

## 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.

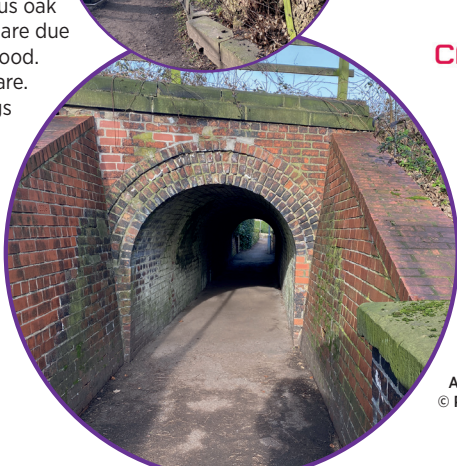
There is evidence of mining in the woods - bell pits were dug to extract coal from this earliest worked section of the Yorkshire Coalfield.

### Jays Wood

Planted by miners on the site of the old Hallroyd Pit. Opened to the public for the first time in April 2016 this wood provides many wildlife habitats and 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 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 Silkstone Common. In Silkstone Common, Cottage Bakery can be found via a short detour and The Station Inn is located next to the station.

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THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



# Dodworth to Silkstone Common

Walk 7 - 3.3 miles/5.3 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** After you have passed the Travellers Inn on the opposite side of the road, turn right onto a road marked as a public footpath which has the appearance of a domestic drive. 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 the right of way is the left fork which runs parallel to the field boundary and heads towards Silkstone Fall Wood, then right towards the railway which is on a slight embankment at this point. Head towards a wooden twin electric pole carrying three lines by the railway.

**5** The right of way goes along the railway to the edge of the field a field growing cereals and is very difficult to walk without following a well worn path which turns right at the end of the cemetery and then left upon meeting the railway fence and carries straight on to Silkstone Fall Wood.

**6** Upon entering the woods keep walking parallel to the railway until this path intersects with a level crossing footpath - 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, a pond will be seen on your right.

**8** The path now goes along the edge of the wood, follow this until a further fork is met, take the path to the right which winds on gently going slightly downhill.

**9** This path soon junctions into one that is a little wider, turn sharp left. Walk up this path which becomes a green lane and ascends to a tarmac road.

**10** Turn right down the tarmac road (Hall Royd Lane) and walk down into Silkstone Common.

**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, at the junction with the surfaced path continue straight on along the path which runs parallel and next to the railway.

**12** At the end of the path you will have the option to turn right or left under a small arched bridge below the railway (restored in 2006). Do not go under the railway, turn left down the path towards the main road.

**13** At the main road turn right and walk to the Station, crossing Cone Lane then passing the Station Inn pub on your right.

**14** After the Station Inn on your right, Silkstone Common Station is accessed via some steps from the right. There is an accessible path further up the road.

