

Morton East and West

4 miles (6.5km) or 2³/₄ miles (4.4km)
Circular walk

Start Point:

Morton Lane, Crossflatts off the B6265 between Keighley and Bingley.

Walk Information

An ideal family walk on the northern flanks of the Aire valley between Riddlesden and Crossflatts offering good views. Walking on mainly field paths linked together by ginnels, estate roads and the canal, with plenty of stiles and gates. No significant prolonged steep climbing although there is a bit of hill climbing as you make your way to the highest point of the walk at West Morton. Public toilets are available adjacent to the Busfeild Arms on the main road through East Morton.

Public Transport

Bus services 662 /760 operate between Bradford/Leeds and Keighley passing the bottom of Morton Lane. Service 727/729 operates between Keighley and Cullingworth and passes the walk start point on Morton Lane. For full details contact Metrolink on 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

Good on street parking along Morton Lane, although the traffic is busy at school start and finish times.

The Walk Route

Start by walking up Morton Lane and across the canal swing bridge, almost immediately after crossing the canal look out for the narrow gap in the stone wall on your right. Go through the gap and down the steps onto the narrow fenced footpath level at first before starting a climb up a long flight of steps, eventually going over a stile into a field. Now follow the obvious grass path straight ahead walking steadily uphill past the two stone stoops before a final short climb to a stile and gate at the top of the hill.

The footpath from here follows the wall on your left, straight ahead across the field to a second gate and stile which will lead you out onto a surfaced road. Follow this road for a short distance until you reach the grass covered triangular traffic island, here turn left onto Dimples Lane to follow the road to its junction with the main road opposite the Busfeild Arms public house in the centre of East Morton. Turn left here along the main road passing the public toilets and the bus terminus on the

opposite side until you reach the Morton Memorial Institute building on your left.

Here turn right and cross the main road onto the village green (the landscaped area opposite), exiting at the rear of the green via a flight of steps. From the top of the steps ignore the first right turn to follow the second right turn gently uphill continuing up as the road changes to a rough track. On reaching the top of the hill near to where several driveways converge look out for lamppost number 4, here the route continues by turning left off the track to follow the narrow footpath parallel with and to the rear of the stone built cottages. At the far end of the cottages the path turns left and goes through a stile and continues gently uphill between the metal fence and stone wall, eventually passing some allotments on your left before exiting out onto the busy country road Street Lane via a stile.

Turn right up Street Lane for approximately 200 yards/ 182m until you reach the second gateway on your left, here go through the gateway into the field to follow the obvious vehicle track straight ahead across the field to a second gateway which can be seen ahead. Through the second gateway continue by turning right to follow the wall on your right across the next field to a third gateway, here again continue to follow the wall on your right to a fourth gateway, this time with a stile at the side. Over the stile it's much the same still following the wall on your right even when the wall becomes semi derelict until you reach the fifth gateway with a stile which can be seen ahead. Over this stile the path is along a wide walled grassy track, where after approximately 100yds / 91m, at the junction with four other gateways our route continues straight ahead, squeezing between the rusty old gate and the stone gate stoop. Cross the next field by following the wall on your left, exiting at the far end through a stile out onto Bury Lane, a bridleway which crosses from left to right. **At this point you can shorten your walk by turning left and through a gate down Bury Lane, following the walk information printed in red.**

To continue the full walk turn right up Bury Lane following the grassy track as it bears left then right to eventually make your way between the old and new buildings at the small hamlet of West Morton. Here the surface of the track changes to tarmac as you make your way uphill between the buildings for a short distance until you reach the limestone track leading to Dean Cottage on your left. Here turn left off the tarmac road but do not go down the limestone track, the path you require is to the right of the limestone track, leading off under the trees and vegetation before going over a stile and into a field to follow the wall on your left to a gap in the wall at the far end. Through the gap continue following

the wall on your left for a short distance down a slight incline to find a stile hidden from view at the bottom left hand corner of the field.

Over this stile the path is straight ahead cutting the corner of the next field to reach a stone squeeze stile which can easily be seen at the far end of the field. Once through turn right along a short section of permissive path across the next field following the fence on your left, exiting at the far end via two large gates out onto a surfaced access road. Turn right and continue straight ahead at the road junction passing Cherry Tree barn on your left and Barn House farm and Grove cottages on your right. At the far end of the buildings go through the stile at the left hand side of the gate into a small farmyard to follow a limestone track downhill as it bears left and crosses the bridge over How Beck. Across the bridge continue straight ahead the short distance before leaving the track to climb the stile situated between the two field gates. The path now follows the wall on your right, until you reach the stile in the top right hand corner of the next field.

Through the stile cross the next field by following the fence line on your left, eventually reaching and going through a narrow squeeze stile on the right hand side of the next gateway. Continue by going straight ahead across the field heading for the next stile which can be seen in the wall ahead. Once through the stile the path follows the wall on your left all the way along the field perimeter to find another stile/ gate at the far end of the field. Go through the stile and continue by following the stone wall on your right as it bears right to another gate and stile situated below a large electricity pylon. The path is now straight ahead along a wide path before going through the next stile to the left of a field gate to enter a very narrow section of path at the rear of the houses. At the end of this section of narrow path turn left down a flight of stone steps leading through the back yard of a couple of houses and out onto Barley Cote Road. Here cross the road to go down the steps onto a narrow setted path opposite, steeply down between the houses crossing Barley Cote Avenue as you continue downhill to its junction at the bottom with Southfield Avenue opposite Carr Lane.

Here you can return to your start point by bus by making your way down Granby Lane, over the canal swing bridge to the bus stop at the bottom on Bradford Road.

To continue Cross Southfield Avenue turning left onto Carr Lane following it to its very end at its junction with Southlands Avenue. Turn right down Southlands Avenue for a short distance onto Hospital Road at the bottom, turning left up Hospital Road towards the old gateway into the former isolation hospital. Here take the narrower of the two paths to the left of the hospital gate to follow the stone perimeter wall of the former hospital grounds on your right. Continue following this path straight ahead crossing the occasional access road leading to the new houses and eventually crossing How Beck for the second time before going through an old stile into the field. Here the path is straight ahead following the fence/wall on your right, along the bottom of the field and the top of the housing estate. At the far end of the field go through a

gated stile and along a narrow walled/fenced footpath, eventually emerging through a stile near the junction of Thorneycroft Road, Carr Lane and Swine Lane. Here turn right down Swine Lane following the surfaced path to eventually reach the new footbridge over the Leeds Liverpool canal. Cross the bridge turning right at the opposite side to go down the ramp onto the canal towpath. Turn right along the towpath passing beneath the new footbridge and the old road bridge number 198, to follow the towpath all the way back to your start point at Morton Lane swing bridge.

Shorter walk link

Following Bury Lane steeply downhill to its junction at the bottom with Carr Lane turn right along Carr Lane for only a short distance, crossing Carr Bank and Thorneycroft Road and onto the surfaced path at the top of Swine Lane. Continue down Swine Lane eventually reaching the new footbridge over the Leeds Liverpool canal. Cross the bridge turning right at the opposite side to go down the ramp onto the canal towpath. Turn right along the towpath passing beneath the new footbridge and the old road bridge number 198, to follow the towpath all the way back to your start point at Morton Lane swing bridge.

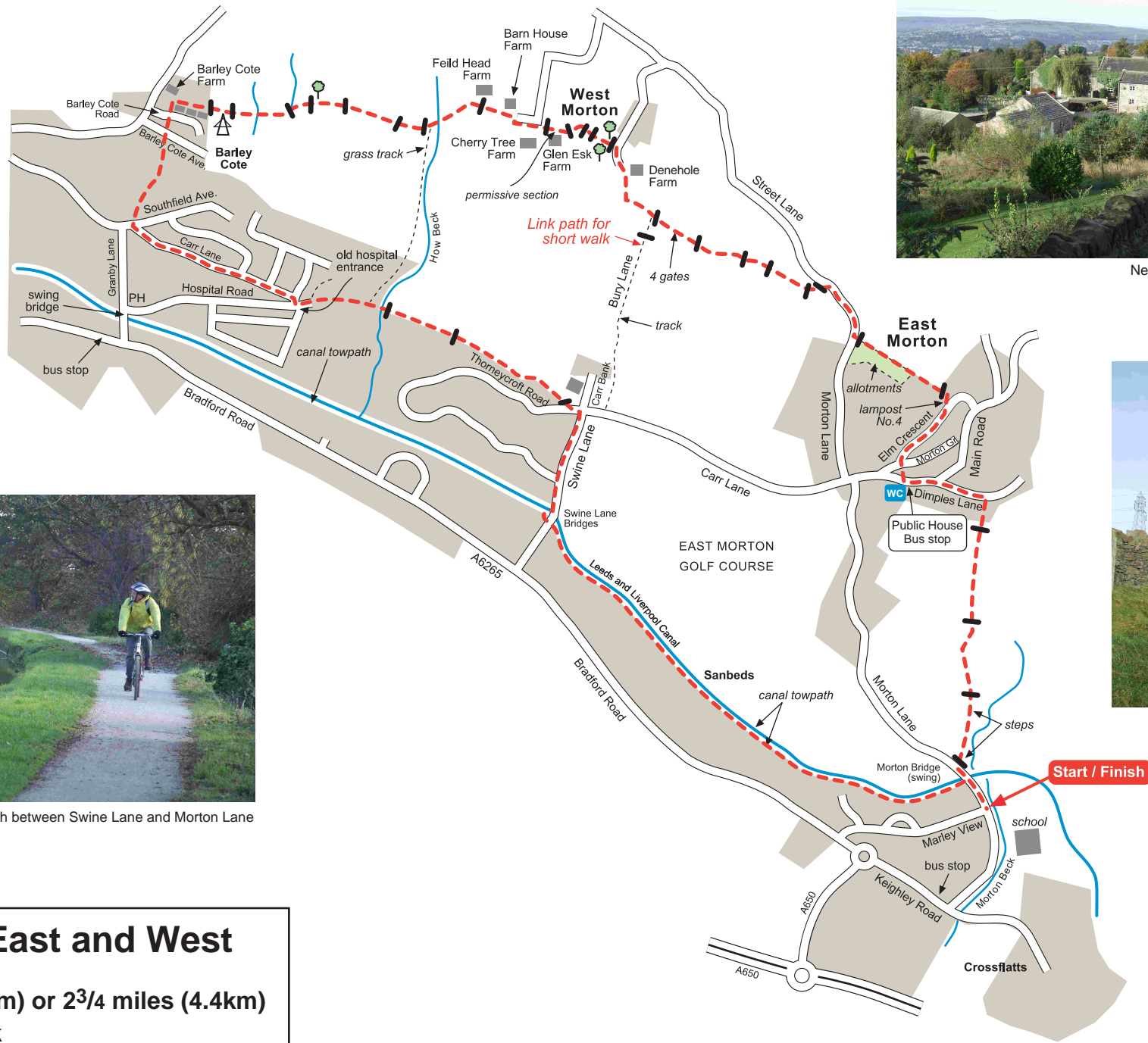
FOOTNOTE

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

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Countryside & Rights of Way Service
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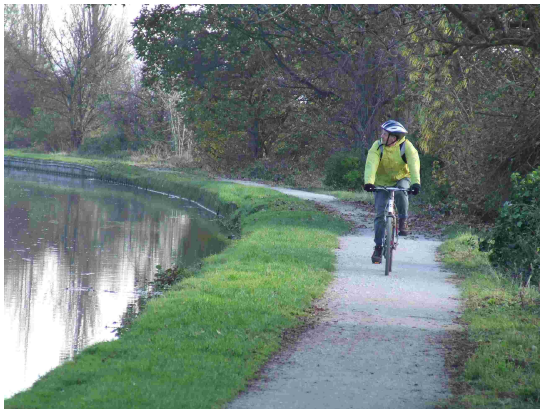
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Near West Morton



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