

Saturday 27th June

Short Walk 5: Hooton Pagnell - Woodlands and Parks (5 miles)

Our final short walk of the festival starts from the historic picturesque village of **Hooton Pagnell**. The walk crosses ancient lanes to gently descend in the direction of Pickburn and through Woodlands Community Forest and Highfields Country Park to the finish of the walk at Castle Hills at the **Northern Park and Ride**. Here you can celebrate your achievement at the local pub!

**MEET:** 11.10am near the old Market cross Hooton Pagnell

**Duration:** Approx. 2 ½ hours (5 miles)

**Bus service:** from Doncaster: 203 (Wilfreda)

**Return to Doncaster:** 50, 50A, 78.

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The Heron Way booklet costs £2 and is available from the Tourist Information Centre, 38-40 High Street, Doncaster DN1 1DE and at other outlets. Walk leaders will have copies for sale.

Please follow the advice and instructions of the walks leader.

Whilst no specialist equipment is necessary for any part of these walks they may include occasional rough walking and a few climbs. Some paths may be wet and muddy. The wearing of stout shoes or boots is therefore recommended. Also consider carrying a waterproof coat in case of rain, plenty to drink, particularly on hot days, and a light lunch and snacks.

Telephone Travel South Yorkshire on 01709 515151 for full details of all bus and train services.

Start times for the walks coincide with bus arrivals from Doncaster.

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# The Heron Way Walking Festival 2009



Join the walking festival and help the Doncaster Group of the Ramblers celebrate the official launch of the Heron Way through a series of guided walks around the Doncaster area.

The Heron Way is a series of linear walks, linking the park and ride facility at Rossington with the park and ride facility at Castle Hills, passing through pleasant countryside and linking nature reserves, country parks, tourist sites and the best viewpoints, mainly in the Doncaster Metropolitan Borough. The total distance of the Heron Way is 30 miles.



**Get to know your local area, meet new people and get fit.**

Our festival has walks for everyone, from short strolls for the occasional walker to longer hikes for those more capable and a little fitter. Even better still, all our walks are near good bus routes so walk as much or as little as you want.



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Saturday 30th May 2009

Short walk 1: Celebration Walk (5.5 miles)

**Join us for the opening event at Don Valley Outdoor Centre, Old Rossington.** We start the walks festival with an invitation to join us at the opening ceremony. Have a piece of our special cake with a tea or coffee then get your boots on for a linear walk to **Wadworth**. The walk will be led by a **special guest**, with a free buffet at the Fox and Hounds, Wadworth. There is the option of a return walk at 2.30pm via Loversall to Rossington. **MEET 10.00 am** Don Valley Outdoor Centre, Littleworth Lane, Old Rossington.

Duration: Approx. 2 ½ hours (5 ½ miles)

Car parking: Don Valley Outdoor Centre.

Bus service from Doncaster: 55, then short walk along Littleworth Lane.

Saturday 6th June

Long walk 1: Rossington or Wadworth to Conisbrough (16+ or 11+ miles)

This longer walk starts from the **Parrots Corner Park and Ride facility**. Those parking their cars should ensure that they obtain a ticket for cheap bus travel for themselves and their passengers back from Doncaster at the end of the walk and to exit the car park.

Our walk of 16¾ miles takes the walker through Rossington, Wadworth, Old Edlington, Clifton, Hooton Roberts and finally Old Denaby to reach our finish at **Conisbrough**. This is an excellent long walk through rolling countryside for the more energetic, with a pub stop.

Walkers who may have walked the first section the previous week are welcome to join the walk at Wadworth at about 11.30.

**MEET 10.00am:** Parrots Corner Park and Ride facility, Old Rossington.

The Park and Ride entry and exit is via the A638 Bawtry Road.

Car parking: Parrots Corner Park and Ride facility

Bus service from Doncaster: 55. Return to Doncaster: 222, or train.

Short walk 2: Wadworth – Medieval Parks (7.5 miles)

We start the second of our series of shorter walks from **Wadworth**. This lovely walk takes us through Wadworth woods, past a Norman church and through Conisbrough Parks with views of Conisbrough Castle and Firsby Nature Reserve. We finish the walk with a gentle descent to **Hooton Roberts** with its manor house pub and fine church.

**MEET 10.15am** Fox and Hounds Pub, Wadworth

Duration: Approx. 3 ¾ hours (7 ½ miles)

Bus service from Doncaster: 22 (Stagecoach)

Return to Doncaster: X78

Saturday 13th June

Long walk 2: Conisbrough to Castle Hills (13+ miles)

This is the second of the longer walks, suitable for the more energetic walker who want a challenge and to finish the Heron Way after completing the first long hike on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

This 13 ¼ mile walk starts from **Conisbrough Railway Station** and follows the TPT to Denaby Ings nature reserve, with an exhilarating climb to High Melton. The views increase as we head along Barnburgh Cliff to the historic village of Hickleton. Another gentle climb leads us to the lovely village of Hooton Pagnell and then it's gently downhill to Pickburn and Woodlands with a pub near the **Northern Park and Ride** finish.

**MEET 10.00am** Conisbrough Railway Station, Denaby Main.

Car parking: Parking at railway station and old Earth Centre offices.

Bus services: from Doncaster: 222 or train

Return to Doncaster: 50, 50A, 78.

Short walk 3: Hooton Roberts – Castle of the Don (6+ miles)

The third short walk of the series starts from **Hooton Roberts** taking us through rolling countryside with good views towards Wentworth before descending to Old Denaby. A good climb through woodland brings the walk through Conisbrough Crags with excellent view over the Dearne flood plain and the Don Gorge. We now follow the Trans Pennine Trail with good views of the castle, before our climb to finish at **High Melton**.

**MEET: 10.00am** Hooton Roberts's parish church.

Duration: Approx. 3 hours (6 ¼ miles)

Bus service from Doncaster: X78

Return to Doncaster: 224

Saturday 20th June

Short walk 4: High Melton – Ancient Villages (6 miles)

We start our fourth short linear walk of the series from **High Melton**.

This excellent walk takes the walker along wooded limestone crags with great views over the Dearne Valley and through historic ancient villages. The walk finishes at **Hooton Pagnell**.

**MEET 10.15am;** outside High Melton College

Duration: Approx.3 hours (6 miles)

Bus service from Doncaster: 224. Return to Doncaster: 203



