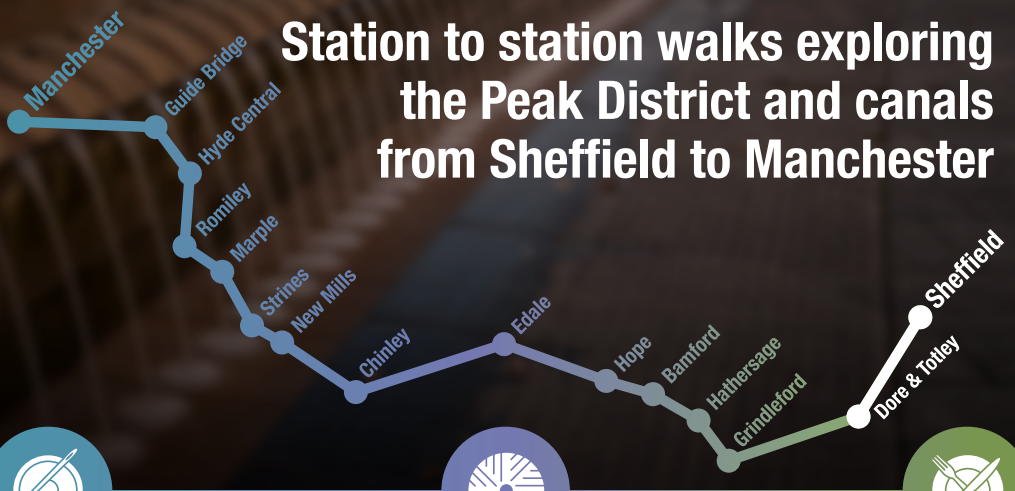
THE STEEL COTTON RAIL TRAIL

Sheffield Dore & Totley

Station to station walks exploring the Peak District and canals from Sheffield to Manchester



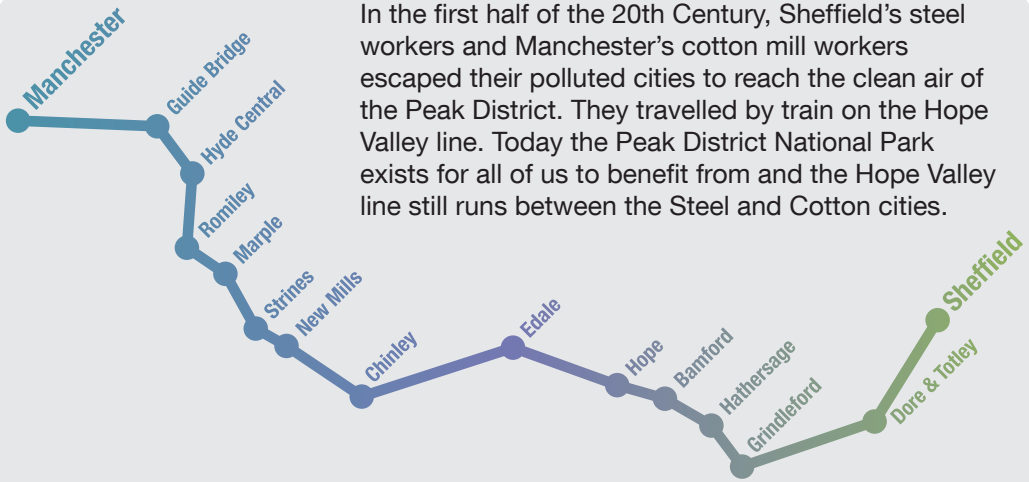
Thread your way along the Steel Cotton Rail Trail across the Peak District, from city to city and station to station.

Walk over the hills and down into the majestic sweep of the Hope Valley, alongside Manchester's canals, through woodland and meadows. Discover fascinating heritage highlights along the way on this route through the industrial past.

Plus, you always have the option to stop at the next station and catch a train back home.

Do as little or as much as you like.

All practical steps have been taken to ensure the accuracy of these routes, but all walks are taken at your own responsibility and we advise that you take a map with you in addition to this booklet.



In the first half of the 20th Century, Sheffield's steel workers and Manchester's cotton mill workers escaped their polluted cities to reach the clean air of the Peak District. They travelled by train on the Hope Valley line. Today the Peak District National Park exists for all of us to benefit from and the Hope Valley line still runs between the Steel and Cotton cities.

Look out for the Steel Cotton Rail Trail waymarkers along the route to guide you.

Sheffield to Dore & Totley

Sheffield station, built in 1870 by the Midland Railway, is the start of the Steel Cotton Rail Trail. The city, known as 'the steel city', was a producer of cutlery and tools from as early as the 14th century, evolving into a global powerhouse of steel production starting during the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century.

This section of the Steel Cotton Rail Trail follows the river Sheaf through Sheffield's past and present industry. You'll walk by former mill sites and past Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, exploring the industry that made steel city.

About the walk

This walk has some modest gradients and is covered using Ordnance Survey (OS) Explorer 278 Sheffield & Barnsley.

There are no 'Steel Cotton Rail Trail' waymarkers along this section. Follow the 'River Sheaf Valley Walk' markers and signposts to 'Millhouses Park'.

Practicalities

Cafes and toilets are available at Sheffield station. While there are no facilities at Dore & Totley station, there is a café/restaurant adjoining the station car park on the main road (Abbeydale Road South, A621) outside the station itself. Café and toilets in Millhouses Park. There is a café in Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet: Joni, the Hamlet café, is open daily.

For further information: ***River Sheaf Walk*** *| SHEAF & PORTER TRUST*

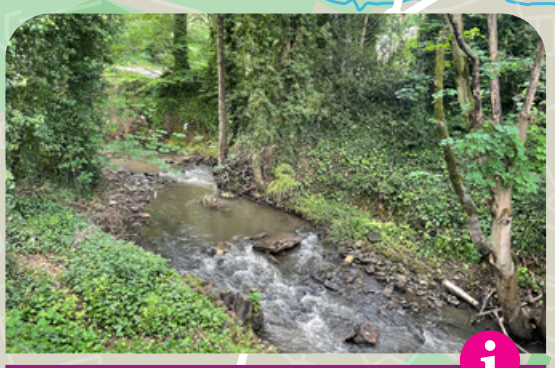
Millhouses waymarker post

River Sheaf

DIFFICULTY: EASY LEVEL

DISTANCE: 5.0 IN MILES / 8.0 KILOMETRES

HIGHEST POINT: 85 IN FEET / 25 METRES



Tesco

The site has a history going back at least to the 13th century, with evidence of a smithy operated by monks of Beauchief Abbey.

The site was used for manufacturing agricultural tools, such as scythes. The river Sheaf would have been important in powering these early metalworking industries.

Wolf Safety Lamp Co.

Wolf was established in Sheffield in 1912 as a manufacturer of safety lighting for mining. The factory is located near the railway, ideal for transporting the lamps to the mines of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

A former steel-working site on the River Sheaf, dating back to at least the 13th century. Formerly known as the Abbeydale Works, this was a scythe-making plant that was in operation until the 1930s.

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Exit the station with Sheffield Hallam University in front of you, go up the ramp and turn left onto Sheaf Street, keep going left to join Suffolk Road.

Walk along until you reach a large junction. Cross over to McDonalds, then again to the Environment Agency where the river Sheaf Walk starts on the left.

The signpost directs you to Millhouses and throughout the first half of the walk, this is where you are heading.

2

Follow the River Sheaf along a path until you reach Duchess Road. Cross over diagonally right to rejoin the River Sheaf Walk.

When you reach Rowsley Street, a no-through-road, turn right and then left at the top onto Edmund Road.

3

Walk along until you reach Charlotte Road, turn left heading towards Queens Road (A61) where you will cross over and turn right and keep following this road until reaching Myrtle Road.

Turn left onto Myrtle Road then right onto Prospect Road.

On reaching Sheaf Bank (pub on your right), turn right and head under the railway bridge.

4

Turn right and you are now at Heeley Bridge.

Cross over the road onto Broadfield Road, then left onto Saxon Road.

Wolf Safety Lamp Co.

On reaching the bend in the road, follow the sign to Millhouses (1.5 miles) along a tarmac path. You will meet Little London Road, continue along this road by Stokes Paints, past the Climbing Works on your right.

Head under the road bridge, up some steps and follow the path with the river on your left until reaching more steps.

You will ascend onto Archer Road.

5

Turn right and then left onto Abbeydale Road. Walk along Abbeydale Road a short distance, then veer left down the road to Tesco.

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The walk follows the river along a path until you reach Archer Road. Cross over into Millhouses Park.

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Follow the path by the river through the park until you reach the end of the park and turn left back onto Abbeydale Road. Pass by the former Abbeydale Station Hotel (now The Beauchief flats), built in 1900.

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Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

Continue along Abbeydale Road, passing Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet on your left, until you arrive at Dore and Totley station.

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Respect everyone, Protect the environment, Enjoy the outdoors.