

Route 1. A walk from Ecclesfield Common to Horbury Lane

Distance: 3 miles

Time: Allow 1 to 1.5 hours

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Jumaira Spice Restaurant, junction of Church Street and Ecclesfield Common

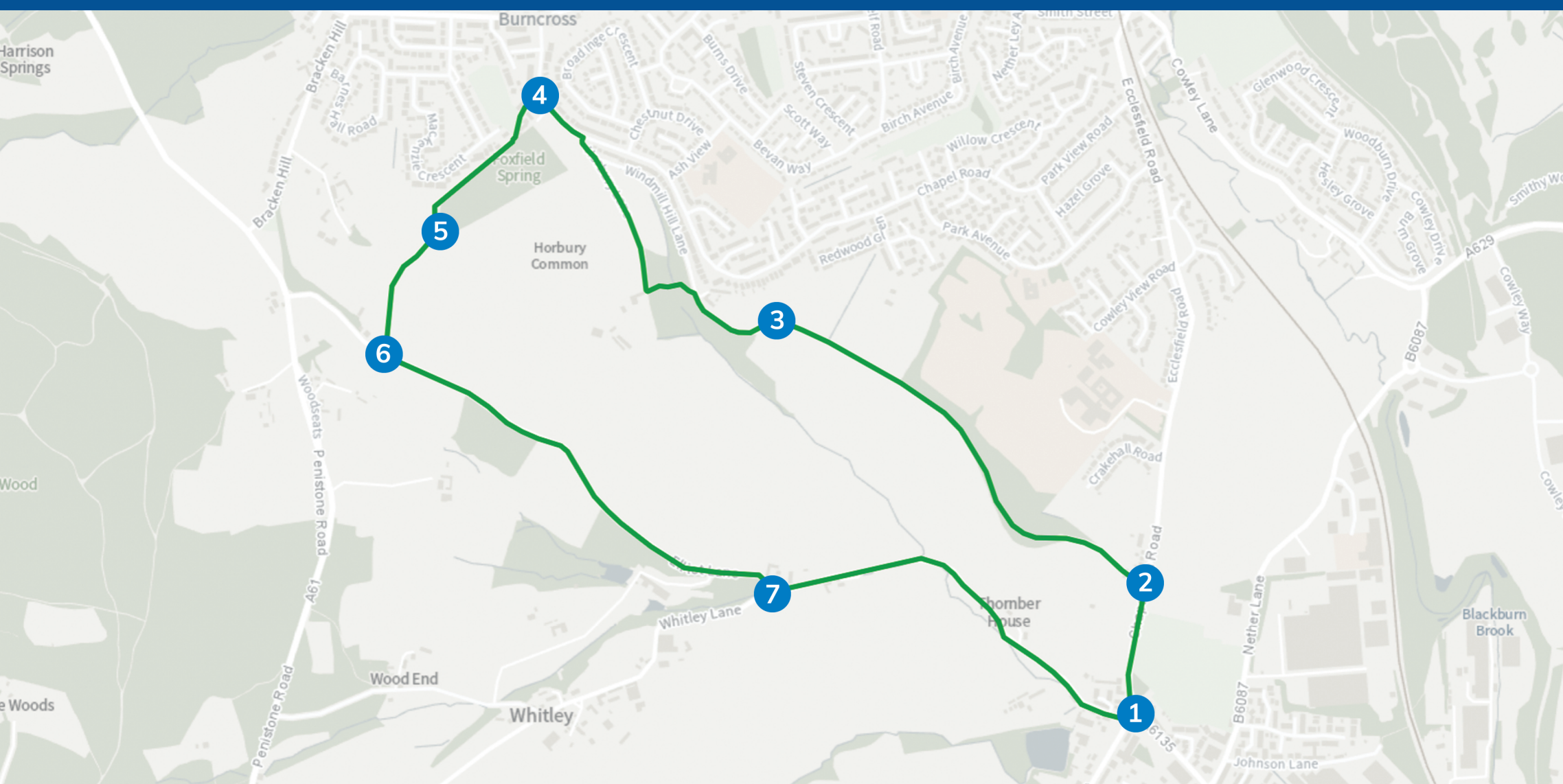
Public Transport: For information on public transport ring the South Yorkshire Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

Car Parking: Avoid parking on the common. There is a small car park in Ecclesfield park opposite Morrisons.

Public Toilets: None on route

Refreshments: None on route

Level of difficulty: A Medium walk, reasonable for fit walkers. Mostly level on surfaced paths / roads but with some uphill sections through woods across fields. Some stiles. Good views across farmland near Ecclesfield. Boots or stout shoes are advisable.



The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

1 From the Jumaira Spice restaurant, cross Chapeltown Road with care and go up the hill. Immediately after 'The Red House' turn left on a public bridleway (sign can be difficult to spot). The start of the bridleway has a tarmac surface and goes between the houses.

2 Continue on the bridleway through the pleasant oak woodland with good views down over fields. Hunshelf Quarry (now disused and overgrown) is on your right.

3 After about a mile follow the track round to the left. Don't go through the gate into the field. At the gate to Windmill Hill Farm on your right you have a choice of routes. Both ultimately reach the same point on Horbury Lane.

Shorter Route. This route is on level, tarmac lanes. Continue straight ahead on the track. At the junction with Horbury Lane turn left at the junction with Chapel Road.

Longer route. This route involves stiles and steep, possibly slippery, slopes before reaching a level tarmac lane. Take the footpath over the stile on the left and go down the hill, across the small stream and up the other side to a stile by the side of **Horbury Hall**. Turn right and follow the lane (Horbury Lane) to the junction with Chapel Road.

Both Routes. At the junction with Chapel Road turn left and continue straight on.

4 Just after a house on the left with a fox design on the metal gates, turn left onto the public footpath. Follow the path along the back of **Sweet Pea Row** cottages. At the grassy area near the children's play area follow the paved path round to the left and past the sign for Fox Springs Wood. Go left into the woods and follow the path straight on, aiming for the top left corner of the wood.

5 Go through the wooden gate out of the wood into a field (beware of horses). Continue to the left diagonally and uphill across the field, aiming for a single storey building in the top corner. The large house at the top of the field is **Barnes Hall**.

6 Go through the kissing gate in the wall and turn left down the road (Elliot Lane). There are good long distance views from here towards **Keppel's Column** and **Hoover Stand** and a seat dedicated to the late Councillor E. Wadsworth, chair of Ecclesfield Parish Council from 1978 to 1979. Continue down the road. Just before the entrance to **Whitley Hall**, in the wall on your right is a stone which may be the base of a cross with the date 1470.

7 At the road junction at the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Whitley Lane. There are no footpaths here so please take care when walking and facing on-coming traffic. Follow this lane down to the junction with Church Street, turn left and cross Chapeltown Road (with care!) to return to the starting point.