

The Bog Walk

This is a short stroll, about 45 mins - depending on who is with you of course - ideal for children as it can get very messy. The walk starts off following the same path as the Sheffield Moor Walk



Leave the campsite over the bridge by the assault course in the W corner and go along the back of Burnt House caravan park. Emerging onto the road go straight across down the track towards the house that always looks on the point of being renovated.



Surprise, surprise! In the 3 weeks since our last visit up here someone has put new footpath markers. Strange, there have never been any markers here in the 40 years we have known the area.

You choose here, take the left path (from which the walk got its name. It looks as if the gully has been filled in, used to be much deeper and VERY VERY muddy) or follow the arrow. If you take the left path then when you get to the obvious track just go left and then right off track or right on the track for a few meters to pick up the arrows again. If you've got kids with you and it's been raining they will probably prefer the bog! And the waymark route is very rough.

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The path leads down through bracken and gorse; the way could be unclear when the bracken is grown up! And then up. Up on the left you will see the signs for Tranmire. Head up onto the ridge towards the road sign; wait (often quite a long time) for a break in the traffic then cross the main road and down the lane to Tranmire Only.

Folly Hall Farm used to have a 3 legged dog, very noisy and friendly; we named him 'Tranmire Rover'



In the summer this lane is full of fragrant honeysuckle and if you come down here in the gloaming you may well see or hear an owl in the fields on the right.



At the second cattle grid the amazing view over towards Fryup Dale is visible - sometimes! In this picture rain was sweeping across the dale. Look to the right towards the highest ground and you will see Danby Beacon.

Our walk takes the left hand route till you reach the next cattle grid and the steep descent down to the farm. Don't go down, instead take the path left diagonally across the field; through a waymarked gate and down to the gate at the bottom of the dip.



Through the gate and up the path back onto open moor. This is a good place for lapwings and curlews.

There's a good path by the fence which will take you back up to the main road, emerging at the Ugthorpe turn, you can go down here then right towards Burnt House and back to the caravan site.



However, as you get up towards the road there's a stile in the fence, it's possible to take this and head at 45 deg or so to the fence aiming for a stile on the road not far from the main lodge entrance (between the Ugthorpe turn and the lodge). Not a good idea unless it's been very dry as there is no clear path and the ground is very uneven, tussocky and boggy. But, if you like a bit of a challenge for the ankles, and a final plunge into bogland, go for it.



