

## Points of Interest

### Meadowhall Shopping Centre

Opened in 1990 on the site of the demolished Hadfield's Ltd, a British manufacturer of special steels.

### Ecclesfield Church 'The Minster of the Moors'

The Church of St Mary, Ecclesfield was known as 'The Minster of the Moors' due to its then rural situation. Believed to be founded the Anglo-Saxons between 625 & 650.

### Blackburn Brook

Originally formed the boundary between Sheffield and Rotherham, providing power for a number of mills along its course. At Blackburn Village (nr the Royal Oak) it powered the 'Blackburn Wheel', which contained ten troughs in 1794, with 15 men working as fork-makers in 1825 until around 1880, after which it was used to produce foundry blacking from charcoal produced in local woodland.

### Blackburn Valley Route (BVR)

Running from Meadowhall, in the east of Sheffield, to Chapeltown in the north, following the course of a disused railway along the Blackburn Valley and forming part of our walk.

### National Cycle Route 67

National Route 67 of the National Cycle Network runs from Long Whatton nr Loughborough to join National Route 71 nr Northallerton, Yorkshire. The stretch between Chesterfield and Leeds forms the main route of the TPT (central).

### Chapeltown

Formerly known simply as Chapel, Chapeltown grew up around the thriving Thorncliffe Ironworks in the 19th C. During WWII it was used for the manufacture of thousands of Churchill tanks. Today the site is home to Thorncliffe Business Park.

## Overview of Walk

This section follows the valley of the Blackburn Brook, a tributary of the River Don. Woolley Wood is an ancient woodland site, (i.e. continuously wooded since at least 1600 and probably from the last Ice Age), noted for its unusual hornbeam trees and a bird which is locally uncommon - the Hawfinch. Chapeltown, (formerly known simply as Chapel), grew up around the Thorncliffe Ironworks in the 19th Century.

## Amenities

### Meadowhall Interchange

Public conveniences, café and shop.

### Meadowhall shopping Centre.

Just 0.2 miles away (6/7 minutes walk on a covered walkway crossing Meadowhall Road & River Don), Meadowhall Shopping Centre has an abundance of restaurants, cafes, shops and various leisure facilities.

**Royal Oak Inn** on Blackburn Road (a short detour from the Blackburn Valley Trail).

### Chapeltown

Plenty of amenities in Chapeltown including The Commercial, The Coach & Horses and The Wagon & Horses (JD Wetherspoon) where they have a customer information screen showing real time train arrivals and departures.

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THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



# Meadowhall to Chapeltown

Walk 2 - 4.5 miles/7.2 km



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## Route Guidance

**1** The walk starts at Meadowhall Transport Interchange by leaving the north end of platform 2 to join the entrance to the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) at the far side of the wooden cycle storage facility.

**2** In 100 yards pass the Travelodge and follow the trail round to the right where it joins the old track bed of the Great Central Railway.

**3** After half a mile the trail crosses a bridge over Fife Street at Wincobank.

Just beyond is the former Meadowhall railway station which closed in the 1960s.

On the left you can see the Penistone Line and on the right is the M1 motorway.

**4** The Blackburn Brook crosses under the trail and just beyond on your right is a path to the Royal Oak Inn public house (*for a slight detour*).

The route continues beyond Deep Lane crossing at lower Shiregreen and begins a steady rise with a farm visible on your right.

At the fork, take the left path to Chapeltown, (the other one goes to Thorpe Hesley).

**5** Go past Loicher Lane for Ecclesfield then take another left fork on to an uneven surface until coming to an industrial estate.

**6** Here take a left turn on the road and re-join the TPT in 200 yards. At the roundabout close to the Powerstar building, you will be on the National cycle route 67.

In one-mile Chapeltown Park is on the left. Follow the trail steadily downhill.

**7** At the bottom of the trail exit the TPT onto Coppice Rise and continue to the end to meet the main road.



**8** Turn left onto Station Road passing the Ford Garage and the Commercial public house.

**Detour** - cross shortly after the pub and take Arundel Road (passing a fish & chip hhop of the same name), turning left into ASDA car park to reach the Station.

**9** Original route continues along Station Road until you arrive at the Cue Ball Snooker Club (formerly Chapeltown Picture Palace), directly opposite a narrow alleyway with steps ahead, leads to Chapeltown Train Station with signs for Trains to Barnsley, Sheffield and Huddersfield.

