



Spuggies Stroll, Monkton

Former coking works and now a community woodland and home for nature



1.4 miles/2.2km

Approximately 50 minutes at a leisurely pace.
2,950 steps



Opening hours: Open all year round



FREE entrance



Car parking: Free, onsite



Toilets: No



Café: No but perfect for picnics



Dogs: Well behaved dogs welcome



Accessibility: Level paths around the woodlands and to the pond

Step by step walking route

1. From the Swarm sculpture, head south towards the railway line, passing through the barrier into the former coke works and follow the surfaced path running parallel with the railway line to the far end of the site near 'Spuggies Bridge'
2. When the path splits into two, you should take the right fork that crosses the road then turn right and follow the path before turning left onto the path running parallel with the railway. Half way along the path you will see a pond on your right - turn left up the edge of the playing field where you will see an orange marker.
3. Follow the edge of the playing field with the hedge to your left, until you reach Monkton Lane. Follow the road and turn left along the pavement for about 80 metres before reaching another orange marker at the entrance to a path on your right. Follow the path up to the junction with the Bowes Railway Path. Turn right and follow the Railway Path crossing Monkton Lane, and back towards Mill Lane. Just before you would pass under Mill Lane, turn left up the path to Mill Lane, then left back to the Swarm.



The countryside code

Respect - Protect - Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

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