

## Route 2. A walk from High Green to Wortley

Distance: 7 miles

Time: Allow 3 hours

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Cross roads at Thompson Hill / Wortley Road and Westwood Road, High Green, S35 4LE

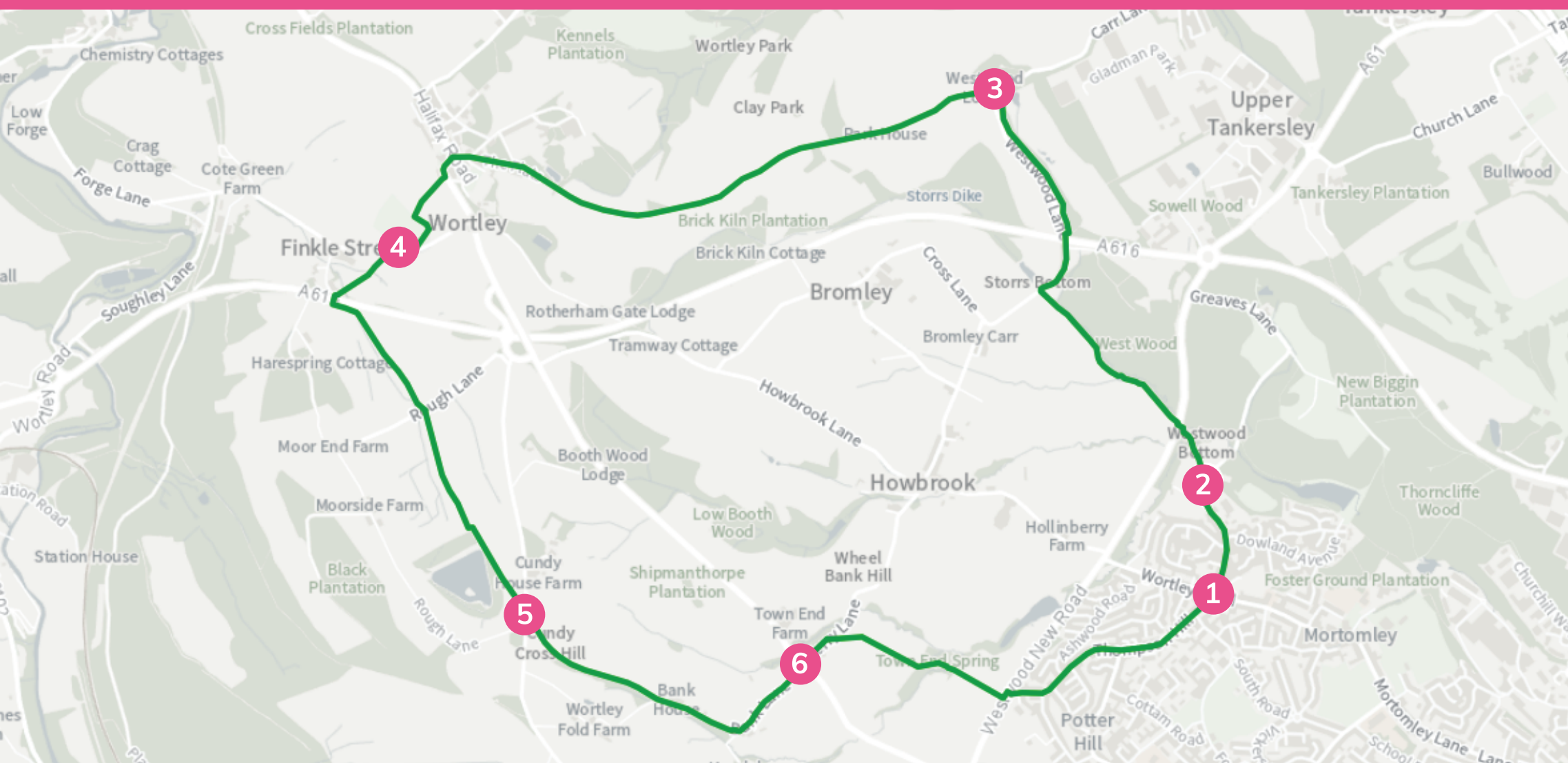
Public Transport: For information on public transport ring the South Yorkshire Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)

Car Parking: There are large lay-bys on Westwood Road.

Public Toilets: None on route

Refreshments: Countess Tea Rooms, Wortley; Wortley Arms; Wortley Hall Bar and Restaurant; Wortley Farm Shop.

Level of difficulty: Moderate to difficult. Some road walking but several sections cross undulating farmland, with stiles. Two steep climbs up / down steps. Boots or stout shoes needed.



### The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

- 1** From the crossroads at Thompson Hill and Wortley Road, go down Westwood Road. 200 yards after the end of the houses take the public footpath on the left at the bottom of the hill, just before the Recycling Site. Cross the field (this can be boggy) following the line of the telegraph poles (some cut off to only 6 feet high). Go over the stile into the woods, cross the stream and up the hill to join a track leading to workshops. Go up the steps straight ahead to cross the A61 main road (take care, this is an extremely busy road).
- 2** Take the footpath immediately across the road down the steps and follow the path to the right round the edge of the field, keeping the stream on your right. Follow the path round to a gap in the bushes on the right. Go through, past a muddy pond on the left and continue to the top corner of the next field. Keep the stream on your right still and follow the path to the road (Storrs Lane). Turn tight up the road, passing under the Stocksbridge by-pass. Just after the by-pass turn right onto a public footpath which then heads left through the trees running parallel to the road to emerge at the gated entrance to **Wharncliffe Estate** (Wortley Park) by **Westwood Lodge**.
- 3** Go through the gates into the park. Follow the track straight on, passing Park House on the left. There is a good view of **Wortley Hall** from the brow of the hill. Continue straight on the track to the gate out of the park by the Lodge House. Follow the lane up to Wortley Village, heading for the church. Cross the road to the church (take care!) and follow the pavement round, with **Wortley Church** on the right and Wortley Arms on the left. Between houses on the right is a public footpath
- 4** Cross the road, over the stile and down the footpath on the left, aiming for the metal gate at the bottom of the hill. Cross the stream to the stile in the corner of the field. Follow the wall, heading towards a cattle grid and stile by the cottages. Join the track, turning left to go under the by-pass. Bear round to the left to a stile by a gate with cattle grid and head slightly left, following the footpath straight ahead across the field. Keep the stream on the right. Cross this and the next field, using the stiles in the wall, to reach a track (Rough Lane). Go over the stile opposite and follow the footpath along the ridge to another stile. Cross the track, over the stile and follow the wall on the right. Over another stile, cross the next field, aiming for the top left corner. Go over the stile and cross Woodhead Road (with care!) to reach **Cundy Cross** and an old milestone at the end of Bank Lane.
- 5** Go down Bank Lane to reach Penistone Road. Good views here across to High Green and Sheffield. Cross the road (with care!) and go down Berry Lane.
- 6** Turn right on the footpath just after Ruggen House. Follow the path straight across the field, aiming for the water tower on the horizon, and go down the hill, towards a stile leading into the woods. Follow the footpath through the wood, over the stream and up the field to the A61 main road. Cross the road (with care!) and go down Thompson Hill to return to the starting point of the walk.