



SUGGESTIONS FOR WALKS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SHEFFIELD AREA

For those of you wishing to make a full weekend of the conference here are some suggestions for visits and walks in our local area.

We have put together a variety of possibilities showcasing our industrial heritage, our local stately homes and opportunities to explore the city and nearby Peak District.

City Centre maps, signing up sheets and additional information will be available at the NWR stall in the Crowne Plaza foyer.

This will be National Heritage Weekend and additional buildings in and around South Yorkshire should be open. The relevant information has not been released at the time of writing but it should be available by August 2024 from <http://www.sheffieldhods.com>

WALKS

There is a mixture of guided, self-guided and independent walks listed below. The whole area abounds with footpaths both within the city and beyond into South Yorkshire and the Peak District. The OS Explorer maps OL1 and OL24 or the relevant app will help you plan your own walk. Someone at the NWR stall will be able to offer further help as needed.

1. Sheffield and Tinsley Canal Self-Guided Walk

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/walking/canal-and-river-walks-near-me/sheffield-canal-walk>

This 4.4 km (or 2.75miles) walk along the canal towpath takes you back to 19th Century Sheffield when the area was a hive of activity, workshops, early steel mills, narrow boats, and quaint canal bridges. Recently several contemporary art works have been installed along the walk reflecting the industrial past. You start from the canal wharf close to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and end at the Tinsley Marina. Here you can cross the canal on Lock House Walk and get the tram back to the centre of Sheffield. The excellent website has full details.

2. Sheffield Botanical Gardens, Thompson Road Entrance S11 8RB

<http://sbq.org.uk>

Wander at will in our Botanical Gardens and pause for lunch or coffee at Joni's at the top of the gardens. Joni's is at [www.http://myjoni.co.uk](http://myjoni.co.uk)

Over 150 years old, the Sheffield Botanical Gardens has 18 gardens within the one garden, there are gardens on different themes – the Mediterranean, Himalayan, Evolutionary, Prairie – the 19thC Pavilion glass house with exotic plants, the Bear Pit where bear fighting took place in the distant past and very accessible tarmac foot paths. Entrance is **FREE** and the gardens open at 10.00am on Sundays. On street parking on Thompson Road is free on Sundays or catch the 88, 81, or 82 bus to Ecclesall, Dore or Millhouses from bus stop CS123 on Arundel Gate just past the main Sheffield Hallam building, it's less than 2 miles from the city centre. Ask for the Thompson Road stop which is adjacent to a large Tesco set back from the road.

3. Sheffield Botanical Gardens GUIDED WALK, Thompson Road Entrance S11 8RB

On Sunday September 15th we have arranged for a guided walk with one of the very knowledgeable Friends of the Botanical Gardens for a group of 20. The tour will take you around the gardens and you will hear about its history, links with the 19th C landscape gardener Robert Marnock and see many of the unusual plants and trees we have in the gardens. **Please sign up at the NWR stand on Saturday**, the cost is £5 (cash) per head. Please meet at the electronic donation board about 200 yards up the main path from the Thompson Road entrance. Travel arrangements are the same as in No. 2 above.

4. Walk to Shepherd's Wheel through Endcliffe Park

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/shepherd-wheel-workshop/>

Starting from Hunter's Bar you can stroll through Endcliffe Park, passing first the lovely café and then two ponds which once supplied water power to the water wheels operating small workshops, cross the Rustlings Road and enter Bingham Park. 200 yards from here is Shepherd Wheel. It's a gem, a fully operational water wheel which first turned in the late 16thC. The adjoining knife grinders' workshop is atmospheric, see all the grinding wheels, the old tools and hear stories of the olden days when a grinder's life expectancy was no more than 35 years. The site is open from 11.00am to 3.00pm on Sundays. Return the same way making the round walk about 2.5 miles. Finger posts guide you along the way, or if you are feeling brave wander further up the valley and discover more of Sheffield's industrial past.

You can pay to park on a minor lane, a right turn at a road junction immediately after the Hallamshire Tennis and Squash Club, S11 8TA. Or travel by No 81, 82, or 88 bus going in the direction of Ecclesall, Millhouses or Dore from Arundel Gate, stop CS123. It is

immediately after the main Sheffield Hallam University building, alight at the Hunters Bar roundabout, roughly 2 miles from the city centre.

5. Guided City Centre Walk

Come and join a free guided walk around some of the iconic buildings in the city. This will take you to the two cathedrals, the millennium development housing the Winter Gardens and the Millennium Gallery and some of the interesting 19th C buildings in our city centre. The walk will be led by a member of the Sheffield Fulwood NWR Group and will start from **Tudor Square** (home to the Crucible Theatre of Snooker fame and the beautiful Lyceum Theatre) at **10.30am**, lasting approx. 2 hours. Maps of the city centre will be available from the NWR foyer stalls on Saturday. If you would like to join the walk, **please sign up at the NWR stand** in the foyer of the Crowne Plaza.

6. Walk at the edge of the Peak District at Longshaw, S11 7TZ

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors>

About a 5-mile drive from the city centre out to the western edge of the city, Longshaw is a huge estate now run by the National Trust. Some of the estate is open heather moorland stretching up to craggy gritstone edges, other areas are softer woodland with tumbling streams. For the main car park follow the postcode given, its free parking for NT members, the walks are colour coded, information and maps are available from the information centre below the car park. You can walk any distance from a couple of miles to 10 or more. The spacious newly built café provides ample seating and offers snacks, and lunches. The leaflet below describes three of the walks.



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PLACES OF INTEREST IN SHEFFIELD

All museums and galleries listed have free entrance.

1. Weston Park Museum, Weston Bank, S10 2TP

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/weston-park-museum/>

The museum houses several collections relating to the local area. Displays are always changing so check the website for up-to-date information. Open from 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sundays, free admission, and a lovely café in the entrance hall. Weston Park is alongside with flower beds, lawns, and a large pond. Well worth a visit. The 52 bus towards Crookes runs frequently from the City centre, catch it opposite the Cathedral, bus

stop HS4 and alight at the Childrens Hospital, about 1 mile from the Cathedral. Cross the road and it is opposite you. There is very little car parking around here.

2. Millennium Art Gallery, Arundel Gate, Sheffield S1 2PP

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/millennium-gallery/>

This modern art gallery showcases both British and international art, check out the latest exhibitions on the website. It is in the city centre, a short walk from the Crowne Plaza. It also houses a Ruskin collection as John Ruskin lived in Sheffield for a number of years, this is a permanent exhibition of some of his works. Open on Sunday from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Our second city centre art gallery, the Graves Gallery, is closed on Sundays.

Adjacent to the Millennium Gallery is the Winter Gardens, now about 20 years old. It is full of well-established exotic and interesting plants plus small specialist shops and cafes. A relaxing stroll around is well worth the time.

3. Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, S3 8RY

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/kelham-island-museum>

Interested in Sheffield's age of heavy engineering? Then this is for you. A fascinating museum tracing the 18th, 19th and 20th C history of steel making, engineering and cutlery production in the city. The massive steam powered River Don engine operates twice a day. It's about half a mile walk along the River Don, accessed from just below the elevated road to the Crowne Plaza, walk upstream – signposted along the way. The area has recently been completely transformed and now houses lively pubs, cafes, and restaurants.

4. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, Abbeydale Road South, S7 2QW

<https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/abbeydale-industrial-hamlet>

Step back into the 17th and 18th C and visit this industrial museum. The water powered tilt hammers worked until the mid 20thC and you can see the old crucible method of steel making. The workshops and workers' houses are furnished as they were in the late 18thC. It's a unique piece of industrial history. There is some on street parking, and the centre is served by the frequent 97 and 98 buses towards Totley. Catch the bus in the city on Arundel Gate at bus stop AG124 and ask for the Hamlet. Approx. 3 miles from the city centre. You will need to check opening times with the website.