



YorkshireWater

As part of our riverlife campaign we're investing over £250m in our waste water treatment works to create a healthier river environment and helping a wider variety of fish and wildlife to thrive.

To celebrate our work we've developed four 'leg stretching' river walks that bring you closer to the beautiful wildlife and countryside that our region has to offer.

The River Don

This circular route begins in the former mill village of Oxspring before leading you along the northern banks of the River Don and returning down the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT), a disused railway line that

closed over 20 years ago. Nestling in the eastern foothills of the Pennines the walk is a short journey from Barnsley and the M1.



Point		River		Building		Route	
Woods		Church		Path			

Walk information

Paths	Tarmac and unmade woodland fields and footpaths which may be muddy during winter or when wet. Much of the walk is flat but there are a few steep inclines and some very narrow paths.
Location	Oxspring, Sheffield
Distance	3.5 miles
Access	This walk starts from a car park off the lower part of Roughbirchworth Lane, in the centre of Oxspring. Alternative roadside parking is also available. There are regular bus services to Oxspring from Sheffield, Barnsley, Penistone and Huddersfield.



The walk

Start from the car park next to the playground on Roughbirchworth Lane ①. Turn right up the main road (B6462) for approx 350 yards. Just after St. Aiden's Church on the left is the Trans Pennine Trail marker and a sign indicating Willow Lane ②. Continue down Willow Lane to the bridge, crossing the river.

Follow the path to the next marker and turn right towards 'Silkstone Common'. Continue forward close to the top edge of the wood (ignoring the optional left turn). This path continues upwards and forward, cross over the stile along the wood side and walk across a few fields to some houses and another road ③. Turn right down the road to the Oxspring boundary marker and '30' signs and look out for the 3-way Trans Pennine Trail sign on your left ④.

Turn left over a small brook and join a narrow path just inside the woodland with a ruined wall on your right. Continue forward with the river a short distance away until you reach a road ⑤. Cross the road and walk along the Yorkshire Water access lane (traffic moves quickly on the main road so please take care). Where the lane divides, continue past the entrance to Cheese Bottom Sewage Works ⑥.

Just before the entrance gate to Cheese Bottom Farm, leave the track and bear slightly left to walk along the bottom of the slope just outside the farmyard wall. Continue to the end of the buildings and fork right down the slope to a stile ⑦. Cross the paddock and slant leftwards across the next field to the far corner where there is a stile leading into woodland (Please be aware of cattle in the field).

The path continues along the river bank. At the end of the wooded section the path divides. Continue straight ahead to walk across an open field aiming at the arch in the old railway viaduct ⑧. Proceed under the viaduct and follow the riverside along the edge of another field. At the end of the field, turn left at a signpost to go steeply uphill to a minor road. Turn left and walk along the road to the delightfully named 'Romtickle', turn left through the TPT access point and drop down onto the old railway ⑨. Bear right and start the easy walk back, heading towards Oxspring.

After ¾ mile the trail crosses a bridge over a farm lane before going into a deep cutting. Continue past the sports ground and houses on your right until you reach a road bridge ⑩. Immediately after the bridge turn right and walk up the steps to join the road. Turn left and head back to the car park.

Country Code

In everything you do there are some risks, including walks in the country.

Observing a few sensible points reduces these to a minimum, and other points show consideration for the countryside.

Good footwear is important to support the foot and ankle and give extra grip.

Wet, grassy or moss covered slopes can be slippery, so take extra care.

Take care when climbing stiles and steps in the countryside.

If walking on a road: keep in to the side, watch for traffic, ensure you are visible to traffic.

If you take a dog, keep it on a short lead when animals are anywhere near.

Leave gates and property as you found them.

Don't pick flowers or interfere with wildlife in any way.

Do stick to the official footpaths, there is no general access onto land in the area of these walks.

Follow the Countryside Code published by the Countryside Agency.

Other riverlife walks for you to enjoy.

River Aire
River Dearne
River Ryburn

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