



15 INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

FEATURES OF INTEREST POINT 1

SUGAR MILL PONDS
Take time to look at the various notice boards around the site. The HERITAGE BOARD will help you to understand the history of this beautiful nature reserve.

POINT 1-2
As you walk along the canal bank look away to your half-right towards the distant trees and to Rawcliffe & Thorne Moors.



POINT 2
As you climb on to the road, look to your right towards the river bridge. The River Don or the 'Dutch River' was diverted to come this way in 1635, so called because the man who built it was Dutchman Cornelius Vermuyden.

POINT 2-3
Just before you turn right, look straight ahead on Bridge Lane. The Victorian school (1877) and Wesleyan Chapel (1906) are situated just a short walk along on the right hand side.

CRODA INTERNATIONAL
This is where the Croda company was born in 1925. The company eventually expanded to become Croda International plc, with a working staff of about 3,400 spread around the world covering at least 34 countries (2012). Their Head Office is at Cowick Hall. See the HERITAGE BOARD at Sugar Mill Ponds for more information.

POINT 3
CEPA (2016)
This site has had a long association with the paper making industry, going way back to 1889. The chequered history of the site is covered on the HERITAGE BOARD.

POINT 4 - 5
In September 1975, peace came to Rawcliffe, East Cowick & Snaith with the opening of an eight and a half mile stretch of the M62 motorway, relieving the villages of heavy traffic.

POINT 8-9
THE LOCAL RAILWAY
The line was officially opened on 29th March 1848. It's story is on the HERITAGE BOARD at Sugar Mill Ponds.


POINT 9
THE RAILWAY STATION
Situated just a short walk to your left.

WALK DETAILS

5.25m/8.45km
Shorter Route 4.25m/6.8km
Both distances include the paths round the ponds.

GRADE: Easy
With gates and steps.

SUMMARY

This walk through the villages of Rawcliffe and Rawcliffe Bridge explores the industrial heritage of the area whilst enjoying views of Rawcliffe & Thorne Moors and Sugar Mill Ponds Nature Reserve. The Sugar Mill Ponds site is fully accessible to wheelchairs. 

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus: Service 88 From Goole and Thorne.

PARKING

Free parking at Sugar Mill Ponds Car Park (sign-posted from the road).
Map Reference: SE 694211
Post code: DN14 8NT

MAPS

OS Explorer 291
OS Landranger 105

REFRESHMENTS

Local pubs and shop in village.
Picnic area at Sugar Mill Ponds.

NO PUBLIC TOILETS

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Walk 15: Industrial Heritage

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There are footpaths around both ponds and a picnic area (Suitable for Wheelchairs).

- 1** From car park, walk down the track running between the two ponds to the canal Turn left on canal bank.
- 2** At the bridge, climb steps, cross road, turn left and then right on Paper Mill Road.
- 3** At road end, go straight on track and over railway line.
- 4** Turn left on to tarmac road.
- 5** Turn right on main road and left on Ridding Lane.
- 6** When roadway ends, follow track on right side of children's playground Pass a small bridge, then turn left on farm track alongside dyke.
- 7** At the end of farm track, turn right, walk on the edge of field with dyke on your left. Turn left over dyke bridge, follow path on edge of field.
- 8** Look for waymarker on your left and cross dyke bridge then turn left. Go over railway line and turn left on to road.
- 9** At main road turn right and walk back to Sugar Mill Ponds.

Shorter Route

- Turn left at No 5 and walk straight back to Sugar Mill Ponds.

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