

The Parish of Barlborough

Barlborough's documented history goes back over a thousand years, the Rodes family having a strong influence over the Parish for three hundred years.

The village has developed around farming and mining, but has still retained its old charm with many fine buildings dating back to the 16th century. In 1969, the villagers began a battle to "keep Barlborough in Derbyshire" following a recommendation from Whitehall that it should be tied to Sheffield instead. On the 4th November 1971 Barlborough was placed in her ancient home (Derbyshire) thanks to a concerted campaign including national T. V. coverage.

This Leaflet

This leaflet guides you around the many interesting features that can be seen on route. It also tries to highlight for the walker the diversity of flora and fauna that can be seen.

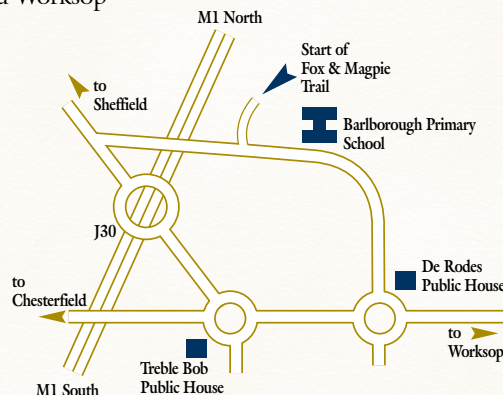
Blackbirds, blue tits, song thrush, mistle thrush and robins are to be seen on all sections of the walk, along with a wide range of small mammals including stoats, weasels and squirrels. Red admiral and tortoiseshell butterflies are abundant in the area and sometimes painted lady butterflies can be seen.

As the walker moves past dams, through quiet woodland and peaceful meadows, towards the bustle of the motorway, it is possible to identify many species of trees and flowers including white campion, lady's smock, foxgloves and poppies as well as the more common meadow flowers.

We have picked out for you some of the more interesting species of flora and fauna that have been spotted along the route and these have been marked on the map, indicating where they have been seen.

Barlborough

Barlborough is situated off Junction 30 of the M1. It is within easy travelling distance of Sheffield, Chesterfield and Worksop



Please respect ancient sites and buildings and follow the Country Code.

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take care on countryside roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.

The shorter route covering the village history, is approx. 2K (1.25 miles) and is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Public Transport

For full details contact Traveline Public Transport
Information on 0870 608 2 608 or www.traveline.org.uk

For more information on Barlborough visit
www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Distance: 4.9K
(approx. 3 Miles)

1st Barlborough Walk Fox & Magpie Heritage Trail



5. It's worth crossing the stile to have a look at Quarry Dam at this point. Our path however keeps to the right of the hedge and joins the farm track. You leave this and cross the stile on your left just as you get to High Wood.



D. Quarry Dam



4. The path follows the line of the hedge until you cross a stile in the corner. Once onto the Meadow look for the mound of the 'Old Fox and Magpie' mine on your right.



C. 'Fox & Magpie' Mine

3. The path joins a good farm track here. You follow it to the right.

2. Skirt the field and follow the line of vegetation.



7. Cross the stile and turn right.

6. Cross the ditch and turn right along the field boundary.

M1 North

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8. At the waymarked post turn right.

Hawkes Wood

North Pond

Cattle Grid

Barlborough Hall

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The Laurels

Ruthyn Avenue

High Street

M1 South

Staveley (Chesterfield)

Clowne

Playing Fields

School

Walk Directions:

1. From the school walk along Ruthyn Avenue. Turn right (opposite the end of California Lane) onto the footpath which drifts through the Laurels.



F. Footbridge over M1



G. Barlborough Hall



H. Ward Lane



B. The Royal Oak Public House



A The School

The school was built by the Rodes family in 1870 and is still in use as a Primary School.

B The Royal Oak

This pub once had a landlord called Mr. Bower (Cocky) who invented the Bower Wheel, a device attached to tractors to assist when driving over soft or muddy ground.

C "Fox & Magpie" Mine

In 1895 the Parkhall Colliery Company of Spinkhill leased land from the Poles of Park Hall and the Rodes of Barlborough Hall. A drift was driven to the High Hazel seam near High Wood. The coal was transported by a tramway and stockpiled near Spinkhill, where it was sold for industrial and domestic use. At one time a dozen or so such pits were in operation, helping to swell the local population to around 2,000 by the year 1901. The mine closed in 1908. The only visible remains of the mine is a grassy mound on the right as you approach Quarry Dam.

D Quarry Dam

This quarry was owned by the Pole Family who turned it into a series of three dams to provide a head of water to power a mill. Two of the dams were lost when a local railway was built. It is well worth a short diversion to see the dam.

E High Wood

This unspoilt gem of ancient woodland produces a breath-taking carpet of bluebells in Spring. This is a beautiful section of the walk whatever the season.

F M1 Motorway

This major development was completed in 1967. Junction 30 falls within the Parish boundary.

G Barlborough Hall

Built in 1584 for the Rodes family (who never lived there). It passed through several owners eventually being sold to the Jesuits in 1938. The Army used the Hall during the Second World War after which it was returned to the Jesuits. It is now a private School, where it is said The Grey Lady walks the corridors.

H Ward Lane

Named after a farmer called Mr. Temprell-Ward. There is a magnificent view across the Rother Valley and the Pennine Range to the West. It is easy to visualise why Barlborough was once a fortified emplacement.

