

Route 4. A walk round Charlton Brook and Thorncliffe Pond

Distance: 2.5 miles

Time: Allow 1.5 hours

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 278 Sheffield and Barnsley

Start: Barrel Inn, Lane End, Chapeltown, S35 2UL

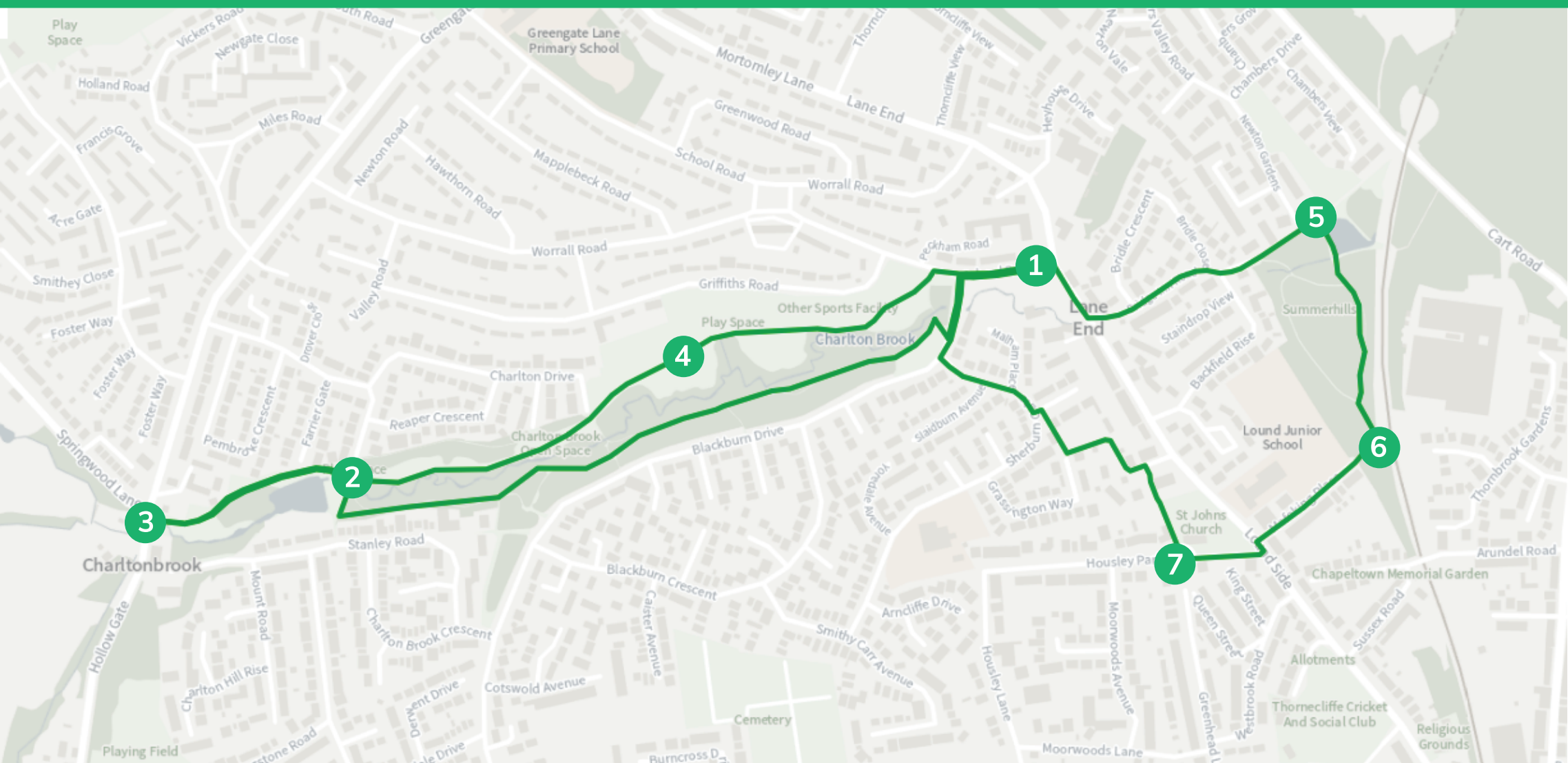
Public Transport: For information on public transport ring the South Yorkshire Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

Car Parking: Limited street parking near Barrel Inn, more parking round the corner on Blackburn Drive.

Public Toilets: None on route

Refreshments: Barrel Inn, Lane End; Bridge Inn, Hollow Gate.

Level of difficulty: Easy. A pleasant stroll, mostly on surfaced paths and roads but some slopes and grassy paths on the far side of the brook. No stiles but there are some steps in places (which can be slippery) as well as a few steep sections. There are seats, children's play areas, a BMX track and places to picnic along Charlton Brook. Boots or stout shoes advisable when wet.



The Route

Points of interest are shown in bold

- 1** From the Barrel Inn turn left onto Blackburn Drive. At the top of the grassy slope turn right on a path down across the grass and join a wider path leading straight on through bushes by the side of the trees overlooking **Charlton Brook** below you to the right. In spring the hawthorn bushes, covered in white blossom and the spring flowers make the walk along Charlton Brook particularly attractive.
- 2** Continue straight on. Eventually the path turns right and sloped down some shallow steps to **Charlton Brook Dam**. Go along the path between the dam wall and the stone bridge on the right to join the surfaced path of the Trans Pennine Trail. Turn left and follow this path to the road at the end of the park (Hollow Gate) passing the dam on your left.
- 3** Go through the gate at the end of the park and turn left to visit the Bridge Inn, otherwise turn and retrace your steps back down the trail.
- 4** Keep straight on past the dam on your right passing the children's play areas and BMX track. The path returns to School Road. Turn right to reach the Barrel Inn. From the Barrel Inn go right at Lane End and turn down Bridge Inn Road. Where this road bends right carry straight on down a track marked Trans Pennine Trail to a green metal gate with an A-frame gate beside.

Go through and turn right over a metal bridge beside **Thorncliffe pond**.

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- 6** Follow the path across another bridge up some shallow steps and keeping the railway on your left continue to follow the path round to a metal railway bridge. At the bridge take the path up to the right up onto Mafeking Road and continue to the end of the road. **Lound Hall** is on your right with **Lound Junior School** beside.

- 7** Cross (! with care) and turn up Housley Park at the side of St. John's Church. (A possible short extension to the walk to see **Housley Hall** - Continue to the end of Housley Park following it round left at the end Housley hall is a short distance along on your left).

Immediately at the end of **St. John's Church** turn right down the public footpath. Follow the path along the back of the former church until you reach a lane (Ribble Croft). Turn left and continue round on the path to reach Sherburn Gate. Turn right and follow Sherburn Gate to reach Blackburn Drive. Turn right at Blackburn Drive and right again at School Road to return to the Barrel Inn.