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## Short Walk: Glen Howe Park/More Hall Circular

- Length - 4 miles (6.5 km)
- Grade - Well defined country roads and paths. Some rough ground and stiles. Some steep climbs and descents. Some rocky footing. Parts can be muddy and slippery in wet weather.
- Start and Parking - Glen Howe car park: Storth Lane at the top of Damasel Lane
- SK 296 942
- Maps - OL1 Dark Peak, OS Explorer 278/288
- Public transport - 57, 57a buses to Manchester Road, Wharnccliffe Side. Then walk up Green Lane to the start point
- Refreshments - [Blue Ball](#) and [Wharnccliffe Arms](#), Wharnccliffe Side
- Public Toilets - Glen Howe Park (currently closed)

**Description** – this walk starts in the C19th. Pleasure Gardens of Glen Howe Park, before crossing fields, meadow land and woods. We then emerge near More Hall Reservoir before returning via a cruck barn and a listed farmhouse.



The Cruck Barn at Brightholmlee (13)

### Start:

1. Start at Glen Howe car park next to the play area. Ascending, follow the tarmac track, passing, on your left, toilets, and Glen Howe Tower. On your right, you will pass a sculpture of a bird (1a). You are heading towards the narrow Pack Horse Bridge (1b).

*Glen Howe Park was owned by local stone mason John Mills. He built Glen Howe Tower in 1881 and developed a pleasure garden and tea pavilion. In the 1890s, various charities, including the Ragged School and the Fresh Air Group brought children from the Sheffield slums to play in the park.*



With the support of Joseph Dixon, the whole site was gifted to Wortley District Council in 1917. Ownership passed to Sheffield City Council in 1971.

The Pack Horse Bridge is one of the best and oldest examples of its type. Dating from 1734, it was originally located in the Ewden Valley. When works began on More Hall Reservoir, Joseph Dixon, owner of the local paper mill, paid for it to be moved, stone by stone, to Glen Howe Park.

2. Do not cross the bridge. Follow the left trail uphill. Take the first path on the right (2a) which turns sharply, continuing to ascend through woods. At the T-junction, turn left, passing a wooden bench on your left. Take a right at the old tennis courts (2b) and cross the stone stile on the edge of the wood (2c).



3. Follow the route of the Public Footpath along the side of this field, keeping the hedge on your left. After 100 m, cross a wooden stile. After a further 200 m, cross the wooden stile which is adjacent to a metal gate.
4. Turn right onto a narrow lane, heading towards Benteholme Farm. Keeping left, walk up the driveway until you reach a stile on your right (4).
5. Walk across this field and head upstream, crossing a wooden stile, then a footbridge (5). Walk up wooden steps, passing Tinker Brook House, on your right, before crossing a stone stile and turning right onto Brightholmlee Road.
6. Head down this road until reaching New Lathes on your right. Turn left onto Eaton House Farm drive. Take the first right down Bud Lane, signed as 'Restricted Byway.'



7. Descending, initially between two lines of trees, after 350 m, you will reach a large ladder stile on your left (7).
8. Climb the stile to enter Carr House Meadows. Cross the first field, keeping the dry stone wall on your left. You will pass through an entrance into a second field, passing a bench on your left. Continuing in the same direction, cross this field, keeping parallel to the bottom fence. You are heading for an exit which is just to the right of a small clump of trees (8).

*Carr House Meadows Nature Reserve is one of the last surviving ancient hay meadows in the area. Summer is the best time to see the fantastic shows of rare flowers that were once so familiar in our countryside.*

9. Cross the stream and head for the ladder stile in the bottom left corner of the field.
10. Cross the road (Carr House Lane), turn left and take the next path on your right. Descend, keeping the wall on your right. Pass through a kissing gate into More Hall Reservoir Plantations.
11. After 20 m, turn right on to the path, heading towards the reservoir. Turn right along the reservoir bank. You may wish to extend your walk by crossing the dam wall and then returning.
12. About 100 m before the dam wall, follow the marked footpath to your right ascending through woodland (12).

*Sheffield Corporation started the Ewden Valley reservoir scheme in 1913, building Broomhead and More Hall Reservoirs, to provide water for the rapidly growing industry and population of Sheffield. They were opened in 1929 after delays caused by WW1. It was not until 1933 that leaks in Broomhead were sealed. Ewden Village was built to house labourers and their families. The huts were erected by Walkers, Sheffield timber merchants; each had electric light and hot and cold running water in well fitted bathrooms. There was a Mission Hall, canteen, recreation hall and a general store, run by Stocksbridge Co-op.*



More Hall Reservoir (11/12)

13. At the top end of the woods, cross a stream and pass through a wooden gate. Cross the meadow to follow Town Field Lane. Pass through a wooden gate into the village. Then take the first right onto Brightholmlee Lane.

*Town Field Lane is part of an old packhorse route. Mentioned in the [Domesday Book](#) (1086), Brightholmlee is one of the oldest settlements in the area dating from the C14th. It was designated as a Conservation Area in January 1977. On your right you will pass a Cruck Barn and, on your left, a stone trough which is dated 1886.*



14. Take the first left towards Bradfield (Brightholmlee Road). This is marked by an 1860 milestone to Edgemount (SK 290 951, 13). After 150 m, following the public footpath sign, take the track on your left, towards Swinnock Hall.

*[Grade II listed](#), Swinnock Hall is a farmhouse with attached cow house and cruck barn. Originally dating from 1416, the house was extensively rebuilt in the C19th.*

15. At the Hall, pass through the kissing gate, enter the field and, following the line of the wall to your left, descend. This field is reasonably steep and may be very muddy. At the field's bottom left corner, re-enter Glen Howe Park via a wooden stile. Turn right and, using steps, descend to the Pack Horse Bridge. Cross the bridge and turning left, leave the park to return to your start point.



The cruck barn at Brightholmlee (13)



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