

Countryside & Rights of Way

Around Leeming and the Reservoir

1³/₄ mile (2.8km) circular walk

An ideal family walk in beautiful countryside on the fringe of the south Pennine Uplands, with extensive views of Leeming Reservoir and the surrounding area.

Although only 1³/₄ miles (2.8km) in length this walk involves a steep climb at the start and includes the occasional difficult obstacle. Therefore the walk is not suitable for the less mobile and children in prams or pushchairs. Strong waterproof footwear is advisable.

Walk start point

Oxenhope village post office, at the junction of Station Road and Yate Lane, Lowertown, Oxenhope.

Public Transport

Bus 663 from Keighley bus station via Crossroads and Haworth. For times call Metroline: 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

There are no public car parks; therefore parking is on street. Please park with care and consideration.

The Route

With your back to the post office turn left to walk a short distance up Station Road to take the second right turning along Jew Lane at the junction with Denholme Road.

Follow Jew Lane uphill to the next road junction at Back Leeming, here take the narrow road off to the right, indicated by the 'dead end' road sign and the Bronte Way marker. Follow the narrow surfaced road as it drops down past Holmfield House and Court on the right and a couple of cottages on the left, before bearing right across a bridge.

Continue following the now unsurfaced track as it changes to a paved path and starts its steep climb uphill, passing Egypt House on the left. Just beyond and to the rear of the building turn left over the stile in the dry stone wall. Follow the field path uphill between the wall and stock fence to the top of the reservoir embankment, which can be seen up ahead.

On reaching the top of the embankment cross the track and continue straight ahead, walking between the concrete gateposts, to follow the rough farm track across the field to its junction with two other tracks.

Here, take the track to the left which goes across a second field to the next gateway, go through the gateway and turn immediately left off the track to follow the field path along the fence/wall on the left. Follow the path over several stiles before eventually dropping down to

cross a footbridge. Once across the footbridge the path continues straight ahead up a slight incline, where after approx. 50yds (46m), it bears left towards the trees.

Walk beneath the trees and turn sharp left across the stone built bridge to follow the wide track straight ahead, initially between the dry stone walls. Where the walls finish continue across the field, where after a short distance you will find yourself walking once again between dry stone walls. At the head of the reservoir cross over Dol Bridge following the grassy track as it bears left and then right uphill to a stile.

Climb over the stile and up the narrow footpath, climbing over a second stile between the two houses out onto a driveway.

Turn left to walk in front of Sykes Barn Cottage following the driveway through a wide gate. Just beyond the gate at the bottom of the incline the driveway divides, bear left here and go through a kissing gate next to the field gate. Continue along the level path for a short distance before turning sharp right uphill along the side of a building and out onto the road (Denholme Road).

Turn right up the road for a short distance before taking the first left off the road up the narrow, rough stone set track (Bank). Continue uphill as it changes to a limestone track passing Tansy End Cottage on the right, to the stile in the dry stone wall to the right of the row of cottages up ahead.

Through the stile walk straight ahead across the field to a second stile, continue straight ahead keeping to the wall on your left and go through a third stile at the side of a field gate, where after only a short distance go through a small gate onto a surfaced road.

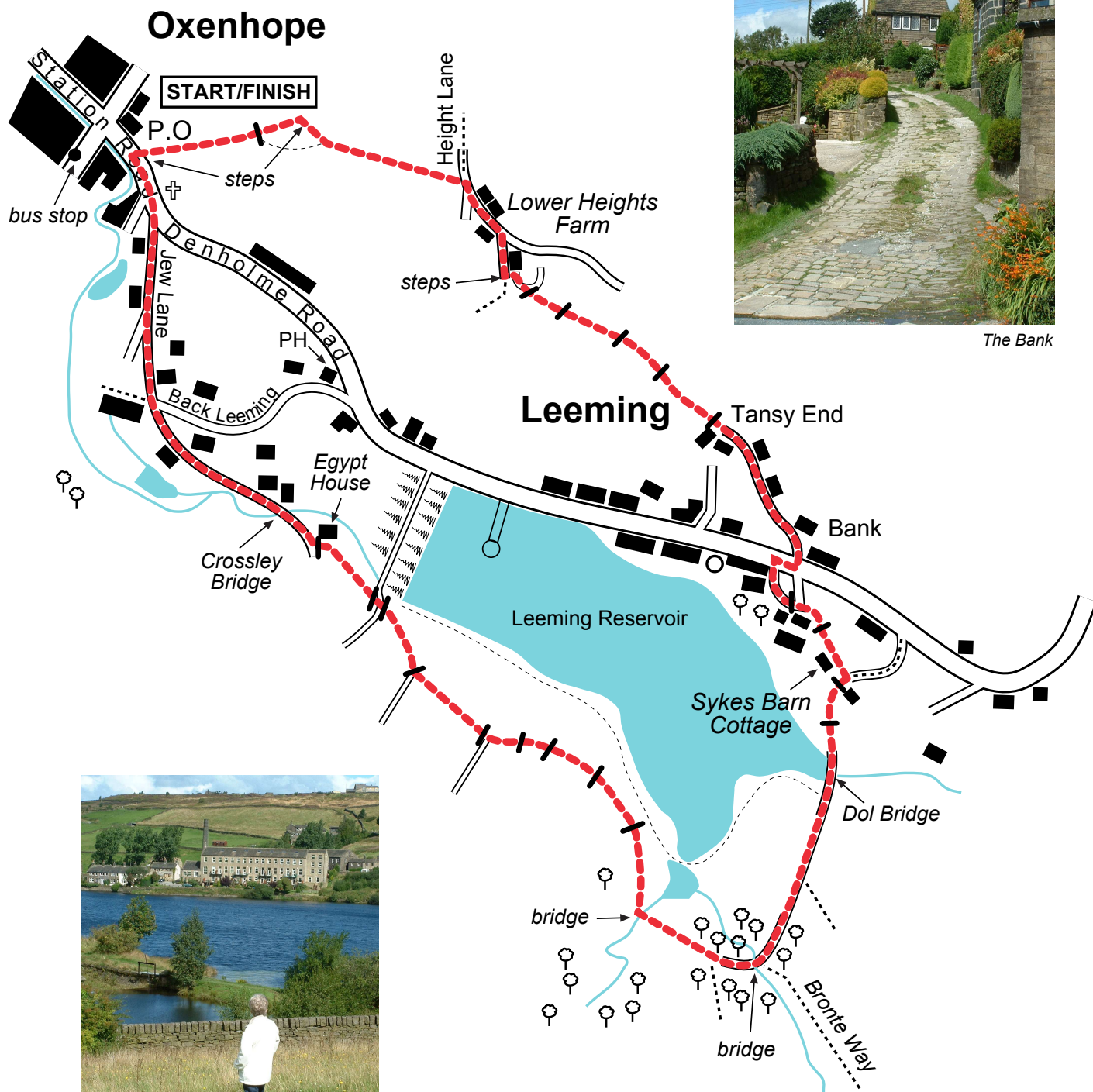
Walk straight ahead along the road as it drops down to a large parking area in front of a house, here the footpath goes down two short flights of steps from the left hand corner of the garden wall, down onto a grassy field track. Turn right up the track and through the gate onto a limestone road and walk between the houses to join a rough surfaced road.

Turn left down the road for approximately 100 yds (92m) to just beyond the junction with another track, which joins from the left. Here lookout for the footpath on the left as it leaves the rough road, going downhill steeply through the vegetation to a stile in the dry stone wall. Over the stile the footpath can now be clearly seen as it heads downhill towards Oxenhope. On nearing the bottom of the field the path divides, the right hand path is the actual right of way and involves ascending a flight of stone steps down the side of the wall on your right. The non-definitive path to the left is more of a gentle slope, but whichever one you choose to follow they both finish in the same place at a stile at the bottom of the field.

Go through the stile and follow the well defined path, which is paved in places and can be slippery, as it makes its way downhill back to Oxenhope post office via two short flights of well worn stone steps.

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Circular Walk - 13/4 miles (2.8km)



The Bank



Leeming Reservoir

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| | Other Paths |
| | Stile/Gate/Gap |
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