

Circular walk via Lower Sprout Lane & Jubilee Road

(2-2 ½ hours walk)

Pleasant walk via Gunns Mill, St Anthony's Well, skirting the tree line on the opposite side of the valley and then back across the fields home.

Information for dog owners: There are some loose dogs at a garage soon after St Anthony's Well who will come out and bark at you. Livestock in some of the fields. There are two stiles which you will need to lift a dog over. The footpath crosses someone's property, and sometimes there is a dog there, but has not been a problem for us.

From the car park go down the path past Wren and Robin Cottages. The path joins a more substantial track after a few minutes walking. Follow this path down to the road.

Turn left onto the road and then take the first right at Gunns Mill.

Continue up Lower Spout Lane past the Mill / Asha Centre on your right-hand side, and then a house also on the right. You will pass St Anthony's Well on your left-hand side (worth a walk up the hillside to see it if you have not done so before – see St Anthony's Well walk for further details).

Beyond St Anthony's Well there are a few buildings on the right where there are some loose dogs which may come out and bark – just to be aware. You will pass the industrial site with cranes (visible from our cottages) and Lower Spout Lane becomes a tarmacked Road – Jubilee Road. When you get to an old school building – now an education centre – turn right and follow the footpath across the field down to a farmhouse. There is a right of way though the farm gate skirting the farm buildings and past a holiday cottage. Just past this go through the pedestrian gate and steeply uphill following the hedge on your left in this field. At the end there is a gate to the road.

Cross the road and follow the footpath alongside the house and garden opposite. Then go over a stile and downhill steeply until you see a further stile on the right-hand side. Cross this stile and follow the stream on your left-hand side. At the telegraph pole, keep left and follow the track alongside the houses and gardens. Do not carry on to the road but turn left immediately in front of the cottages. Go over a stone bridge and bear right.

After about 50 yards turn right onto track. At junction with another track where there is a big garage, turn sharp left uphill.

50 yards further on, turn right opposite the telegraph pole onto a small, unmarked footpath angling towards the trees. Keep straight on along the hedge line, and do not turn off onto any other paths until you get back to Dean Cottages.