



This stretch alongside the woods can be muddy. The ancient coppice woodland of Lord Stubbins Wood is a SSSI.

After the wilder appearance of Lord Stubbins Wood these well-managed woods make quite a contrast. Credit is due to Trevor Kinch and his team for providing a range of wildlife habitats.

The bridleway abruptly changes into a footpath here. This is where Spring Lane used to go to Collier Spring Wood before it disappeared beneath the pit tip.

This grassland is part of the Hills & Holes SSSI, valued for its outstanding range of plants

START at Stonebridge

Directions

This walk starts at the bridge at the end of Stonebridge Lane although you may choose to start at The Carrs and walk along the river to Stonebridge.

Cross the river and when the paths forks take the left hand path (FP6) towards Warsop Vale. Cross Carter Lane and turn left. You may either follow the road to just beyond The Swing public house next to the railway bridge, turning right along the bridleway (BW13) that runs alongside the houses on North Street or you may take a more interesting alternative by leaving Carter Lane beside the remodelled settling ponds and walking across the restored site of the old pit sidings.

Continue up William Wood Lane past the farm until you reach the disused railway embankment. Do not climb the embankment but turn right along the edge of the field (FP11) and follow the path into Collier Spring Wood (FP10). The map shows the line of the public footpaths but the route on the ground bears right and emerges onto Wood Lane at the south-east corner of the wood.

Follow Wood Lane for a few metres then, just before Church Warsop Miners Welfare, turn right down Gypsy Lane (BW7), a bridleway that leads to Carter Lane. Turn right along Carter Lane for a few metres then cross the road and follow the bridleway (BW4) between fields back to Stonebridge.

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Just over a century ago this area of Warsop was farmland and extensive woodlands. Then came Warsop Main Colliery. The pit village of Warsop Vale was built and the tip eventually covered much of Minster Wood. Even twenty years ago this area was a scene of industrial activity around the pit yard and of destruction and desolation where the tip expanded northwards into the woodlands. Now the pit has gone, nature is reclaiming the pit yard, the tip has been sensitively remodelled and new habitats created.

This walk includes both of Warsop's Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), the Hills & Holes and Lord Stubbins Wood. The return through Collier Spring Wood provides a fascinating contrast in styles of woodland management.

This walk is about 6km and should take between 1 and 2 hours.

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