Starting at the Old Town Hall in Stocksbridge, head down Manchester Road towards Deepcar. Take the Public Footpath on the left by Methodist Church. Cross over the rail tracks and head into the wood, where path forks, take a right.

Head up through the meadow to Ellen Cliff House. Turn right onto the track and follow the Steel Valley Walk through Ellen Cliff Wood on to Wortley Road, Deepcar.

Ellen Cliff House is one of the first and oldest farms on this side of the valley. In Ellen Cliff Wood, look for mature oak, beech and sycamore trees and watch out for the impressive display of bluebells on the western side of the woods in spring.

At Wortley Road turn right to Manchester Road. Turn left to Carr Road. Go up the steep hill. Take the right onto Hollin Busk Lane. Take the left onto Coal Pit Lane.

Just before reaching the junction of Spink Hall/Coal Pit Lane, take the Public Footpath on the right. Follow the path past Park Steels Football Club, past allotments, along Stanley Road to the end, cross over Victoria Road.

Continue down the Public Footpath to the left of Brook Croft. Take second path on right opposite Public Footpath sign. Follow the path through wood, over the bridge, up steps to cemetery. In cemetery, head left to the clock tower. Take a left onto Manchester Road.

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Route Directions continued...

5. Once on Manchester Road head past the Old Town Hall and take the next right down Hunshelf Road, follow it past the Steel Works offices.

6. Samuel Fox arrived in Stocksbridge in 1842, starting a wire drawing works in a disused mill. The Paragon Umbrella made Sam his fortune and was the first modern umbrella. This paid for the development of other products and processes including steel for the railways. Stocksbridge grew as people moved here for work at the steel works and other industries. At the start of the 21st Century, the Corus Steel Works produces high quality steel for the aerospace industry in a town of 14,000.

7. Take the first left by Lunchbox sandwich shop, continuing along Hunshelf Road. Take the Public Footpath on right, up the steps. Take a right onto the road then take the first left with Public Footpath sign and up steps to enter The Steel Valley Walk.

8. The Steel Valley Walk was officially opened in 1990 and was part of the original Steel Valley Project which has won a number of environmental awards. In the summer, look out for delicious cherries and other fruit trees, planted along the route.

9. At entrance to the Steel Valley Walk there is a fork in the path. Take a left along the lower path. Alternatively for views over the town, take the path on the right, up the steps, and to the left to rejoin lower path. At the junction take the path on the right and follow the lower path towards Pea Royd Lane.

10. Pea Royd Hill was once a stone quarry; it now provides a picnic spot and viewpoint of a fantastic panorama over the valley.

11. Head across the moor keeping the dry stone wall on your left. Just before reaching the stile and the field, take a right to follow the field boundary on your left. Find the Public Footpath and take a right onto Peg Folly Lane. Take the first left onto Long Lane.

12. Head down Long Lane. Just after The Poplars, take a left down New Hall Lane. Take the Public Footpath on the right, head down this surfaced track past Greave House Farm. Take the Public Footpath on the left. Enter Oxley Park and head down the footpath on the tarmac path. Take a left and continue on the tarmac path through the woods out onto Ridal Avenue.

13. Thomas Oxley owned a large fruit farm and produced tasty jam. It became known as Oxley Park when Thomas donated the land to the people of Stocksbridge.

14. Turn right along Ridal Avenue, at junction cross over to Smith Road. Go to Coronation Road, turn right onto Public Footpath, (Viola Bank) Walk up tarmac path and turn left onto Alpine Road, past Pothouse Wood. Continue to Linden Crescent. At end of Linden Crescent, turn left and then right onto Shay Rd. At the end of Shay Road, turn right and take an immediate left onto Public Footpath. Turn left along Stanley Road to its end. Cross over Victoria Road and follow direction 5 to head back to Manchester Road.

15. Take a left onto Underbank Lane, cross over Manchester Road, and look out for the tarmac path on the verge of the road. Follow the Public Footpath sign on left along the disused tarmac road towards Underbank Reservoir.

16. Take a left path by Yorkshire Water signs, over the dam of the reservoir. Follow this path over the bridge and around the reservoir edge towards Underbank Outdoors Activity Centre.

17. At Underbank Outdoors Activity Centre follow the path to the road. Take the first left onto Oaks Lane. Continue along this road and take the Public Footpath track on the right up to Wind Hill Farm.

18. Stone to Steel is a project celebrating 10,000 years of human history in the Upper Don Valley. It is a partnership between the Steel Valley Project, South Yorkshire Forest Partnership and Sheffield City Council that covers an area of approximately ten square miles around Stocksbridge. It encompasses the towns and villages of Stocksbridge, Midhopstones, Wharncliffe Side, Oughtibridge, Bolsterstone, Deepcar and Grenoside. Stone to Steel is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For more information and to find out about volunteering please visit our website at: www.stonetosteel.org.uk or email us at: info@steelvalleyproject.org.uk Alternatively write to us at: Steel Valley Project, The ARC, Manchester Road, Stocksbridge, S36 2DT

Stone to Steel Area Map

Town Heritage Trail

Investigate how communities were shaped by people and industry using footpaths and roads

Distance: about 15½ km / 9½ miles

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