

The viewpoint created on the top of the pit tip gives fine views as far as Whitwell Woods, Bolsover Moor, Scarcliffe Park, Langwith Wood, Pleasley Park and Clipstone.

Warsop Energy Park generates electricity from methane from the mine

The site of a limekiln is in the edge of the woods.

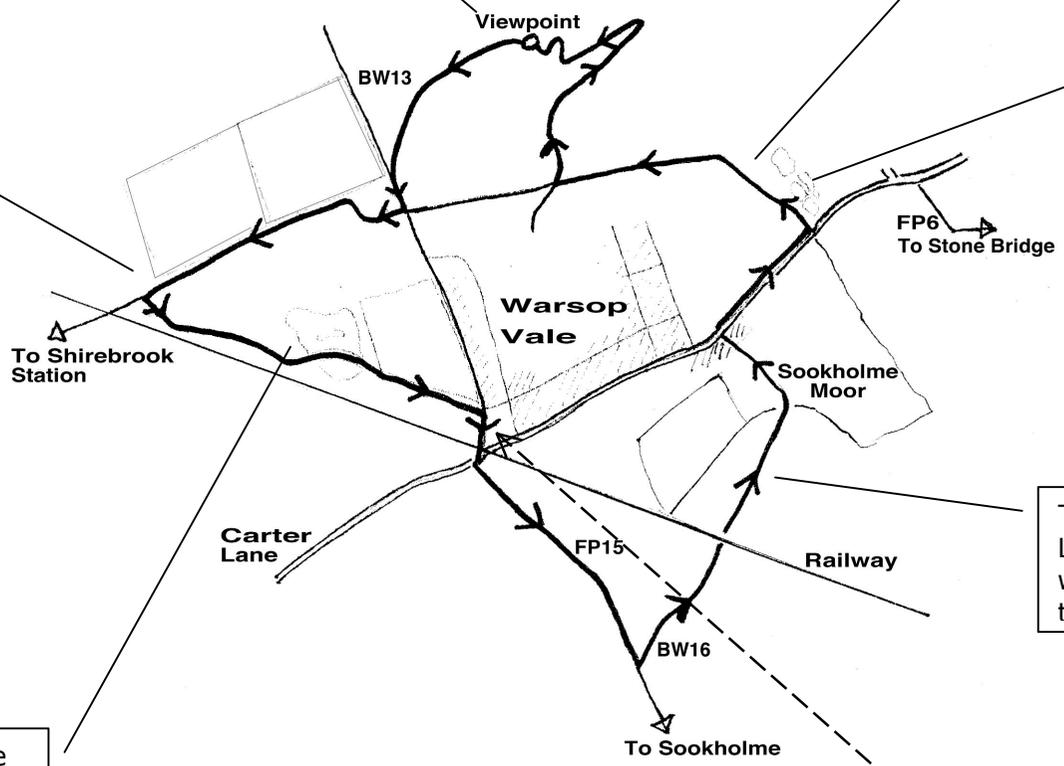
Hérons and kingfishers may be seen around these ponds

The cycle track follows the line of the disused railway to Shirebrook Station and links to the paths on Shirebrook pit tip.

A seat near the ponds and wetland area is a good spot for a halt.

This part of Bully Lane was lined with hedges until the 1980s.

The Swing (or the Vale Hotel) is our starting point



Directions

Start at the bridleway sign in the car park of The Swing (or Vale Hotel). Go under the railway bridge taking Carter Lane towards Shirebrook and turn immediately left along the path (FP15) between fields.

Turn left along Bully Lane (BW16) at the junction of paths. Pass under the railway and continue straight on along a crossfield path towards a gate. At the gate onto Sookholme Moor turn left and head for another gate to the left of the last house. Pass through the gate and turn right onto Carter Lane. *The area around the first gate can be muddy after rain and cattle graze Sookholme Moor during summer. If you wish to avoid these points you may shorten the walk by turning left at the start of the walk along Carter Lane towards Church Warsop, rejoining our route at this point.*

Continue along Carter Lane as far as the sign on the left for Alkane Warsop Energy Park. Turn left through the metal stile onto the cycle track. Follow this track through woodland as far as a crossroads of paths. Turn right towards the pit tip and ascend on the path through the trees to the viewpoint.

Take the path descending steeply towards William Wood Lane (BW13). Turn left onto the lane for a few metres and turn right as the cycle track passes through another squeeze stile. Follow this path between paddocks and meadows until a path joins from the left just before the path passes under the railway. Take this path to the left, passing between the ponds. Turning right when you reach BW13 again takes you back to our starting point.

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The new paths and cycle route around on the reclaimed Warsop Main pit site at Warsop Vale form the main focus for this walk. It also takes in farmland and Sookholme Moor to the south of the village. The reclaimed pit site was officially opened in May 2006 and now includes woodland, wildflower meadows, paddocks, ponds, a wetland area and an excellent viewpoint from the pit tip. It will be fascinating to see how these features evolve in the coming years.

Walkers from Market Warsop may create a longer route by using Footpath 6 from Stone Bridge or Bridleway 16 from Sookholme Lane.

This walk is about 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) and should take about an hour.

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