

VILLAGE WALK 6

Castle Hill & Molly Carr Wood

From Rose & Crown car park, go right & right again along ridge behind pub and near end of large field turn right and walk down to Marsh Hall. Cross road and go over stile. Skirt around Black House, crossing drive and up gravel drive to main road. Cross, up & over stone steps and straight on towards Farnley Tyas, aiming for church tower, crossing a minor road on the way. Footpaths & stiles are evident all the way to the church. At road, cross, turn right then left after Golden Cock car park. Follow track down then round left hand bend. After a few yards take a right fork downhill towards Royd House Wood. Go through wood, cross a field then straight on through Molly Carr Wood crossing a stream. When out of wood, climb to top of first field and turn right below hedge and follow it round up to road. Cross a lane and climb up, up, up, crossing a track until the road up to Castle Hill is reached – follow it up to the summit!

From Victoria Tower, take the path on the NW side of the hill (with excellent views of Huddersfield) and follow it round clockwise bearing left and down a slope passing to your left a FP down steps to main road (A on map). Go downhill until a right fork onto a track then left and downhill keeping Mellor Wood to your left. Right at road, then soon left towards farm. Go round back of farm anti-clockwise and down to stream then up and right before wall. Soon take a right fork (B on map) and straight through Molly Carr wood, turning left at end of wood. Climb up until a fork left, then straight on until a track which takes you up and into Farnley Tyas again. Turn right, then left before church to follow track back, but this time after crossing road path splits after a couple of fields – bear right aiming for back of big house. Cross road (CARE!) and follow path across fields. Drop down to road, right then left down track by Heights Farm. Thurstonland is straight ahead.

