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### **Brookside Walks The Beacon & Nature Walk 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles**

Overview	A circular walk through stather road & bridle path
Start	Brookside Country Park
Distance	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> miles

Leaving the entrance to the park turn right and head up Kings ferry wharf, originally a shipyard founded in 1788. A ferry used to operate from the Ferry House Inn across the river to Garthorpe in the Isle of Axholme, until the 30's. Turn right passed Villa Farm.

As you ascend the path take the right turn , the start of the nature trail, note the variety of trees- ask, hawthorn are dominant but blackthorn, elder, flowering cherry & dog rose can be found. Flowers include cranesbill, enchanter's nightshade, hypericum, rosebay, willow herb & wild strawberry.

The Armada Beacon stands at the hilltop commanding a fine view over the river Trent towards Yorkshire. In the distance three power stations can be seen- Ferrybridge, Eggborough & Drax.

Head south and turn left toward the church at the end of the road turn right note across the road on the corner stand the " Old House", a grade 11 listed building dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Continue up Stather Road bringing you full circle to the park entrance

