

Countryside & Rights of Way

Around Cullingworth

5¹/₄ miles (8.4km) Circular walk

Walk start point is Station Road Harecroft, off the B6144, between Wilsden and Cullingworth

Public Transport

A regular hourly bus service 727 operates Monday to Saturday from Keighley bus station via Morton, Bingley and Wilsden, there is no Sunday service. For further details contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

There is good on street parking along Station Road Harecroft. Please park with care and consideration.

Walk Information

This walk is suitable for most reasonably fit, occasional walkers, walking mainly across farmland and the occasional stretch of country lane and woodland. Finishing along the Great Northern Cycle Trail. There are a couple of inclines along the route but nothing too strenuous. You will require strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season. A packed lunch with a drink is also recommended.

This walk is not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and for people with limited mobility.

The Walk Route

Starting at the top of Station Road in the hamlet of Harecroft. Cross over the main road and turn right to walk in front of the Station Hotel public house. Continue a short distance before turning first left along Brown Lea Lane. Follow the lane as it changes from a surfaced road to a rough track all the way down to a right hand bend. Here continue round the bend for 150yds (136m) to a gateway, the path divides here, our route leaves the lane by bearing left down a grassy track where, after only a short distance bear right in front of the gateway, to continue down the grass track, following the dry stone wall on your right. After approximately 100yds (91m), turn right in front of a second gate to continue down the obvious track, now walking between the dry stone walls to eventually pass the buildings of New Laithe Farm on your right.

Continue downhill still following the track with the dry stone wall on your right, as it bears to the left downhill to eventually walk beneath the trees. Where the tree lined path ends climb the stile into a field and continue

straight ahead across the field to a second stile under the tall poplar trees, which can be seen ahead. Here climb the stile to rejoin the lane again walking beneath the trees. After a short distance climb a third stile over the dry stone wall out onto a farm track, to walk the short distance along the track to join the surfaced country lane (Dye House Lane).

Turn left uphill here and walk along Dye House Lane, passing a house on your right (Green Close) and the cottages at Dye House. Just beyond the cottages the surfaced lane becomes a rough grassed track. Follow the track for a further 150yds (136m) to climb a stile over the wall on the right hand side, once over the stile walk down the field keeping quite close to the wall on your right and climb a second stile into the next field. Continue by following the wall on your right until you've approached the houses ahead, here bear slightly to the left and then right down the gable end of the building at Pye Bank Farm and through a stile out onto the road at the Junction of Nab Lane and Tan House Lane. Cross Tan House Lane straight ahead and through the stile at the side of the field gate, to walk steeply downhill across the field bearing slightly to the right to a stile, which can be seen below.

Once over the stile continue straight ahead following the wall and fence on your right, heading for the buildings, which can be seen ahead. Approximately half way across the field at the junction of another path, which joins from the right, our route bears slightly to the left, continuing straight ahead towards the small buildings, to the left of the main buildings. To go through a gate out onto the road, Bents Lane. Cross over Bents Lane and go through the gate at the opposite side of the road, to walk straight ahead across a field keeping close to the wall on your right. Go through a second gate and continue straight ahead towards the trees, on nearing the bottom of the field look out for the stile hidden under the trees in the dry stone wall. Here go through the stile and turn immediately left to follow the path over a small stone bridge, walking along the top edge of the woodland and going under the electricity pylon.

Continue following the path along the top edge of the woodland, keeping close to the dry stone wall on your left, eventually reaching a stile in the wall. Go through the stile back into a field and follow the path, now walking with the dry stone wall on your right. Approximately half way across the field look out for a stile on your right, which leads back into the woodland. Here climb over into the woodland and follow the path straight ahead steeply downhill as it meanders through the trees, until you reach a junction with another path in the valley bottom. Turn right here, in front of the bungalow before turning sharp left and across a footbridge. Turn right

on the opposite side to follow the path as it bears left, up the steps into Goit Stock Caravan Park.

On reaching the surfaced road in the caravan park turn left and then immediately right between the Leylandi hedge, to follow the footpath as it bears right uphill to its junction with another path at the top of the incline, which joins from the left. Here turn left and go through the stile at the side of the gate into a field. Continue straight ahead across the field following the well-defined path as it passes the old mill chimney eventually bearing to your right in front of the trees, to another field gate and stile. Climb the stile and turn right to follow the dry stone wall on your right to go up a slight incline which will lead you to a stile hidden in the wall corner on your right.

Climb the stile into the field and continue straight ahead now with the wall/fence on your left. At the far end of the field look out for the stile in the dry stone wall/fence on the left and go through. Turn right here, to again follow the dry stone wall on your right, walking beneath the trees eventually reaching a broken down wall and a gate. Climb down the remains of the wall and continue straight ahead still following the dry stone wall on your right. At the far end of the field climb the stile in the top right hand corner and cross a small footbridge to again follow the path and fence along the top edge of the field, to climb another stile out onto the main Bingley Road. Cross over the road bearing slightly to the left before turning right up Hunters Green opposite, continue up the surfaced road to walk between the houses to a field gate by the parking area at the very top.

Go through the gate to walk up the well-defined wide track between the hedge and the fence to a second gate. Climb the stile on the left here and walk across the field, bearing slightly to your right to a gap in the stone wall ahead. Through the gap continue straight ahead following the wall on your right as it bears left to a second gap. Go through the gap and follow the wall, now on your left, across the field to climb the stile at the side of another field gate out onto the main Keighley Road. Cross Keighley Road bearing to your left to go through the stile on the opposite side. Once in the field bear left again across to another stile under the trees. Once over the stile follow the footpath walking downhill under the trees and between the fence line to eventually climb another stile in the valley bottom which leads out onto a narrow surfaced road. Turn right here, along the road for a short distance before turning left to follow the narrow bridleway track just before the bottom of the incline.

Continue to follow the bridleway walking beneath the trees and bearing right at the top of the incline to go under the old railway bridge and eventually walk between the two gate stoops out onto the unsurfaced access road. Turn left along the access road, following it to the crossroads of the four tracks, cross here, bearing to your right to walk straight ahead along the wide unsurfaced road (Turf Lane), passing the houses on your left to eventually emerge onto the main Haworth Road. Turn left down Haworth Road and under the railway viaduct until you reach the main crossroads, turn

left here walk down Cullingworth Main Street turning second left up the road leading to Cullingworth Primary School. At the top of the road just beyond the school in the left hand corner, walk beneath the metal archway of the Great Northern Cycle Trail, to follow the surfaced path across two viaducts to its very end.

At the end of the Trail go through the gate and turn left along the grass-surfaced track, which will eventually lead you to Station Road from where you started your work.

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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