

## Foster Clough Delves, Mytholmroyd



STATUS: Local Geological Site

OTHER DESIGNATIONS:

COUNTY: West Yorkshire

DISTRICT: Calderdale

OS GRID REF. SE 022 271

OS 1:50,000 Landranger 104 Leeds and Bradford

OS 1:25,000 Explorer OL 21 South Pennines

BGS 1:50,000 Sheet 77 Huddersfield (Solid and Drift)

FIRST DESIGNATED by West Yorkshire RIGS Group in 2000

MOST RECENT SURVEY West Yorkshire Geology Trust in February 2009

DESIGNATION SHEET UPDATED August 2009

### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Exposures of Upper Carboniferous East Carlton Grit (Scotland Flags) are revealed in abandoned delph holes located on moorland overlooking the Calder Valley. The rock varies from well bedded sandstone to fissile siltstone. Only a few horizons display flaggy bedding with micaceous partings. The site contains much discarded material where ripple marks, trace fossils and examples of *Lepidodendron* bark can be seen.

### HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Of further interest is a prehistoric earth circle located adjacent to the site.

### EDUCATIONAL VALUE:

Not suitable for large parties because of rough terrain and disturbance to wildlife habitat.

### AESTHETIC CHARACTERISTICS:

Excellent views across the Calder Valley toward Cragg Vale and Stoodley Pike.

In common with other moorland sites above the Calder valley, Foster Clough Delves is favoured by wildlife including birds of prey, foxes, woodpeckers and hares.

### ACCESS AND SAFETY:

Access is via the Calderdale Way from Midgley or via a track from Foster Clough Bridge.