

Quaker Bottom [5]. (see www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/trees-listing-and-conservation/pdf/conservation-appraisals/HighFlatts.pdf)

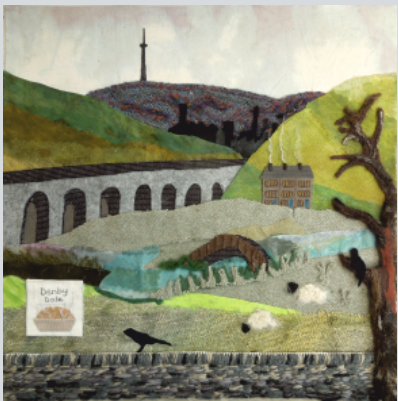
Pass the Quaker Burial Ground and the Friends Meeting House and follow the cobbled road to the right. After Low House turn left into the narrow snicket and down the steps into the sunken path, through the metal gate and up the 40 steps – caution, slippery stone and steep steps! – through the wooden gate at the top. Keep to the top edge of the field then go over the wooden stile beside the gates of Strines Lodge. Bear left and over another wooden stile into a field. Keeping left follow the wall, with the wooden house to your left, over the stone stile and then turn right to follow the wall uphill over several stiles and past Moor Royd House [6].



After the house gates turn left over a stone stile towards the wooden stables. Follow the path behind the stables, over the stone stile, turn left and almost immediately right (do not go through the ornate black metal gates) over a second stone stile into the field.

Continue straight ahead along the edge of the field, over 2 stone

stiles and through the wild flower meadow, keeping the wall to your left – you will soon be back at the gateway to Denby Delf. From here continue straight ahead to retrace your steps to Upper Denby over two stone stiles before turning right to follow the green footpath sign for Upper Denby & Denby Dale. Continue straight ahead on joining the track to Lemonacre. Turn right back onto Bank Lane, past Rock House (on your right), left into Greenfield Close, right down the grassy snicket and left at the bottom back to The George Inn, where refreshments and a warm welcome await! (See www.thegeorgeinn-upperdenby.co.uk)



**WALKERS
ARE WELCOME**

The Denby Dawdle



BUSES TO UPPER DENBY

Upper Denby is served by bus service 83 Huddersfield to Denby Dale rail station – 2-hourly Monday-Saturday, no Sunday service; and by South Pennine Community Transport service 350 Holmfirth to Penistone – Thursdays & Saturdays only.

N.B. Public transport details were correct as of April 2020. Please check at www.wymetro.com from where timetables are available.

This leaflet was written by members of Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group – see www.denbydale-walkersarewelcome.org.uk – and funded by Denby Dale Parish Council.

For wonderful historic photos of the area see www.denbydalekirkburtonarchives.co.uk.

For visitor information see www.denbydale-kirkburton.org.uk.

Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Denby Dawdle



**THE DENBY DAWDLE FOLLOWS THE ROUTE OF THE ANNUAL
DENBY DASH RUNNING RACE.**
(see www.denbyvillage.org.uk/denby-dash).

It is a wonderfully scenic 5 mile trail on footpaths through fields, woodland, conservation land, taking in Denby delf nature reserve, the upper dearne woodlands and the historic quaker village at high flatts. An optional extension near the start adds 0.6 miles to the trail.



The Denby Dawdle

STARTING-POINT: THE GEORGE INN CAR PARK, UPPER DENBY HD8 8UE

From the top of the car park, turn left and follow the public footpath up the grassy snicket. Turn left onto Greenfield Close, then right onto Bank Lane.

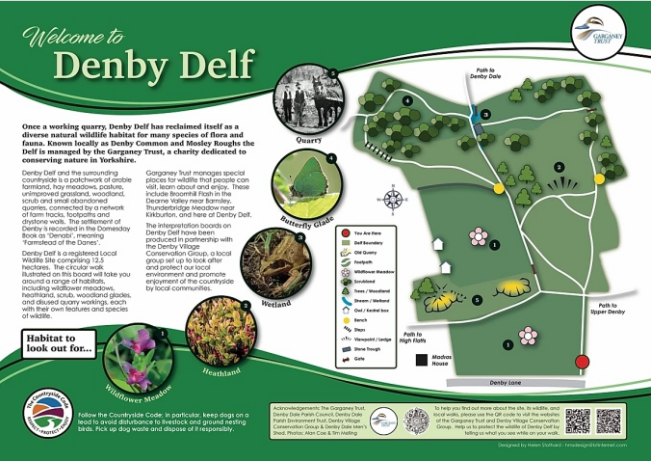
OPTIONAL EXTENSION (0.6MILES)

Follow Bank Lane down past Broomfield House & Cottage. At the junction of 5 paths, take the first track on your left with the half-gate marked "ACCESS ONLY TO WALLROYDS" and allotments on your left. Follow the track downhill and past the horse trial fields on your right. At the edge of the woodland, turn left up the hillside. Continue past a wooden bench and follow the path, with Denby Church straight ahead in the distance, over the stone stile. As the track bends to the left into Lemonacre, re-join the main route by turning right onto the permissive footpath with the green sign [1] for High Flatts & Denby Delf.

MAIN ROUTE

Take the first left onto Lemonacre (marked with a blue Plain Country Friends disc) then take the permissive footpath following the green sign [1] for High Flatts and Denby Delf. At the corner of the field take the stone stile and continue straight ahead along the right hand side of the field. Go over the next stone stile and immediately turn right through the open gateway onto Denby Delf nature reserve and enjoy the fine views.

[see www.denbyvillage.org.uk/denby-delf and www.garganeytrust.org.uk/reserves/denby-delf/]



Take the grassy path bearing left (a permissive footpath) and follow it downhill through the heathland, keeping right as you head down the slope. Go over the wooden stile into the open field, with Square Wood

Reservoir to your left, and head straight on.

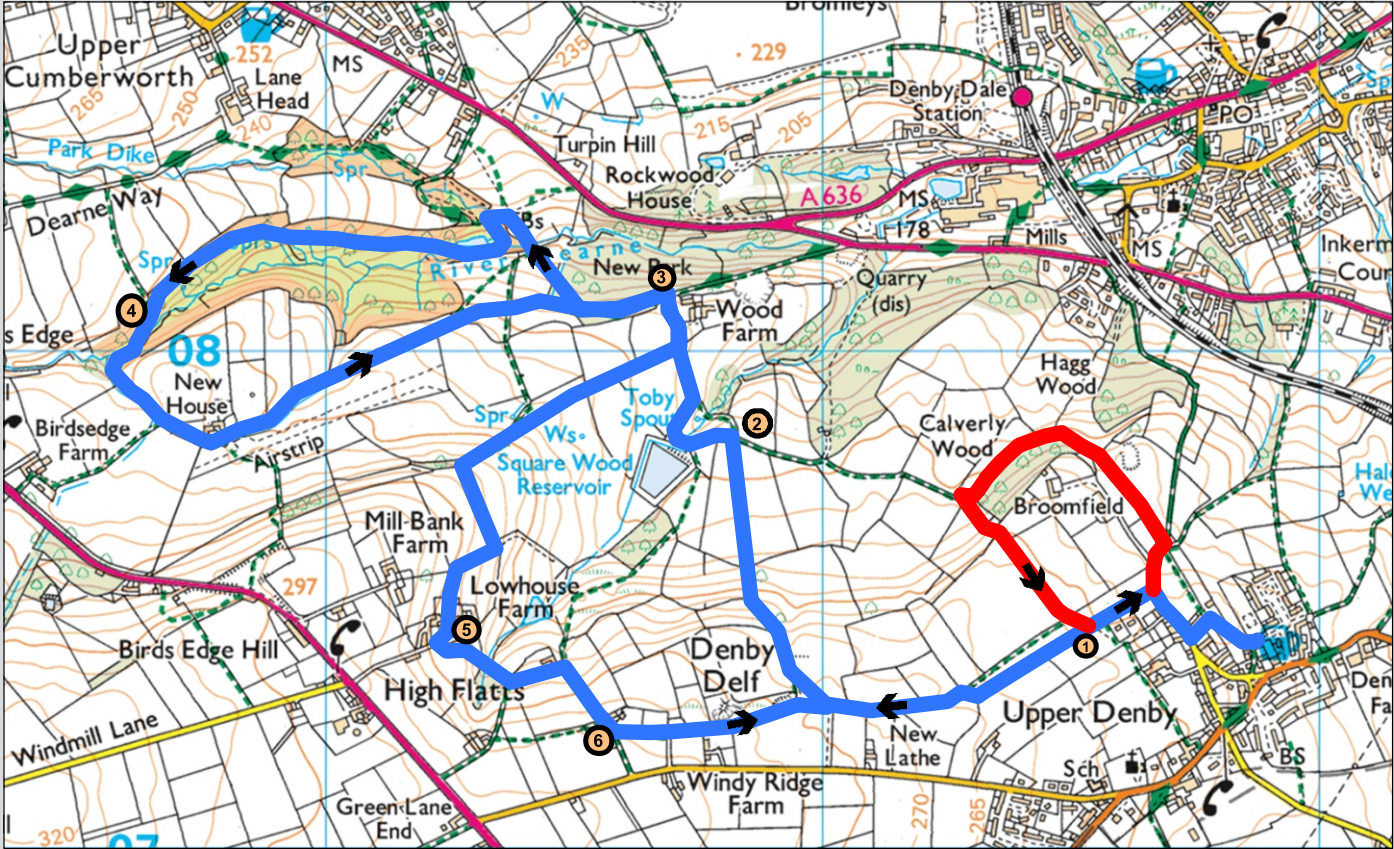
In 1932 the reservoir was the source of a severe epidemic of typhoid which led to the death of 11 Denby Dale people.

At the end of the field, go over the stone stile and turn left onto the track [2], crossing over Toby Spout, the stream coming from the dam (this is a permissive footpath). Continue on the track and at the T Junction continue straight on, passing Wood Farm on your right.

At the bend in the tarmac drive turn left through the kissing gate marked with a carved wooden Dearne Way marker [3]. Continue on the Dearne Way (see www.ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/show_path.php?path_name=Dearne+Way) through the copse and at the next carved wooden marker take the path right downhill (marked with a yellow arrow and a Denby & Cumberworth Circular Trail disc). Go over the small stream and wooden stile and descend the field obliquely to a further stile and steps down to Carr Bridge over the infant River Dearne.



Follow the Dearne Way to the left along the edge of the woods, then turn left over the wooden stile into the lovely Upper Dearne Woodlands. (see www.udwgc2.wordpress.com). Our route through these woods is on permissive woodland paths. Cross the stream and head towards the memorial bench in front of you. From here turn sharp left back over the stream using the stepping stones. Turn right over the wooden bridge and around the edge of the pond.





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With the River Dearne on your left, cross a second wooden bridge and follow the path as it narrows then bear right up the stony steps. Keep following this path towards the top edge of the wood and then bear left. At the Y junction of paths take the higher route with the dry stone wall on your right. At the end of the woods bear right by the information board and exit the woods [4]. Turn sharp left and go through the metal squeeze stile and head down towards the river. Cross the river again over the metal bridge and bear right up the hill on a broad path. With the stream on your right go through the stone squeeze stile to join the tarmac road. Turn left and follow the road, at the end of which, with New House Farm & cottages on your left and the grass air strip on your right, follow the track straight ahead. Go through the metal grill stile next to the metal gate, keep straight ahead beside the wall, through another metal gate and straight across the field towards the wood in front of you. Enter the woods through the metal pen gate and retrace your steps back to the first kissing gate and bear right up the tarmac drive.

At the T Junction turn right up the grassy track, with the steep hillside in front of you. Over the stone stile and straight up the hill

past the wooden "horse jumps". Through the metal kissing-gate at the top turn left and follow the path beside the wall. At the end, and under the holly bush, turn right following the track uphill again. Follow the track to the left and over the wooden stile into historic

