

Walk 2: Baildon Walkers are Welcome

## Grand Circuit of Baildon Moor and ShIPLEY Glen

6 miles (10km) Circular

172 metre ascent

Allow approx 3 hours for the full circuit



### The walk start point

A memorial which is known in Baildon as the Potted Meat Stick. It is in the centre of Baildon next to the roundabout. Grid reference SE155397.

### Walk Information

This is one of 4 walks planned by **Baildon Walkers are Welcome** - a local group linked to the national Walkers are Welcome and supported by Baildon Town Council. This is a walk of moderate difficulty with options to shorten

at two points and use buses to return to the village centre. The leg back to the village from the Glen is a little more demanding with rough sloping ground underfoot.

You will require strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season. There are refreshment opportunities on the route. One section of this route is suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with limited mobility. This is the track which sets off from the Baildon to Hawksworth Road car park – see text below. Look out for cafés and shops in Baildon showing Walkers are Welcome stickers for pre or post walk refreshments!



### Car Parking

Pay and Display car park next to the Potted Meat Stick.

### Public transport

Seven day regular bus service from Bradford through Shipley (625/626/656/658/659).

Less frequent 649 service from Shipley only.

For further travel information contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676 or visit: [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

The start of the walk is about 15/20 minutes' walk from Baildon railway station which is on the Wharfedale line between Bradford and Ilkley.

To reach the centre of Baildon from Baildon station, walk out up the slope to Station Road. Turn left and take 2nd right turn up Kirkfields. Ascend steadily, round sharp turn to left where the road becomes Holden Lane. Continue to mini-roundabout and turn left onto Hall Cliffe, which brings you to the centre of Baildon and the Potted Meat Stick.

### The Walk

From the Potted Meat Stick, head N up Northgate (following direction of green finger post sign for "Moor") across Hall Cliffe. Pass The Angel pub and turn right into The Courtyard and East Parade, continuing up to the end of this narrow cobbled street. Turn left on a short path and up steps to enter a cul de sac. Walk ahead to T-junction with a busier road (Jenny Lane). Turn right and cross Jenny Lane to the pavement on the opposite side, by a recreation ground. Turn left along a narrow road (with public footpath sign) between the recreation ground and a cricket ground. At the clubhouse go straight ahead on a tarmac path between two grassy sports pitches (wall on right and fence on left). Go down a few steps and follow path with wall now on left. Going through a gate, down short steps, continue ahead on track to join a tarmac road. Turn right and follow the road as it bends left past stables.

Continue ahead as it becomes a track rising gently (moor on left and gardens and fields on right). Views of Hawks worth to right over the fields.

Continue on track for approx. 500 meters to join a tarmac drive by The White House. Continue on the drive to the busy Baildon to Hawksworth road. Turn left up a narrow grassy path alongside the road and then, with great care, cross the road to a small parking area with public footpath sign and bear slightly right to walk across the flank of the moor on a clear path which has been improved for disability access. Stay on the main path, ignoring paths to left or right. At fork in path, bear right following the Millennium Way circular walk 16 route roundel sign. As you pass a cluster of larger trees and reach a junction just before a stone wall and gate into a scout and guide campsite (Sconce) – single story stone buildings can be seen through trees – take the left fork, to follow a gently rising track (stone wall on right and moorland on left). Skirt some cabins on your right and continue with wall on right and golf course on left.

After end of wall on right, continue on path running just below a golf course fairway to emerge across golf course greens (numbered 10). Cross ahead between the greens and within 100 meters, pick up a broad track which runs next to a stone wall on right. This track bears generally to right and then takes a sharper right-hand bend, down towards (but not through) a gate which would lead through to a horse training track (gallops). Just before reaching this gate, ignore a narrow left-hand path and take a track to the left away from the gate. Continue over the end of another golf course green (No.12) and ahead until the path joins a broad track. Turn right and walk up to another gate giving access the horse gallops. Immediately before the gate turn left onto a narrow path through long grass which hugs the stone wall on right – (do not follow the signpost direction for Millennium Way). Follow the narrow path to wooden stile in the field corner where there is a gap in the stone wall – resume following Millennium Way roundel. Cross the stile and follow an indistinct path through a field parallel to a fence on left. Ignore two gates in a corner of the field on left and follow the path round to right (as indicated on roundels) until reaching another wooden stile. Cross the stile and walk along path between fences to Golcar Farm. Joining a wide track at the farm, continue ahead to follow the Millennium Way sign, to approach the busy Baildon to Eldwick road. With care, cross the road, and go over a stile to join a footpath which goes round a barn and then follows alongside a beck to right of the path.

Follow this wooded path, alongside the beck, crossing a short wooden bridge, and on through a gated stile

with steps down. After steps, continue on the path to emerge from woods onto the heathland of Shipley Glen. Where the path crosses a broad track, go straight ahead, ignoring side paths, following Millennium Way and Bracken Hall signs to arrive alongside the road along the top of Shipley Glen. Bear right and follow any of the paths which traverse the level ground parallel to the road on left and Shipley Glen ravine on right. Pass Bracken Hall and continue to the Old Glen House. Refreshments available at the Old Glen House or the Tea Rooms next door. *(At this point 7 km have been walked. Option here to take the bus (656/658/659) from the bottom of Lucy Hall Drive back up to Baildon Towngate. See Metro website for timetable).*

Leaving the Old Glen House, turn right onto Prod Lane and walk down this Lane to the Shipley Glen Tramway. (At this point there is a second option to shorten the walk. On days the Tramway is open, ride down to the bottom and follow the tarmac path out to Coach Road, cross the road and turn left to reach the bus stop next to the playground for buses (625/626) to Baildon Towngate. See Metro website for timetable.)

Just before the Tramway entrance, follow a path which ascends diagonally left, with houses on left and woodland dropping down a steep slope on right. Continue ahead, passing a tarmac path joining from the left. The path eventually brings you to metal barriers with a track coming in from left. Pass through the barriers and descend the track ahead. After about 250 meters, just past a lamppost (no.4) and just before the track emerges from woodland, fork left onto a rough path which starts to ascend. Stick to the principal path over an open hillside in a generally E direction, with some short steep and rough sections needing care. Ignore side tracks and paths. Through trees, ascend to a rocky outcrop and continue into more woodland. Ignore a descending track to right and head on up through oak and silver birch woods to emerge onto an undercliff area with steep cliffs on left (with pitches marked for climbers) and seeing the Ferniehurst Estate down the hill to right.

Continue E across the undercliff area passing steps with a metal handrail up to left, and ignore paths descending to right. At old metal railings take the narrow path ascending the hill ahead and follow this path until it joins steps coming down the hillside. Turn left and ascend these steps to join the Bank Path – a tarmac path which follows the top of Baildon Bank. Turn right and follow this path to the junction road at Bank Walk next to Wrose View. Turn left up Bank Walk, bearing right where Bank Crest goes off to the left. Bear right down Westgate and cross to the Potted Meat Stick to finish the walk.

#### Footnote

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

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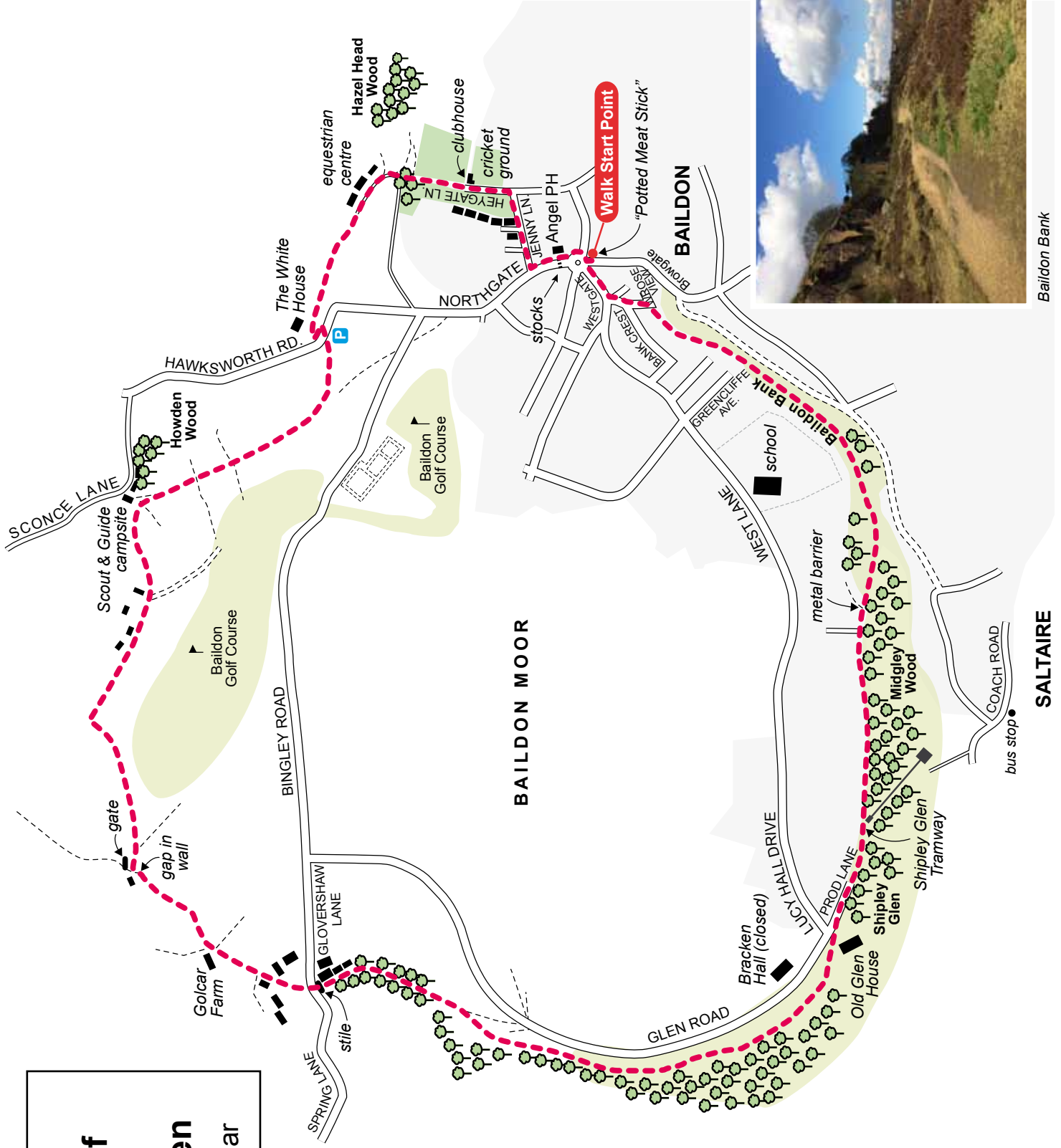
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


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	Route
	Footpaths



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