

Directions; From Post Office, head towards George Lane and turn right. Head E on George Lane, over Gill Bridge then turn left up Smawell Lane. Just before joining Chevet Lane turn L into car park, down slope to old railway and sharp R to pass under bridge. Follow course of old railway E then under another bridge and curving S, eventually parallel to a live track, until just before a 3-span bridge take steps R up bank to Navy Lane. Cross road with care to follow Trans Pennine trail south (signed Royston/Carlton) then curve R at side of wood and over old bridge: immediately after crossing bridge, turn sharp right to follow old railway heading SW for 1km until you meet the Royston road at the site of an old railway bridge. Cross road with care, ignore steps in front of you, looking right to take path at FP heading W on the north side of the railway embankment, then NE over little bridge along Green Lane. Join Applehaigh Lane and turn L past houses on L with stream on R, over stile and into Applehaigh Clough. At wooden bridge cross R to N side of stream then W again and in 100yds turn R up bank towards a field. Head N along edge of field for 100 yds then left across field. At this point follow path NW through 1 stile then down to farm, through gate and yard up to George Lane. Turn R to return to village

Historical Notes: Smawell Lane is an ancient track: it was also known as Small Well Lane and Halfpenny Lane.

The buildings to the north of the line as you pass under Chevet Lane were part of No 5 pit sunk in 1928 to improve access for men and materials to Monkton Colliery. No 5 closed in the late 1960s, was then used as a joinery works and is now a private house and a yard for earthmoving plant. The disused railway line is now owned by the District Council and is a permissive path for walkers, horses and cycles. The railway was opened in 1905, by the Midland Railway Co, as part of their proposed London - Carlisle route, although the whole route was never completed. The line is the same one that passes over the huge blue brick viaducts over Denby Dale Road at Calder Grove and over the Huddersfield Road at Horbury Bridge. It closed in 1968.

After crossing Navy Lane, you are walking on one of the northern branches of the Trans Pennine Trail, opened in the late 1990s. You are following an old railway, part of the Barnsley Coal Railway, opened in 1882 and closed in 1961. There was a station at Old Royston, and another where you cross Bleakley Lane.

As you pass in front of the new houses in Applehaigh Clough you can just see the site of an old dam in the stream bed.

The sunken path north from the Clough is another medieval way.

N, E, S, W etc - compass directions. R, L - right, left. FP - footpath sign.

Circular Walks around Notton

Walk No. 2 4.1 miles

Navy Lane and Green Lane



