

Get Doncaster Walking

Cantley Park and Sandall Beat Walk

Distance	3.6 miles
Time (Approximately)	1.5 hours
Accessibility Information	<p>The walk is mostly on un-surfaced paths that are uneven in parts. It can be muddy even in summer. Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended all year round.</p> <p>There is a footbridge over the railway line in Sandall Beat Wood which has a substantial flight of steps up to the deck on both sides. The walk can be shortened at this point, to avoid the steps.</p>
Start Point	Cantley Park Pavilion
Grid Reference start point	SE61443
Car Parking facilities	At the pavilion or along the park avenue.
Walk Description	<p>Starting from the pavilion, turn left out of the car park and head down the tree lined avenue towards the allotments. At the allotments turn right and walk along the path until you reach the end plot, then turn left and take the path at the rear of the allotments and head into the wood.</p> <p>Cross the bridge and continue straight on, along the woodland path with the farmers' field on your right. Follow the path all the way round to the footbridge that goes over the railway line. Climb the steps and cross over the bridge.</p> <p>Once over the bridge continue along the path, passing in front of the Community Environment Centre. At the next cross roads turn right and head down the path towards the far end of the wood. Turn right at the 'T' junction at the end of the path and left at the next junction. Follow the path towards the stables. At the stables turn right and follow the path round the wood, through the fenland area and alongside the railway line, back towards the footbridge.</p> <p>Cross the footbridge once again and when you reach the bottom of the steps double back and follow the path alongside the fence for a short distance. Bear left and take the path through the centre of the wood, with the ditch on the left hand side. At the end of the path turn right and follow the edge of the wood until you reach the footbridge and A-frame next to the railway line. Cross the bridge back into Cantley Park and the golf course.</p> <p>Once in the park bear right and follow the perimeter heading alongside the allotments and passing over Tee 5 of the golf course. At the play area head across the golf course and back towards the pavilion and the start point.</p>
Toilets	Yes, at the pavilion when it is open (seasonal). Call ahead on 01302 535794 to check. Also Sandall Beat Community Environment Centre
Bus Routes	Bus Route 57
Additional Information/Points of interest.	<p>1. Sandall Beat Wood is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, on account of its varied insect and plant life. Historically the entire site is the product of the afforestation of former heath and fenland, which was carried out during the early 1800s. A mixture of Larch, Oak, Ash, Birch, Sweet Chestnut, Scots pine, Lime and Elm were planted.</p> <p>The Wood supports a large number of species of breeding birds including Great-spotted Woodpecker, Spotted Flycatcher and Treecreeper. Insect records for the site are extensive, reflecting the diversity of plant species in the Wood.</p> <p>2. The Fen area - Reflecting the former history of the site, there is a relict area of fen where bulrush, Purple Small-reed and horned pondweed have been recorded.</p>

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Distance: 5.72KM (3.55 Miles)

Start/End Point:  Cantley Park Pavilion

Public Facilities:  Parking  Bus Stop



Toilet



Refreshments

Points of Special Interest:  See text for information

