

Sheffield Moor

This moor runs parallel with the main road; it's a good varied walk with some interesting terrain. The whole walk takes about 90 mins.



Leave the Ugthorpe Lodge 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 (the bog walk) or follow the arrow. If you take the bog walk path then when you get to the obvious track just go right for a few metres 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.



The path leads down through bracken; the way could be unclear when the bracken is grown up! And then up. On the left you will see the road signs for Tranmire; look out for the waymark as you approach the ridge - our path goes through a gate about 150 metres from the road and across the moor parallel to the road. Just keep going close to the field boundary; the path can be rather tussocky and wet so watch

your step. Good views to the right down to the sea and to the left you will hear as well as see the traffic hurtling along the road to Teesside.





Soon the road curves away from us and fades into happy insignificance; we keep moving along, often on sheep tracks through the heather. Keep an eye out for the old stone boundary marker and take a small detour to admire it. When we were there there was a sunken ring round it as if the Ugthorpe goblins had been racing each other round it.



There's a gate into the wood and a footpath marker directing you along the path. Soon you cross a forestry track and continue down into the dip.. It is usually boggy down here with a stream and a small pond and



although the marker clearly directs you across the 'bridge' it's probably safer to go a couple of meters to the left.. Up again to join the forestry track and then walk 100 paces along this very rutted track, ignoring the footpath marked to the left, until you reach the track off to the right; it's 100 of my paces.



Just along here off to the right there's a pleasant pond with some sort of firewatch platform (not shown in the picture); worth a detour it only takes a minute. Then back to the main track and after another few paces you do angle off right on a path that runs by the side of the wood.



Forestry tracks come and go and aim to cause confusion - as long as you are now walking on a path with trees to your left, field to your right and back over your right shoulder the



trees you've come up through you are OK.. Not long before this gate to the right shows the next turn off. The vertical poles are to carry the electric fence over the gate, they will only last as long as the fence I expect.. Although the way goes right along the field boundary it's only a short distance

directly forwards to an interesting seat overlooking another pond. During summer there may well be a good flock of dragonflies here.



However, backtrack and through the aforementioned gate down the minor valley by the field boundary on your immediate left..

The hedge is a good place for blackberries in the autumn and for spring and summer the wild rose; state symbol of Alberta, Canada.



The road is reached at Longstone Farm;; turn right and wander down the road admiring the flowers and fruits in the hedge on the right. Amble carefully as this road has traffic on it and when the wind is blowing (actually 'when' is superfluous, it's always blowing)

vehicles will creep up on you unheard and unwarned - drivers round here seem not to have found the horn press in the motors. Down and down you go to the ford.



This used to be an exciting place with water always over the road, sadly some years ago the council put in big pipes and a road surface on top. If the pipes are clear (not very often there's usually debris piled up) they make a good Pooh Sticks entertainment venue.



The stone bridge was once the pedestrian crossing over the ford and it's still good to remember the old days by going across it..

Leaving the ford behind it's up out of the gloom rising with the road; onwards and make sure that just before you reach the next significant dip down you look left to get a view

down to Whitby - that's assuming it's not thick mist or driving rain, well you might just be lucky.



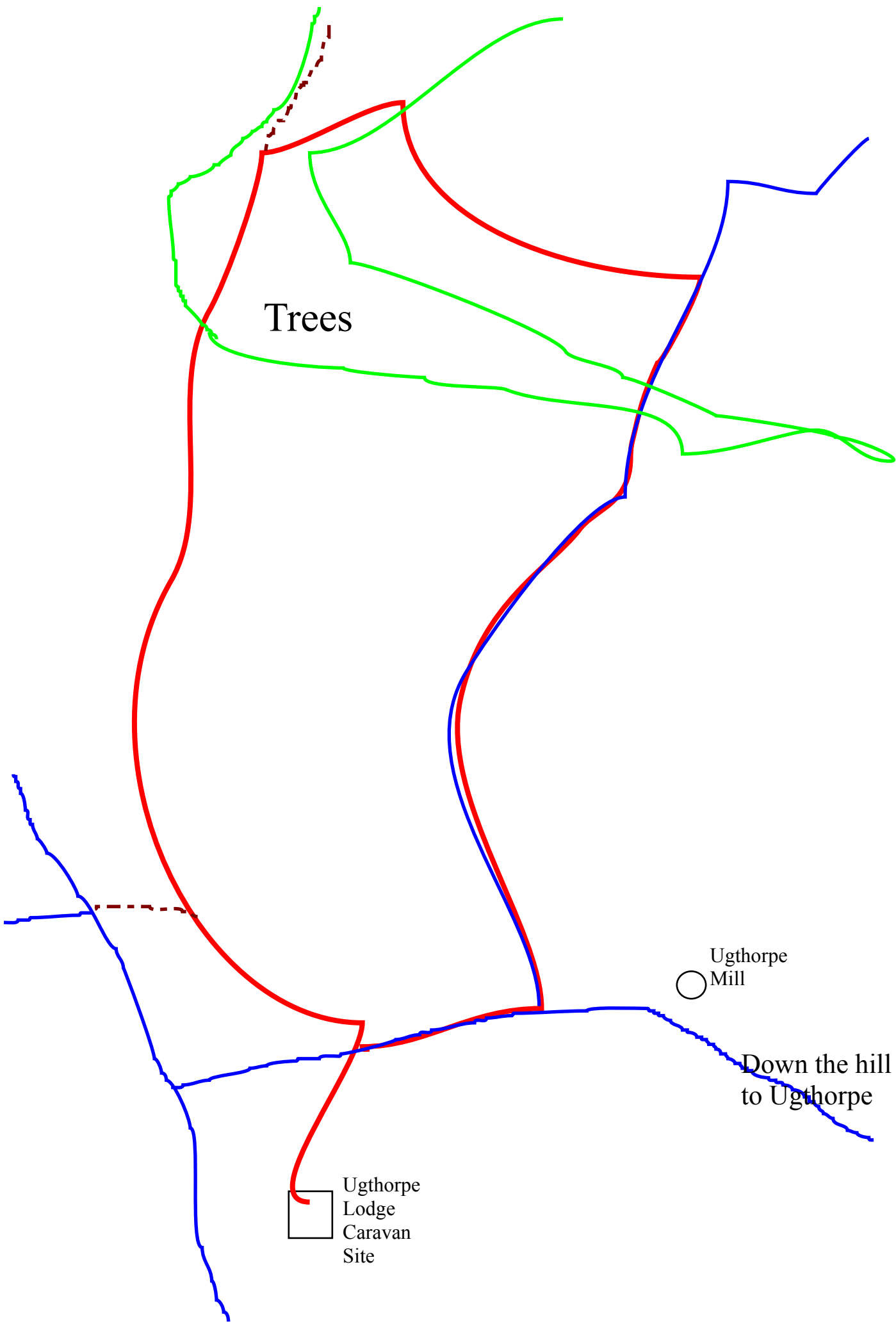
The top road comes into view; just after the farm on the left there's a cut across the moor but if this path looks very overgrown and gorsy it's only a step up to the road and turn right.. The path brings you out by a small new allotment opposite Burnt House; greet the rather fine scarecrow if she is still there

and then up the road a bit; into Burnt House drive and back across the front of the building and into Ugthorpe Lodge site. There is a signed path opposite the allotment, going up to Burnt House but it's got very overgrown and prickly and is not recommended.



Not a massive walk but interesting and a pleasant stroll for a warm afternoon's outing,

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Trees

Ugthorpe
Lodge
Caravan
Site

Ugthorpe
Mill

Down the hill
to Ugthorpe