



Bradfield Walkers are Welcome

Walking in the Dark Peak



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Short Walk: Coumes Wood

- Length – 4.5 miles
- Grade - Mostly well-defined paths, stiles and steady ascents. However, some stretches may be overgrown, and several stiles are 'difficult.'
- Start – Millennium Green, Oughtibridge
- Grid Reference – SK 306 933
- Maps – OL1 Dark Peak, OS Explorer 278
- Parking - On street parking, Oughtibridge
- Public transport – 57, 57a bus
- Refreshments – Cafes, pubs and shops in Oughtibridge
- Public Toilets – none on the route

Description

This circular walk takes you from Oughtibridge through Sensicall Park and the Coumes Vale Plantation to Onesmoor before returning via Delf Hill. The first half is uphill.



Milestone, as seen from (10)

Route Instructions

1. From Millennium Green, walk up Church Street. Just before the Medical Centre, take the marked footpath on your right. Cross a small footbridge and continue following this path.
2. Ascend through the woods keeping the brook on your left. You will reach an Interpretation Board. At this point, you may wish to explore the woods on your right and Sensicall Park.

Sensicall Park is woodland originally developed by Manpower Services Commission (MSC) trainees in the 1980's. This was to celebrate a local resident and parish councillor, Robert Sensicall for his work for the community. He formally opened the park in July 1984. Access works were renovated by the Steel Valley Project in 2008, working with the owners, Bradfield Parish Council. In earlier times, fireclay was dug from the top of the hill in the Park to be mixed with crushed ganister and turned into firebricks for lining chimneys and furnaces for steel-making. Remains of brick and stone structures remain.

3. Bearing left, cross a footbridge and pass a metal gate before turning right to continue up Church Street. At the Haggstones Road junction, the road becomes Burton Lane. Continue ascending. Just after the road narrows, take the marked footpath on your right (3).
4. Pass a duck pond and cross a stone stile into a field (4), keeping the stone wall on your right. After half a field, pass between two stone gate posts and continue, keeping the stone wall on your left.
5. Cross a stone stile (5) and head across the field to a footbridge over Coumes Brook. After 20 m, you reach a road (Coldwell Hill). Turn left.

Coumes Brook flows into the River Don. In the 19th. and 20th. centuries, in order to power local mills, water was channelled down hand-built gritstone walls to increase the speed and power of the flow.

6. Follow the road uphill for 300 m and after a row of cottages turn left along a farm track (6).
7. Continue along the track climbing steadily to reach the edge of the woods at a stile and metal gate (7).
8. Continue into the woods, ignore the footpath on the left and follow the track climbing steadily uphill keeping a stone wall on your right to reach a stile.



9. Cross the stile, up the steps and leave the woods to continue along the field edge keeping a stone wall on your left. Reach a stone stile and cross onto Onesmoor Bottom.

10. Turn right. There is a 19th.Century milestone at the next cross-roads. Turn right onto Lumb Lane, towards Oughtibridge. After 500 m take the marked path on your left (10).



11. Descend the field towards the farm and bear right to cross the farm track through two gates (11a) Down the field keeping a wall on your left and cross a stile to reach a small wooden bridge as you enter the woods (11b).

Be careful, the bridge may be hidden and overrun by bracken. It is very easy to walk straight into the stream. The following path could also be overgrown.

12. You will reach a dilapidated stone stile adjacent to a gap in the wall. The path improves as you continue to descend through woodland. After passing over another stone stile and down some wooden steps you emerge onto a road. Turn right.



13. After 200 m, take the signed public footpath to the right of the grit bin. Continue through the woods. When the path splits, take the right fork (13), then through a gate into a field. Descend the field to reach a stone stile and kissing gate.

14. Turn right, then after 10 m, take the signed path (no.105) to your left. Continue along the drive to the left of the house/garage, along a possibly overgrown section and through a wooden gate.



15. Continue across one field, through another wooden gate (15). Turn left for 10 m, then take the gap in the wall down to the road (Cockshutts Lane).



16. Turn right. Passing a milestone (16) on your right, you return to Oughtibridge, turning right onto Langsett Road to return to your start point.





Oughtibridge developed around a ford managed by Oughtred who lived in a local cottage. When the bridge was built in 1150 to replace the ford, it took his nick name “Oughty”. The local community became known as Oughty’s Bridge. Oughtibridge remained a rural hamlet until the late 18th.Century.

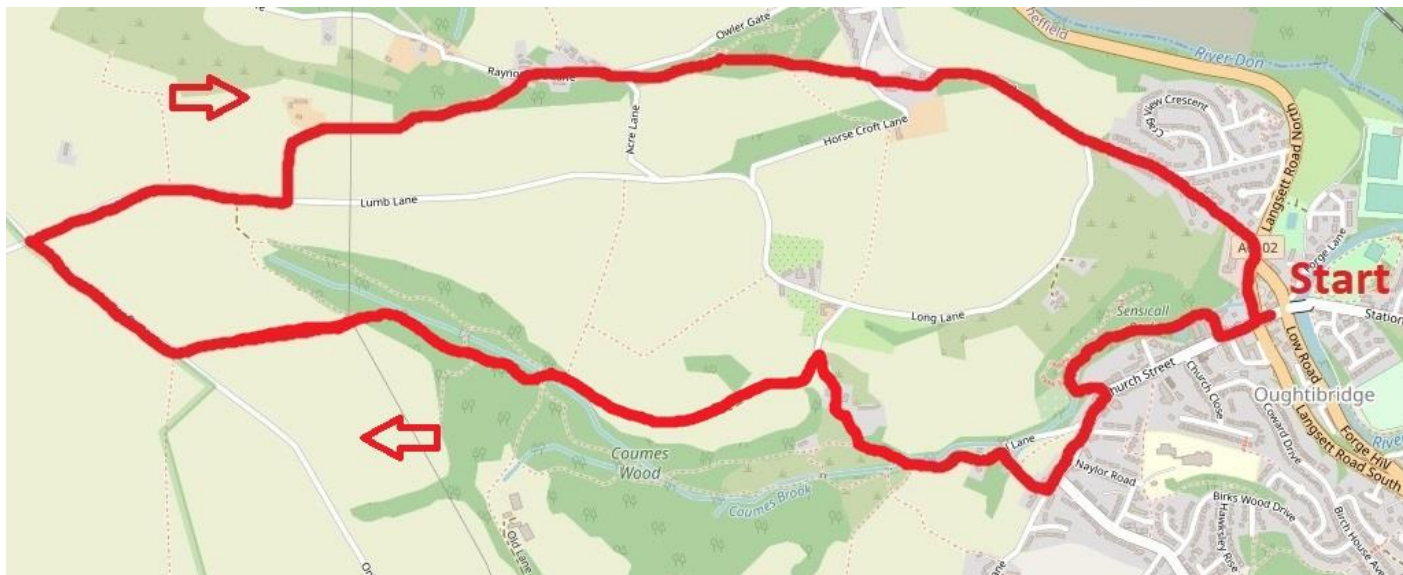
The village’s position within the Don Valley meant that the water power of the river could be used to drive machinery. Throughout the 19th.Century, industry thrived, with a corn mill, paper mill, tannery, and a small brewery. The Oughtibridge forge was the main industry. Oughtibridge reached its peak as an industrial centre when Oughty Bridge railway station opened in 1845 on the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway. The station closed in 1959.

On 6th.July 2014, Le Tour de France came down Church Street before climbing up Station Road and Côte d’ Oughtibridge (a category 3 climb).

The image is of a yellow bike outside [the Cock Inn](#).

The pub name does not refer to a cockerel but instead refers to a cock horse, a horse that helped to pull heavily laden carts up steep hills.





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