

Points of Interest

Railway Overview

This section was part of the Great Central Railway line from Penistone to Barnsley. Originally double track throughout its length, with the section across the M1 motorway being singled in 1968. The line served the large Dodworth colliery until its closure in circa 1984. BR & SYPTe diverted Penistone to Sheffield trains via the Penistone to Barnsley line in 1983 (when the Woodhead line from Penistone to Deepcar closed).

Dodworth Station & Level Crossing

A major inconvenience to traffic on the main A628 until Dodworth bypass was opened in the mid 2000's. The small signal box remains as an emergency facility. Dodworth Colliery chimney, winding gear and spoil heap dominated the landscape until the 90's when the industrial estate was built and expanded once the bypass was built.

Dodworth Cross

World War I & II memorial located at Dodworth Cross (crossroads), a life size figure of a serviceman with rifle and bayonet standing on guard.

Silkstone Fall Wood

The word fall gives a clue to the traditional method of sustainable woodland management for the coppice woods. The wood was divided into compartments. Each year one compartment was felled - 'a fall'. The next year another compartment and so on until the cycle was complete and you returned to the first.

There is evidence of mining in the woods - bell pits were dug to extract coal from this earliest worked section of the Yorkshire Coalfield.

Jays Wood

Planted by miners on the site of the old Hallroyd Pit at Hall Royd Ln. Opened to the public in April 2016, this wood provides many wildlife habitats, the numerous oak saplings between the silver birch trees are due to roosting Jays bringing in acorns as food. This is a natural environment so take care. Children should be supervised and dogs kept on a lead because adders live in this wood!

Silkstone Common Train Station

The new platform was built on the track bed of the removed second line and was reopened in May 1983. The original station building is still in existence and now a private house, near the station footpath crossing. There is a very small car park at Silkstone Common Station.



Overview of Walk

This section passes through the centre of **Dodworth, (Dodworth Cross) through Silkstone Fall Wood and onto back lanes into Silkstone Common.**

The bench on the corner of Hall Royd Lane (10 on map) offers an excellent viewpoint towards Ingbirchworth, Hoylandswaine, Green Moor, Upper Denby into Kirklees and further reaching views towards the Peak District. Landmarks you can spot are Hoylandswaine, Cannon Hall, Emley Moor TV Mast (concrete tower from 1970 which is taller than the Shard), Holme Moss transmitter mast (radio) and the wind turbines at Royd Moor.

Some of the walk is through woodland and around an arable field so the paths could be muddy during wet periods.

Amenities

At the crossroads is the Dodworth Tap, Dodworth Central Social Club, Co-Operative supermarket (with facilities), two Indian restaurants and The Travellers Inn.

Beyond Dodworth there are no amenities until the Station Inn in Silkstone Common, this lovely traditional local pub is located next to the station.

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THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



Dodworth to Silkstone Common

Walk 7 - 2.5 miles/4 km



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Route Guidance

- 1 Leave Dodworth Station through the car park, at the main road (B6099) turn right – do not cross the level crossing. Stay on the right hand side of the road and walk down Station Road to the crossroads.
- 2 At the crossroads and War Memorial, turn right and walk down Dodworth Green Road.
- 3 Pass the entrance to Baslow Crescent and the Travellers Inn (on the opposite side of the road). Ignore the steps (with cycle sign), shortly after turn right onto a road marked as a public footpath which has the appearance of a domestic drive called Church Hill. This way soon becomes a track with the cemetery and St John the Baptist Church on your left.
- 4 At the end of the cemetery take the diagonal left track which heads towards Silkstone Fall Wood, then right around the field perimeter towards the railway embankment. Turn left here towards a wooden twin electric pole carrying three lines by the railway.
- 5 Continue along this track running parallel with the railway until you enter Silkstone Fall Wood.
- 6 Upon entering the woods keep walking parallel to the railway until you reach a level crossing - at this point do not cross the railway, turn sharp left leaving the railway behind.
- 7 After about 25 paces take the left fork, at the next fork in the path take the right fork, then right again, here you will see a fenced off pond on your right.

- 8 The path continues along the edge of the wood, follow this until a further fork, take the path to the right which winds on gently uphill. Continue uphill and right through the woods.
- 9 This path soon junctions into one that is a little wider, then descends slightly, turn sharp left here. Walk up this path which becomes a green lane and ascends to a tarmac road.
- 10 Turn right down Hall Royd Lane and walk down into Silkstone Common. There is a bench with extensive view to Emley Moor Mast a short way down the lane.
- 11 Upon entering the edge of the village the road turns to the left, do not follow the road but keep straight on following the footpath sign, continue straight on along the path which runs parallel with the railway.

- 12 At the end of the footpath, do not go under the railway, via the small arched bridge (restored in 2006), turn left down the path towards the main road.
- 13 At the main road turn right and walk to the Station, take care crossing Cone Lane, the Station Inn pub is now reached on your right.
- 14 Immediately after the Station Inn, Silkstone Common Station is accessed via some steps from the right. There is also an accessible path a little further up the road.



MAP KEY

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