4.8 km) from the route start point.

Route Details: Paths are made of crushed, stone and tarmac (C). There are some inclines with refuge points (up to 5). Seating and refuge points are available at intervals of approximately 100 metres throughout the reserve. There are a variety of trails of varying distances from the Visitor Hub. Some of the alternative routes have steps. Some paths are liable to flooding during or after wet weather.



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RSPB Dearne Valley - Old Moor

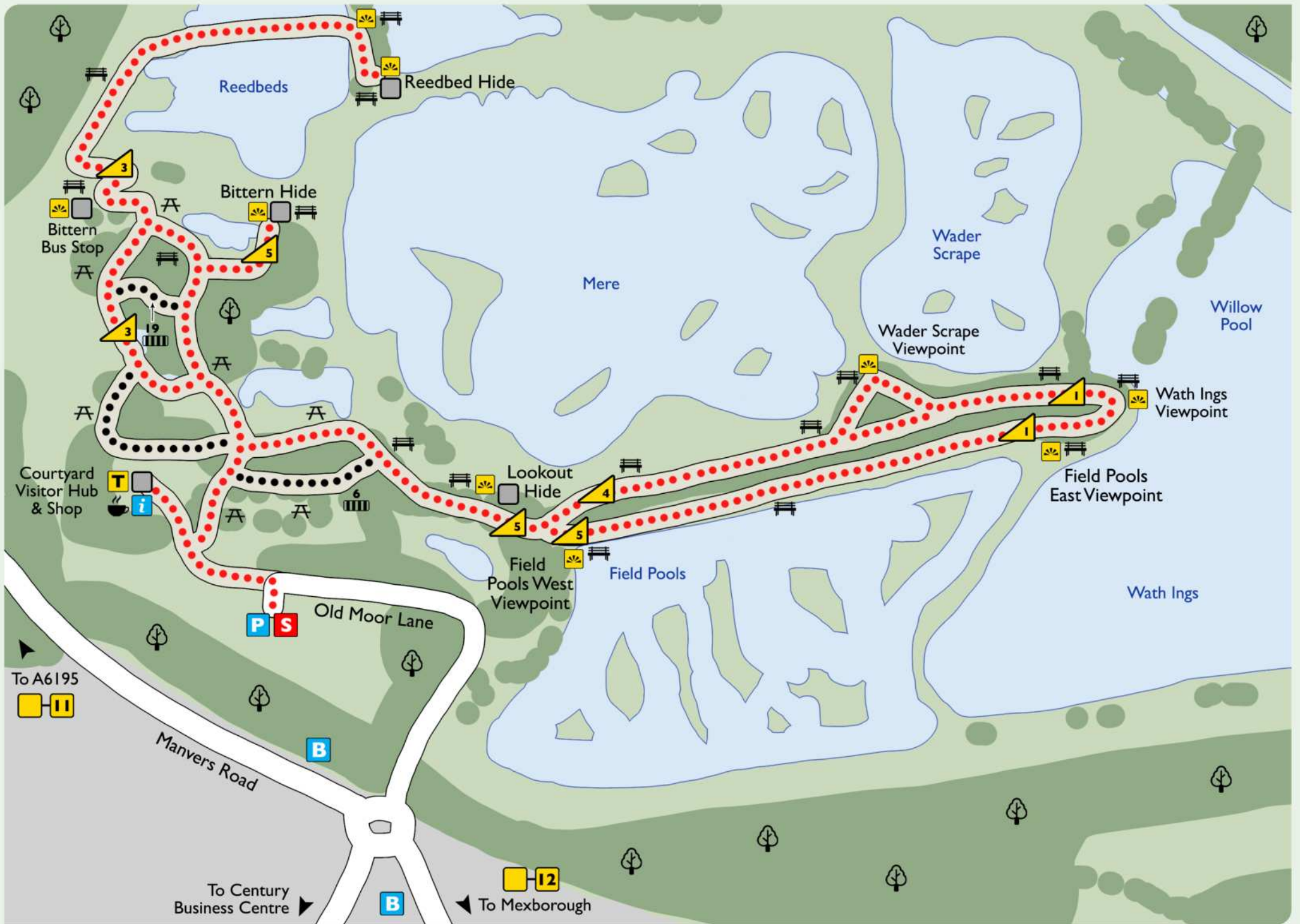
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Brief Description: RSPB Dearne Valley - Old Moor offers 2 miles (3.2 km) of accessible paths through wetland and meadow habitats. From kingfishers to wildflowers and from barn owls to water birds, this reserve is a great place to get closer to nature. With a café on site and activities for children, there is something here for all the family.

Access and Facilities: 6 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilets & Changing Facilities in the Courtyard. 3 Mobility Scooters available for hire, contact 01226 751593 to book in advance. There is an entry charge to access the reserve. RSPB members and carers are free. Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/dearne-valley-old-moor> for opening times.

Features of Interest: Accessible Pond Dipping, Benches, Bird Hides, Café, Children's Play Area, Courtyard, Discovery Zone, Gift Shop, Information Point, Picnic Area, Viewing Screens, Visitor Hub, Wildflowers, Wildlife.





Brief Description: Broomhill Park, Old Moor offers a 1 mile (1.6 km) route through wooded parkland on the outskirts of Wombwell. The trail can also be extended to RSPB Old Moor, (see card 1 for more details).



Access and Facilities: Nearest Accessible Toilet is located at Old Moor Tavern at the northern end of the site.

What3Words: snowboard.ambition.mostly. Alternative Accessible Toilet and Changing Places Facilities can be found at RSPB Old Moor 0.6 miles, (1 km) from the site (see card 10 for more details).



Features of Interest: Benches, Children's Playground, Pond, Wildlife, Woodland.



Location: Broomhill Park, Pontefract Road, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0FH. **What3Words:** lend.tradition.beanbag.



Public Transport: Bus No. 203 between Doncaster and Wombwell stops on Pontefract Road, 50 metres away.



Route Details: Paths around the park are made from crushed stone, which can get rutted in places (B). The route is flat throughout (I). There are two gates, accessible to most chairs and scooters at the northern end of the site. The car park has a 2 metre height barrier. There is alternative on-street parking on Pontefract Road.





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i **Brief Description:** Manvers Lake, near Wath upon Dearne, provides a 2.3 mile (3.7 km) loop around a picturesque lake and wooded stream. Home to a plethora of water birds, this quiet location is great for escaping into nature. The site's accessible paths offer good access for wheelchair, push chair and all terrain chair users.



Access and Facilities: 2 Blue Badge Parking Bays, Accessible Toilet and Changing Places Facility at Manvers Waterfront Boat Club and Lake Café.



Features of Interest: Benches, Bird Watching, Café, Lake, Picnic Tables, Watersports, Wildflower, Woodland.



Location: Manvers Lake & Nature Park, Station Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7DG.

What3Words: winks.plausible.flotation. Limited parking is also available in a small car park at the end of Starling Close.

What3Words: identify.grips.carpeted.



Public Transport: Bus Nos. 217 between Barnsley and Rotherham and 226 between Barnsley, Thurnscoe and Rotherham both stop on Station Road, 0.2 miles (300 m) from the route start point.



Route Details: Most paths around the site are made of compacted gravel and are in excess of 1.5 metres wide (B). The suggested route has some short inclines (up to 3). Alternative routes can be rutted and undulating (D5).

