

The five points of the Countryside Code are:

Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs

- Take maps/guidebooks.
- Be prepared for changes in weather.
- Check the weather so you know what to expect.
- Let someone know where you are going, how long you plan to be.
- Learn signs and symbols used in the countryside.

Leave gates and property as you find them

- Farmers may leave gates open to allow their animals to move - so leave an open gate open, and a closed gate closed.
- Contact the local authority if you see a sign which may be misleading or illegal (e.g. Private, no entry - on a public footpath).
- Follow paths where crops are growing.
- Use gates or stiles if possible, rather than climbing walls or fences, to avoid damage.
- Don't disturb ruins or historic sites.
- Don't interfere with machinery or livestock.

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

- Litter and leftover food spoils the beauty of the countryside.
- Don't damage or destroy features such as rocks, plants and trees.
- Give wild animals and farm animals plenty of space as they can behave unpredictably.
- Be careful not to drop matches or smouldering cigarettes.

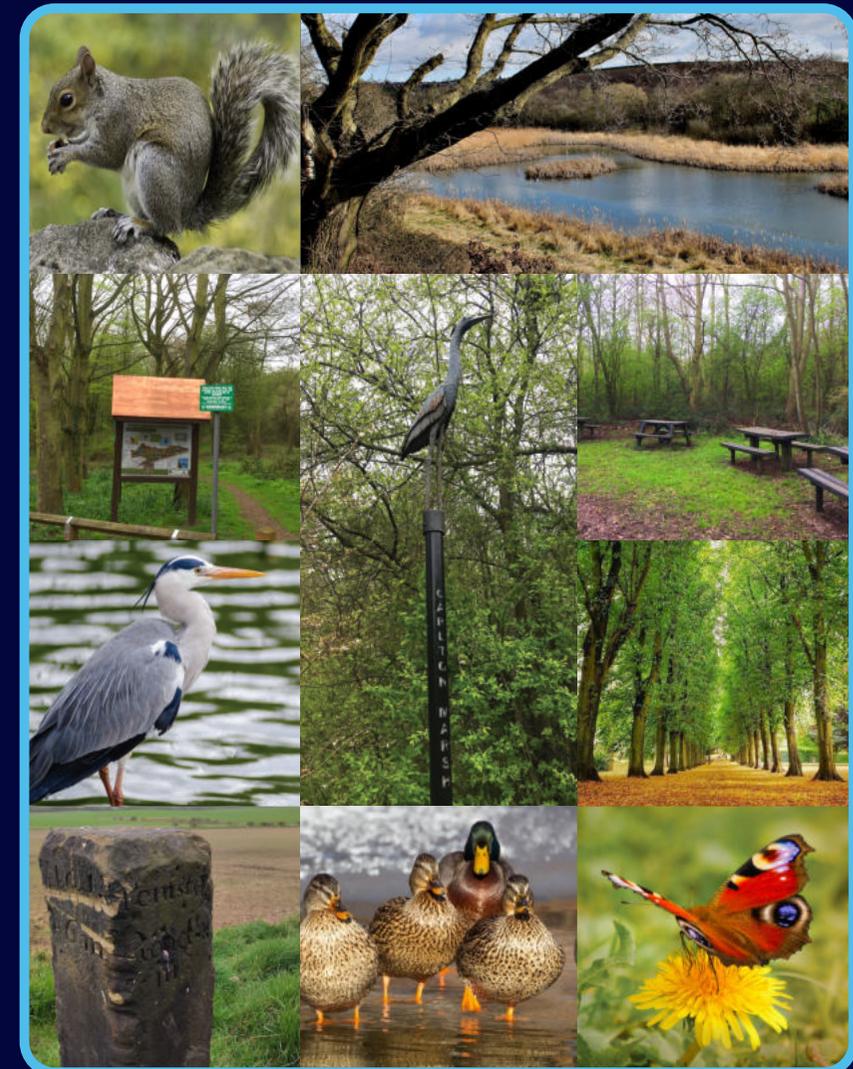
Keep dogs under close control

- By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife.
- Farmers are, by law, entitled to destroy a dog that injures worries their animals.
- Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly.

Consider other people

- Respect the needs of local people.
- When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down for horses, walkers and livestock and give them plenty of room.
- By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Support the rural economy - for example, buy your supplies from local shops.

CUDWORTH COMMUNITY WALKING MAP



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STEP BY STEP ROUTE

Follow the steps below to explore Cudworth's high street, Carlton Marsh nature reserve and Cudworth park. A circular walking route of approximately 3.5 miles with a mixture of different public footpaths which may not be suitable for all participants.

- 1 The centre of Cudworth village is an ideal place to start your circular walk. Ensure that you have all you need before you set off by visiting the local shops and businesses up and down the high street. Once you are all set, head up the hill with Co-op supermarket on your right. You will walk for approximately 6-8 minutes before arriving at a left turn down Sidcop Road.
- 2 Turning left down Sidcop Road follow the pavement and carry straight on. As you approach the rear of Cherrydale Primary School walk down pathway (known locally as 'the flagged path') towards the by-pass subway.
- 3 Walk under the Cudworth bypass and follow the footpath immediately in front of you as it descends between two hedgerows. Continue through the metal swing gate and walk straight ahead keeping the fence on your right hand side.
- 4 As you approach the corner of the field go right through the swing gate and follow the footpath that dissects the field. You will see the redbrick terrace houses directly in front of you.
- 5 At the end of this path turn immediately left into the entrance to Carlton Marsh Nature Reserve. Follow the main path towards the picnic area that runs alongside the nature ponds and continue over the small bridge.
- 6 Go up the steps and turn left, looking out for the large heron sculpture. The path in front of you will take you along the elevated section of the reserve with the ponds down on your left. Use the benches and observation points to look out and listen for the wildlife on the reverse of your map.



For sections 7 - 8 please see the panel to the left and for sections 9 - 12 please turn over.

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- 7 Follow the path and to your left you'll be able to view Carlton Marsh a wetland nature lover's delight and a core wildlife site of the Dearne Valley, Carlton Marsh hugs the Cudworth Dyke and is best viewed from the footpath on the old railway line running the length of the site. There is a small picnic area and wildlife viewing ponds plus a glorious mix of reedbed, marsh, meadows and wet-woodland which makes Carlton Marsh a great place to relax. Carlton Marsh benefited from major habitat improvements in 2015 and there are well over 110 species of bird recorded annually at Carlton Marsh. **Please keep dogs on a lead at all times.**

- 8 As you pass the final pond section, take the path to your left that runs diagonally down through the trees and then turn left at the bottom. Follow the path for several minutes, walk over the small footbridge, and carry on up the path back towards the bypass. **For sections 9 - 12 please turn over.**



- 9 If you look to your right as you head down the path you'll see the Freestanding Chimney at Bleachcroft Farm. This structure dates back to 1854 and was built by the Barnsley manufacturer Henry Jackson for use in the linen trade. It is the most impressive remnant of the Midland Bleach Works that once stood on this site and is now a Listed Grade II building.
- 10 Look out for the 18th century milestone on your left side as you approach the bypass subway in front of you. Dating back to 1738 the true position of the milestone has been lost to history as it's been moved around the area a few times. A fun fact is the distance is in "Yorkshire Miles" which differs from the miles we now use. The milestone shows the distance to Wakefield and Penistone and though worn, the writing is still visible hundreds of years later.



- 11 Pass under the bypass once again and turn immediately right to follow the path towards the rear entrance to Cudworth park. Enjoy the sights, sounds, swings, and slides before returning back to the centre of Cudworth for some well earned refreshments in one of our many cafes, food outlets and public houses.

Cudworth Wildlife - Birds

- 1 **Mute Swan** – One our most popular and iconic birds that are present at Carlton Marsh for much of the year. Look out for the cygnets during late spring and summer.
 - 2 **Canada Goose** – Another common bird that you are likely to see that is easily identifiable by its black head and neck with white under its chin.
 - 3 **Greylag Goose** – Easily identifiable as a result of its cream/brown body, orange beak, and orange legs.
 - 4 **Tufted Duck** – So called due to the distinctive 'tuft' at the back of its head. The male has a black head, blue bill, and a large white section on its flank. Also look out for the piercing yellow eye. The female is mainly black and brown with the same distinctive blue bill.
 - 5 **Green Woodpecker** – Slightly more difficult to spot but will often been seen on the ground or flying into a tree. Look out for its distinctive green body and the red on the top of its head. Alternatively listen for its loud, laugh-like call.
 - 6 **Little Egret** – Another relatively rare visitor to Carlton Marsh and a bird that was hardly present in Britain at all 30 years ago. A white, heron-like bird, with a long black bill and long black legs.
 - 7 **Reed Bunting** – A smaller bird that is often seen flying between the reed beds at Carlton Marsh. The male is identifiable as a result of its black head and white 'collar' and drooping moustache.
- Tick the circle next to the photo as you find each bird.