

Points of Interest

Former Miners Lodging House or Hostel, Fitzwilliam Street, Elsecar

Provided accommodation for 22 single men. Opened in 1853 each lodger had their own room, an unusual feature for the time.

Elsecar Heritage Centre.

A visitor attraction run by Barnsley Museums. It has independent shops, studios, galleries, cafes, a large antiques centre and children's play gym, all sited in former Victorian engineering workshops.

Restored Dearne & Dove Canal Basin

Opened in 1798, with the Elsecar Branch running from Brampton to Elsecar serving the many coal mines in the area. Closed in 1928 due to subsidence likely caused by the mining. There are a collection of information boards revealing snapshots of life and industry over the last 250 years; barges took Elsecar coal and iron across the UK and to east coast ports, from where they were transported worldwide.

Wombwell Station

Wombwell station opened in 1897, one of two stations in the town known as Wombwell West. The other station Wombwell Central closed in 1959 and was at the other side of the town centre.

RSPB Old Moor Nature Reserve

It is worth taking a bus (226) from Wombwell to RSPB Dearne Valley Old Moor, a nature reserve with a wide range of facilities and wildlife.

Wombwell Woods

An ancient woodland and a habitat of a rich diversity of wildlife including Kestrels, Skylarks, Woodpeckers and Meadow Pipits.

Overview of Walk

Elsecar is an historic industrial town, the whole valley was once owned by the Earls Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse, who transformed Elsecar from a small rural hamlet to an international centre of industry, one of the UK's first model villages and a precursor to places like Saltaire. The basin of the Dearne & Dove Canal (Elsecar Branch) used to be full of boats taking away coal from local mines and bringing iron from Milton ironworks. See the Earl's Great Newcomen Beam Engine at the Heritage Centre, one of the world's most important monuments to the Industrial Revolution. Spend some time in the Heritage Centre before following the canal towpath towards Wombwell.

Amenities

Elsecar - Milton Arms, Crown Inn and Market Hotel, in the Heritage Centre are shops, toilets and cafés,

Hemingfield - Elephant & Castle pub at Tingle Bridge Lane.

Also in Hemingfield are the English Rose Tea Rooms and a fish and chip shop.

Wombwell has Catch fish & chip shop and a sandwich shop, just off Hough Lane, a short walk from the Train Station towards the town.

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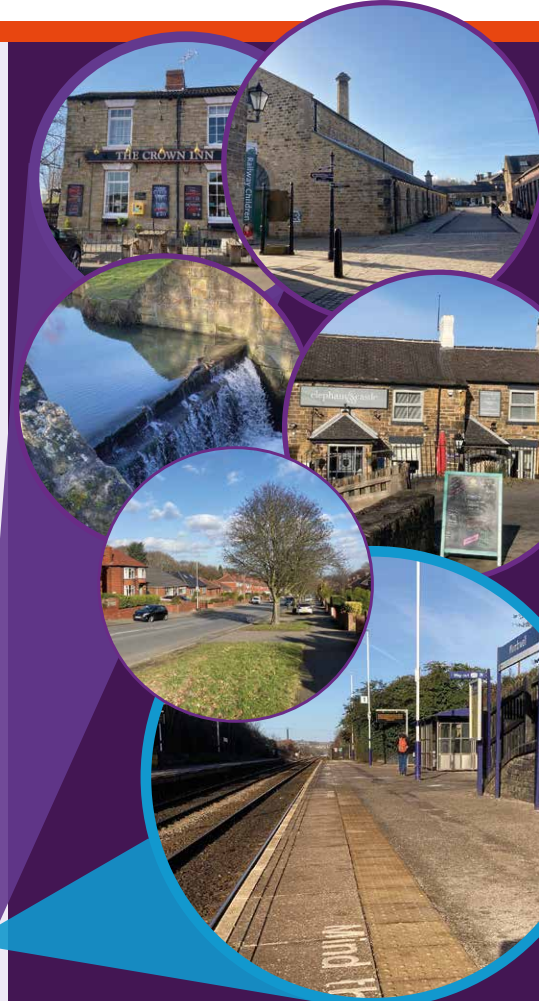


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



Elsecar to Wombwell

Walk 4 - 2.9 miles/4.6 km



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Route Guidance

1 On leaving Elsecar railway station, turn right down Hill Street and pass the Crown Inn on your right. After Hill Street becomes Fitzwilliam Street you will see the Crown Garage on the left hand side of the road with a public footpath going off at the side of it. Take this path which leads onto a recreation area.

2 As you walk across the Rec if you look over to your left you will see a little terraced row, named Old Row, with church tower behind. On your right you will pass the back of the old miners' rest house.

3 Cross over Wath Road and follow the public bridleway sign, which leads you along Distillery Side. At the side of the Heritage Centre Buildings go over the Distillery Side steam railway crossing, then turn left into the Elsecar Greenway.

Walk beside the railway lines to the first available crossing point. You will pass the Newcomen Steam Engine and pump (from the end of the 18th century).

4 Cross the railway, follow the canal towpath right, cross Cobcar Bridge & Road (take care) continue until you reach the road at Tingle Bridge & turn left towards the Elephant & Castle in Hemingfield. Pass the pub and turn left again immediately past the first bus stop.

5 This public footpath follows the edge of the farmers field with a housing estate to the right, then leads between back gardens and farm sheds up to Cemetery Road.

6 Turn right, walk a short distance past a shop and then fish & chip shop, then left up Hemmingfield Road.

7 Turn left at the Basketball Park and cut diagonally across the Rec to the very top left corner, the path appears through a gap in the hedge climbing left.

8 Then go over the railway line and carry on, crossing the footbridge over the bypass, to the edge of Wombwell Wood. Continue left along the path at the edge of the trees to emerge into Woodlands View.

9 Turn right onto a busy road, Wood Walk, which takes you down the hill to Wombwell Train Station on the left.

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

