

## Additional Information

- A Knabbs Hall Farm is one of the oldest buildings in the village. It is known that the house was rebuilt in 1644 and that there was an earlier timber-framed house there. A large royal crest over the door implies that royalty once slept there.
- E Partridge Dale is aptly named. Other birds found in Tom Royd Wood include sparrowhawks in search of prey such as chaffinch or members of the tit family. In summer visitors from Africa include willow warblers and blackcaps.
- F-G To the left where you cross House Carr Lane in Nabs Wood (owned by the Woodland Trust, but with public access) is the location of the day hole or drift of the former Moorend Colliery. Here on the 4th July 1838 a violent thunderstorm led to water from House Carr Dyke pouring into the day hole. At the same time children working in the mine were trying to make their way out and 26 of them between the ages of seven and seventeen were trapped against a ventilation door and drowned. Their graves and a large memorial stone are to be found in Silkstone Churchyard. In 1988 on the 150th anniversary of the disaster a second memorial was dedicated near the site and this depicts two crouching figures of child mineworkers. This disaster was partly responsible for passing of the Mines Act of 1842 forbidding women and children under the age of ten from working in the mines.
- G The Beyer-Garratt engine (2-8-0+0-8-2, number 2395/69999 LNER Class U1) was a double engine built in 1925 for banking heavy coal trains on the Woodhead route.

## Further Information

If you have any comments on this walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks in the Barnsley area including the Trans Pennine Trail then please contact The Rights of Way Team Tel:01226 773555 or email:[publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk)

# Silkstone Parish Walks

## Partridge Dale and Berry Moor





### General Information

Distance - 3 miles. Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground and weather conditions can vary. Choose appropriate footwear and clothing.

### Travel

For bus and train times telephone Traveline 01709 515151 open daily 7 am-10 pm.

### Acknowledgements

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### Walk Description

- A. The walk starts and finishes at Silkstone Common railway station. Leave the station and turn right along Knabbs Lane. At the end of the village turn right onto the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT). After 150 yards turn left over stiles and pass to the right of Knabb's Hall Farm.
- B. Follow footpath markers to Hadley House, turn left and take farm track to Coates Lane.
- C. Cross Coates Lane and follow footpath in a straight line downhill across fields and cross Hollin Dyke at bridge, after which ascend to Pinfold Lane.
- D. Turn left at Pinfold Lane and follow the road for a short distance turn right at kissing gate at Cobblers Bottom Farm towards Partridge Dale.
- E. At cottages turn left at signpost to Berry Moor House and here take stiles to right of the house, crossing several fields towards Dodworth Moor End.
- F. For the Huskar Monument turn left along House Carr Lane to railway bridge. Monument is just inside Nabs Wood. Retrace steps along House Carr Lane continue for 20 yards and then turn left at signposted footpath across middle of field.
- G. Ascend steps to join the former railway line, now the Dove Valley Trail, part of the Trans Pennine Trail. Turn left to view the Beyer-Garrett boundary stone on the Silkstone/Dodworth parish boundary.
- H. Return to the steps, descend and turn right through the tunnel, taking footpath to Moorend Houses.
- I. Follow track past Silkstone Equestrian Centre and Barn Owl Cottage.
- J. At Viewpoint House turn right to take footpath parallel with South Yorkshire Buildings and leading into Silkstone Common recreation ground.
- K. Leave recreation ground, cross Hall Royd Walk and take footpath to Ben Bank Road.
- L. At Ben Bank Road turn left and return to Silkstone Common railway station.