

Route 3. A walk from Potter Hill to Greno Woods

Distance: 5 miles

Time: Allow 2 hours

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Top of Springwood Lane, Potter Hill, High Green, S35 4JF

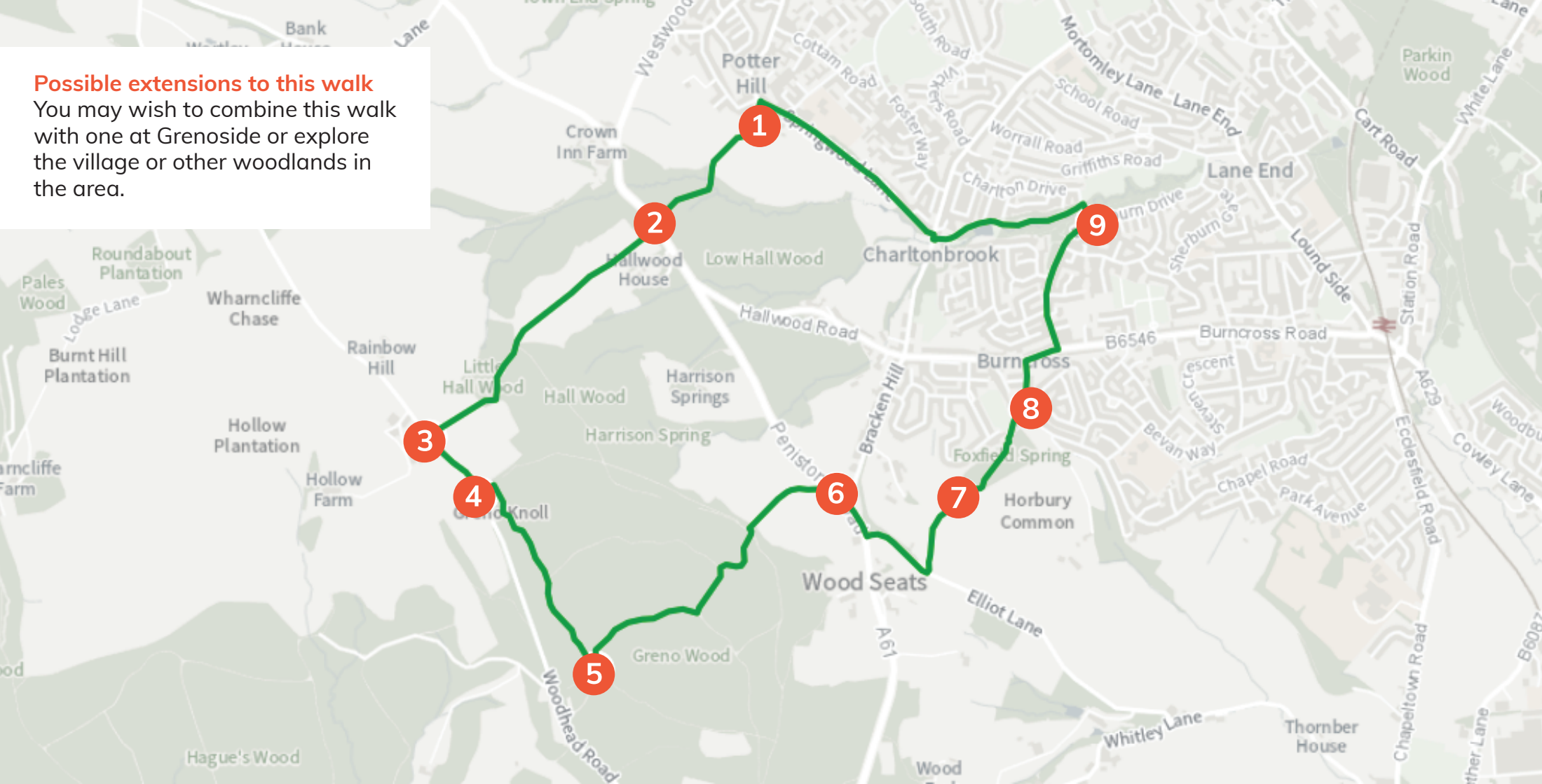
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Car Parking: On road at Potter Hill. Please park sensibly.

Public Toilets: None on route

Refreshments: None on route

Level of difficulty: Moderate. A woodland walk across fields and along rough tracks, with stiles and some steep uphill sections. Boots or stout shoes needed.



**Possible extensions to this walk**  
You may wish to combine this walk with one at Grenoside or explore the village or other woodlands in the area.

The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

- 1 From the top of Springwood Lane take the public footpath by the side of the house with the ‘spider’ metal gates. Go down the footpath, across the stile by the gate and continue down into the field, keeping the hedge on your right. Ignore the path off to the right and enter the wood at the bottom of the hill. Cross the stream on the stepping stones and continue uphill through the woods, following the path bearing right to the A61 main road.
- 2 Cross the road (with care!) and take the public footpath straight across into the woods. Carry straight on, aiming for a large holly tree. Go left around the tree, then right to follow the footpath across farmland, and round the side of a metal gate. The red buildings to your left are the former **Hallwood Isolation Hospital**. Continue on the path up the field until you reach the woods. Go through a gate and straight on up the hill, following a wide track passing Toll Bar house on the right, to Woodhead Road. There are good views from here across on to Wharncliffe Chase and the moors above Stocksbridge beyond.
- 3 Turn left and go along the road (take care as there is no pavement!) for about 300 yards until you reach a public footpath to the left into the woods.
- 4 Turn left onto the footpath and bear slightly right up to a wooden seat. Turn right and continue straight on through pine trees on a stony track into **Greno Woods**. Watch for the triangulation point set back in woods to the right. Ignore the two narrow paths off to the left, continuing on the track until you come to a wide track heading downhill to the left edged on the left by a mossy bank.

- 5 Continue down the track to come to a dell (former quarry?) on the left. At the main path turn left and go downhill on the track towards a large holly tree and signs for the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) pointing to the right. At the bottom of the hill the path joins a level, wide, straight track. Turn left onto this track and after about 50 yards turn right and pass through an A-frame onto a wide lane (Sandy Lane) Go down the lane to the A61 main road.
- 6 Cross the main road (with care!) and turn right to reach the junction with Elliott Lane. Turn left down Elliott Lane. Take the public footpath on the left just after the bungalow. The path goes diagonally right across the field towards the woods. (There may be horses in this field). At the top of the hill on your left is **Barnes Hall**.
- 7 Go through the gate into Foxfield Spring Wood and continue on the path through the wood to emerge by a green space and children’s play area. Continue on the path, keeping the play area on your left and follow the path between the houses of **Sweet Pea Row** to emerge on Chapel Road.
- 8 Turn left and go along Chapel Road to the junction with Burncross Road. Cross the road and turn right to go down to the junction with Blackburn Drive. Follow Blackburn Drive round.
- 9 About 150 yards after Blackburn Crescent (on your right) take the signed public footpath down to the left across the grass and through the trees to cross Charlton Brook and join a wider path. Turn left on this path and follow it up to Charlton Dam, which is on your left. Continue up the path to the road (Hollow Gate). Go straight across the road up Springwood Lane to return to the starting point.