

## Points of Interest

### Mosaics at Denby Dale Station

The mosaic reflects the built and natural environment of Denby Dale and the development of the Penistone Line railway. Installed in 2012 as a collaboration between children from Gilthwaite First School and local artist Zoe Stainton.

### Denby Dale Viaduct

Begun in 1877, the present stone viaduct finally opened on Whit Sunday, May 16th 1880. Of its 21 arches the "skew" arch across Barnsley Road is a remarkable achievement. The stone viaduct was built alongside an earlier timber viaduct, which opened in 1850. Described in a Sheffield newspaper as having a "cobweb appearance" this wooden viaduct was always unpopular with the more fearful travellers and was replaced after just 30 years.

### St Nicholas' Church

Dating back as far back as 1299 - Chancel windows on the south side have stained glass from 1938 and 1939 by William Morris and Co, Westminster, the latter signed (see picture overleaf).

### Emley Moor Mast

On March 19, 1969 television screens went blank across Yorkshire as the 1265 ft tower crashed to the ground, brought down by ice and high winds, miraculously nobody was hurt or killed. Emley Moor Transmitting Station has been a local landmark since the 1960's and currently there are two masts, a temporary one has been erected whilst the main one undergoes repairs.



## Overview of Walk

The railway crosses the ridge ahead by means of Cumberworth Tunnel. We must go over it, via Upper Cumberworth, our reward is the fine views en route. On the descent from Upper Cumberworth to Shelley the view is extensive and includes, from left to right, Thurstonland Church, Castle Hill, the sprawling Shelley Park housing estate and Emley Moor Television masts.

## Amenities

### Denby Dale - Refreshments

Springfield Mill, The White Hart, various cafes, shops and a Fish & Chip Shop are all available in Denby Dale.

**Upper Cumberworth Post Office & Village Store** a short detour from St Nicholas's Church along Cumberworth Lane - freshly made sandwiches.

**The Star Inn** can be found at the crossroads opposite Upper Cumberworth Post Office. A nice pub with good choice of beer, serving evening meals.

**Black Bull, Shepley** - a short detour from the Station on Marsh Lane, large selection of beers and good value menu.

Chamberlains Coffee & Cake, bakery and cafe, Station Road - again a slight detour and reached just before the pub.

*\* Please check for opening times and availability prior to your visit. Information correct at time of print.*



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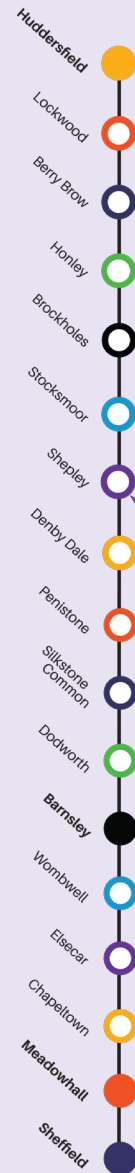


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



# Denby Dale to Shepley

Walk 10 - 2.6 miles/4.2 km



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## Route Guidance

- 1 Leave Denby Dale Station platform by the car park end. The mosaics on the former goods warehouse are part of the Penistone Line Partnership's 'Art along the Penistone Line' project. Turn immediately left to cross the railway overbridge. Keep the fence to your left and follow the track to a field gate & stile.
- 2 Keep left to follow the perimeter of the field, at the yellow arrow in the field corner turn right around the edge of the field, pass through a kissing gate & fenced section of footpath. Looking ahead we see Upper Cumberworth Church. Behind us Denby Dale viaduct is in view.
- 3 Diagonally cross another small field, edged by a tip road, to a stile and cross the road to the path opposite. Keep the wall on your left and proceed to a stone stile in the field corner. Walk across the next field to a stile midway along the opposite partial hedgerow. Over the stile and right along the hedgerow to find a stile giving access to Cumberworth Lane (public footpath sign).
- 4 Turn left on Cumberworth Lane to St. Nicholas' Church.
- 5 Turn right opposite the Church into Balk Lane (public footpath sign). Keep ahead between houses and over a large stone stile to find a footpath descending through several fields to enter a wood by means of a stile in the fence on your left. The view on the descent is extensive and includes, from left to right, Thurstonland Church, Castle Hill, the sprawling Shelley Park housing estate and Emley Moor Television masts.

- 6 In the wood a well trodden path leads us to Longroyd Lane, joined near the confluence of two streams. Turn left along Longroyd Lane to its junction with Birk House Lane (public footpath sign).
- 7 Cross Birkhouse Lane to enter a walled bridle path (public bridlway sign) which is followed to The Knowle on the outskirts of Shepley. This bridle path forms part of the Kirklees Way and is way marked accordingly. At The Knowle a Kirklees Way sign on a lamp post marks the end of the bridlepath at the junction with a tarmac road.
- 8 Turn right and follow an unnamed minor road downhill to a junction with Abbey Road (A629).
- 9 Cross Abbey Road, walk right under the railway bridge.
- 10 Turn left up Station Lane beside the former Cask & Spindle pub to Shepley Station.

### MAP KEY

- Route —
- Main Road —
- Minor Road —
- Railway - - -

