



**12.** Turn right onto Moor Edge Road.  
*(SD 98821 03162)* Follow the track along the hillside and take the left path past Top o' th' Green cottage. *(SD 98629 02437)* Bear left at next junction then the right fork downwards to cross Micklehurst Brook.  
*(SD 98870 02243)*

**13.** When you reach Castle Farm, cross the wide quarry road rising to the left. Turn to the right and go through the stile on the left, heading straight across the muddy field to the far left hand corner and another stile.  
*(SD 98927 01324)* Go forward on a narrow path. Pass behind Carr Cottage and reach the top end of its access lane.

**14.** Turn left through the oak woodland, following the Tameside Trail signs.

**15.** Descend to a wide track,  
*(SD 99336 01111)* turn right through a gate and stile then follow the track and go through a gap in the wall. *(SD 99158 01065)* Cross Cowbury Green to the top of Carrbrook Village.

**16.** Cross the road and go down past the terraced houses, Long Row, back to Castle Clough car park.



### Sessile oak

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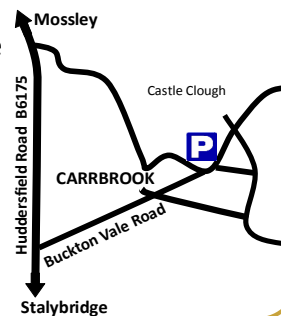
It includes plants, animals and the complex ecosystems of which they are part. Not only do they enrich our everyday lives, they produce the necessary ingredients for all life to exist.

One of the key Habitats in Tameside is **upland oak woodland**. Here we find the **Sessile oak**, so-named because its acorns are not carried on stalks but directly on the outer twigs. It is commonest in the north and west of Britain and home to a variety of lichens, mosses and ferns, making this habitat internationally important.

Have you seen any wildlife? Please send your records to [www.gmwildlife.org.uk](http://www.gmwildlife.org.uk)

### Castle Clough Car Park

Buckton Vale Road  
 Carrbrook  
 Stalybridge  
 SK15 3PJ



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## SCOUT AROUND THE EDGE

Carrbrook, Scout Green and Roaches circular



A 5.5 mile circular walk taking you through the varied landscapes of a cotton printing village, the canal and a Roman road.

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**Start:** Castle Clough Car Park, Stalybridge SK15 3PJ

**Grid ref:** *SD98829 01080*

1. Turn right out of the car park and at once right into the lane, passing a school on your left and through a stile by a gate.
2. Beyond the row of cottages, as the lane bends left, bear right along a wide track, (*SD 98467 01289*) descending between the banks to Huddersfield Road.
3. Cross over, but instead of going down Staley Road, keep slightly left, in front of Boundary Cottages and ahead along a path, passing a few lock-up garages, signed Miller Hey and Scout. (*SD 98153 01440*) Soon reach open ground (small valley to the left) and a cemetery wall.
4. Turn left, following the cemetery wall downhill. Pass the cottages of Miller Hey. Turn sharp left, (*SD 97750 01380*) through a stile by a gate and along a farm lane across a field, passing a group of sheds and allotments and curving up towards Kershaw Hey Farm.
5. Immediately before the building, double back sharp right downhill signed Scout. Pass the bank of a former railway line. (*SD 97515 01155*) Keep alongside the fence on the right, over a stile and down the steps to the path between the River Tame and Huddersfield Narrow Canal.
6. Before the lock on the canal, the river veers to the left. Take the path on the left up the grassy bank, entering the woods of the Scout Green area. (*SD 97507 01250*)



### Expanding the upland oak woodland



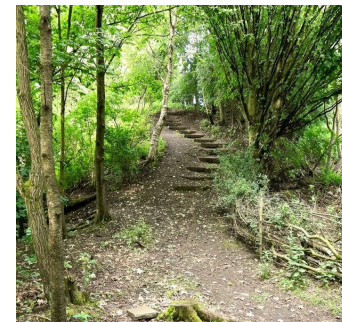
They may look pretty but these shrubs reduce biodiversity

Along the trail you will pass through several UK Priority Biodiversity Habitats.

Management aims to maintain some of this diversity, but in Carrbrook, with so much heath up on the moors, the area of the rarer, upland oak woodland is being allowed to expand.

One way of achieving this is by controlling and removing Rhododendron and planting native oaks.

Rhododendron is an invasive species introduced by the Victorians. It forms dense, impenetrable thickets which make it impossible for other plants to grow underneath.



7. Keeping the river on your left, cross the drive to a depot and up the steps beyond. In 30 yards as the grassy ride splits, take the left fork, descending to river level again. Keep to the riverside path passing a metal bridge, (*SD 97626 01523*) to a road (Egmont Street). Turn right.

8. Cross the canal and turn right at the side of the buildings down the track to the towpath and turn right. (*SD 97667 01786*) Stay on the towpath of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, crossing to the left bank at the mill, all the way to Roaches Lock. (*SD 97981 03070*) (20 minutes approx)

9. Cross the small footbridge by the lock gates and over a second footbridge across an overflow. Turn right and then left up through the woods to the Roaches bridleway.

10. Turn left (*SD 98134 03077*) and follow the bridleway to a junction of paths at the top of a slope, before the Royal George Hotel. Turn right onto Shadworth Close and Huddersfield Road. (*SD 98439 03560*)

11. Cross the road and up the steep Shadworth Lane. Stop for a rest at the top to take in the view.