

Keighley Link to the Calder/Aire Bridleway Route at Bingley St. Ives

Map 1

Linear 3 miles (4.8km)

Keighley Link Start Point (See Map 1)

The large area of green space at the junction of Woodhouse Road, Woodhouse Drive and the narrow track Hainworth Road (Grid Ref: 062 399). Situated between the housing estates of Woodhouse and Spring Bank at Keighley.

Local bus service

Service 701 from Keighley bus station. Alight along Hainworth Wood Road at the junction with Woodhouse Road.

Parking

There is plenty of room for horse transporters and good on street parking at the start point (Grid Ref: 062 399).



Route Information

Start by facing uphill at the road junction at Woodhouse Road and Woodhouse Drive.

Here turn right along the narrow partially surfaced rough track, Hainworth Road, across the large area of green space and between the large boulders which partially block your way.

Through the boulders the track narrows as you make your way uphill under the

trees, eventually widening out again after crossing a small stream before passing between Ingrow Cricket Club to your right and Nether House Farm on your left. Just beyond the cricket club the track meets a very steep setted road, Hainworth Lane (look out for vehicles), which crosses from left to right. Turn left up Hainworth Lane, continuing up as the surface changes to tarmac and levels out as you pass through the village of Hainworth.

Just beyond the village the road changes its name to Goff Well Lane as you continue to climb uphill to the next road junction with Bingley Road, passing as you go the stables at Goff Well Farm on your left. On reaching the busy road junction with Bingley Road, turn left for a short distance up

the slight incline to the next road junction with the very busy Keighley Road, Shaw Lane and Ryecroft roads. Here cross straight ahead onto Ryecroft Road opposite, turning almost immediately left over the horse friendly gate, to go up the narrow rough surfaced bridleway opposite the Guide public house.

Follow the track straight ahead keeping the stone wall on your left as you make your way onto Harden Moor passing the transmitter mast on your left and eventually over a second horse friendly gate before meeting another track which crosses from left to right. Turn right here gently downhill parallel to the wall on your left, to where the track levels out at the bottom of the incline. Here the track divides and our route is straight ahead, eventually turning sharp left at the wall corner. Continue along the track following the wall on your left eventually going down a short but steep rough section of track taking care as you cross the narrow bridge over a stream.

Beyond the stream continue as before following the wall on your left as you start a gentle climb uphill under the trees. On reaching the top of the incline continue again straight ahead for approximately 200yds (182m) to where the track divides near to the gateway which leads out onto the Keighley/ Harden Road. Ignore the gateway and continue by turning right to follow the stonewall on your left across the moor for the short distance to the two gaps in the bottom left hand corner of the perimeter wall. Turn left here through the wider of the two gaps to cross the very busy Keighley/Harden Road to enter the St Ives Estate via the gap in the wall opposite. Once in the estate grounds turn sharp right to follow the permissive bridleway beneath the trees keeping close to the stone wall on your right, level at first before dropping steeply down to join the surfaced access drive into the St Ives Estate near to the gatehouse. Turn left here along the drive for only a short distance before joining the route of the Calder/Aire Link by turning first right downhill off the surfaced driveway following the rough surfaced track.

Footnote

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Calder/Aire Link

St Ives, Bingley - Clough Foot, Widdop

Maps 1, 2 & 3

Linear 17 miles (27km)

Route Information

An enjoyable ride or ramble through 12 miles (19km) of the Bradford district and 5 miles (8km) through Calderdale countryside, joining the Pennine Bridleway National Trail at Clough Foot on the Widdop Road, north of Heptonstall in Calderdale.



Suitable for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers on mainly easy to follow quiet country lanes and bridleways. This route is not suitable for wheelchairs and people with limited mobility. Although the route is never far from civilisation we recommend that you take food and drinks for the duration of your outing and also wear suitable

outdoor clothing and footwear to suit the season. Various small streams and a horse trough at Nook in Calderdale offer the chance to water your horse along the way.

Calder/Aire Link Start Point and Parking (See Maps 1, 2 & 3)

The start of this route is near Bingley at the large free parking area (grid ref: 101390) on the right hand side of the access road leading into St Ives Estate off the B6429 Bingley to Harden road. There is a dedicated area for horse boxes.

Public Transport

Service 616 operates between Bradford and Bingley. Services 727 and 729 operate between Keighley and Cullingworth via Bingley. For further information contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676. All the above services pass the entrance to the St Ives Estate approximately 250yds (228m) from the route start point.



Start point, Bingley St Ives

The Route

From the parking area make your way back onto the wide surfaced estate access road, turning right uphill the short distance to Betty's Lodge the first building you come to on your right. Here turn right off the access road to go between the wooden garden fence on your left and the substantial metal gate on your right onto Blind Lane. Follow the bridleway uphill to the T junction at the top with Cross Gates Lane; here turn left along the lane following the unsurfaced track through a gate and along the top of the golf course. Eventually the track goes downhill and through a second gate passing between the rear of the golf club house and the car parks.

Here the track changes to a wide surfaced road as you continue straight ahead for a short distance to the next 'T' junction, passing on your right along the way the stables used for 'Riding for the Disabled'. On reaching the T junction turn right past the buildings of the Sports Turf Research Institute, the St Ives Equestrian Centre and Reader's Tea Room, continuing to follow the surfaced road passing the car parking lay-bys and bearing left downhill. After approximately 200yds (183m) beyond the last parking area on your left turn sharp left off the surfaced road, to follow the bridleway steeply downhill, eventually passing a derelict building on your right before joining another track which crosses from your left to right. Turn right here and continue downhill following the track round a very tight left hand bend. Eventually the track straightens and passes a small housing estate on your left before exiting out onto the busy main Bingley to Harden road, opposite Woodbank Garden Centre and nursery. Turn right here along the main road passing Harden cricket club on your right before descending downhill amongst the houses on the fringe of Harden village.

At the bottom of the incline take the first road off to the left, 'Narrow Lane', eventually bearing right uphill between the houses until you reach a T junction opposite 'Glen View'. Here turn left along Wilsden Old Road, level at first before going downhill bearing right to join the main Wilsden Road at the next T junction. Turn left down Wilsden Road and across Harden Beck Bridge passing the Malt Shovel public house on your left, to continue by going up Wilsden Road the short distance to the top of the steep incline. Here leave the main road by turning first left down the wide dirt track Sandy Banks, follow the dirt track over Wilsden Beck and continue straight ahead following the track as it twists and turns steeply uphill beneath the trees. Nearing the top of the steep hill the rough track changes to a wide concrete road, here continue up for a short distance to join a tarmaced surfaced road at the top, 'Lee Lane'. Follow Lee Lane for quite a distance passing Lee Farm on your left until you reach the road junction with Cross Lane. Turn right here along Cross Lane to where the surfaced road turns sharp left at the junction with Coplowe Lane. Here leave the surfaced road and continue straight ahead to follow the now rough surfaced track along Cross Lane, going through a gateway and eventually down a short very rocky section of bridleway as you make your way down onto Wilsden Main Street via Smithy Lane, a short surfaced road between the new houses. On reaching Wilsden Main Street turn left uphill for only a short distance to the first turn off to the right Chapel Row. Go along Chapel Row straight ahead to its junction at the end with Wilsden Hill Road, bear right here up Wilsden Hill Road eventually bearing left past a row of cottages on your right, 'Kingscliffe'.

Just beyond the cottages turn sharp right along Tan House Lane to follow this quiet country road to its end at Pye Bank Farm, here the road changes to a narrow unsurfaced track 'Nab Lane' as you continue straight ahead steeply uphill and around the contours of Birchen Lea Hill to eventually join Bents Lane, a surfaced road near to Bents Head Farm. Turn sharp right down Bents Lane for quite a distance before turning left off Bents Lane to go down Hallas Lane (the dead end road) opposite 'Ling Crag' a house on your right. At the bottom of the steep incline at Hallas Bridge, follow the road as it turns right passing Hallas Grange on your left before bearing left downhill between the former mill houses and garages of this small hamlet. Just beyond the buildings the now narrow path divides, our route continues downhill and across Hallas Bridge in the valley bottom. Over the bridge continue following the rough surfaced Hallas Lane, steeply uphill at first before levelling out passing the houses on the fringe of Cullingworth on your right until you arrive at the junction with the main Haworth Road. Here continue by crossing Haworth Road, bearing slightly to your left to join the bridleway opposite. Follow the obvious walled track gently uphill at first crossing over the Great Northern Trail before starting the short steeper climb onto a level path at the top passing the stone yard on your right as you go.

On arriving at the top of the hill the path follows the line of fencing on your right as you bear right along the edge of a landfill site eventually to exit onto the very busy Manywells Brow Road. Here turn left uphill crossing over onto the right hand side at the first safe opportunity to



enable you to cross the busy A629 road at the top using the Pegasus Crossing. Once across the A629 turn left towards Denholme along the short section of recently created bridleway parallel with the A629 road before turning first right along Trough Lane. Follow Trough Lane for approximately 1¹/₄ miles (2km) to the next junction at the far end with Denholme Road/Long

Causeway near to the Dog and Gun public house. Cross the road to continue by going steeply up Sawood Lane opposite, following the surfaced road to the top of the hill near to Cobbling Farm, where the road changes to a narrow rough surfaced track which will eventually lead you to three metal gates. Go through the smaller of the gates out onto a wide surfaced Water Board access road and continue straight ahead the short distance to where the surfaced road ends.

Here again continue straight ahead along the now rough track to a second gate still following the track as it eventually bears left heading for two more gates which can be seen ahead at the bottom of Hambleton Lane. Before reaching the gates the track divides, our route takes the right hand track steeply downhill following the stone wall on your left. Continue to follow the well worn track for approximately 1 mile (1.6km) as you make your way across the wild open moorland to its junction via the metal gate with Nab Water Lane. Turn right along the lane following the road as its name changes to Hill House Edge Lane for approximately 1 mile (1.6km), eventually crossing a cattle grid before passing a television transmitter mast on your left. Just beyond the mast the road starts a long steep descent to meet the busy main Hebden Bridge to Oxenhope road. Here at the road junction cross straight ahead to go down the narrow track opposite, following it to where it ends at the small rough turning area. Here the track divides and our route bears left to follow the now level path along the side of the last house on your right and across the hillside to eventually join a much wider rough vehicle track Holden Lane, as you near Far Stones Farm.

Bear left along the track passing in front of the farm buildings to continue straight ahead to follow the well worn track keeping close to the stone wall on your right. After quite a distance the track becomes enclosed by stone walls as you make your way into the valley bottom before starting quite a steep climb up Kennel Lane to eventually reach a few houses at Low Fold. Here turn right onto the wide rough access road and continue steadily uphill for a short distance until you join another track which crosses from left to right. Turn left here following the rough surfaced track uphill continuing straight ahead where the surface changes to grass until you reach the field gate which can be seen ahead. On reaching the gate don't go through but turn sharp right to follow the quite narrow sunken track Bank Lane, going steadily uphill for quite a distance through three gates before joining Bodkin Lane, a wide rough track which crosses from left to right. Turn left to go steeply up

Bodkin Lane where, after a short distance the terrain levels out as you go through a gateway before starting a second steep uphill pull going through a second gate and along the top of a deep ravine as you make your way to the Top of Stairs which can be seen on the skyline up ahead. On nearing the Top of Stairs the track levels out just before crossing the Bradford/ Calderdale boundary and continues on the level for a short distance before starting your descent down into Calderdale, eventually



going through a gate as you near Thurrish Farm, over to your right.

Once through the gate continue down the track which after a short distance changes to a narrow surfaced country road. Follow the road steeply downhill until you reach Grain Water Bridge at the valley bottom. Here our route leaves the surfaced road by turning sharp right

along the rough track parallel to the stream on your left, level at first before going through a gate to start a gentle climb following the track along the hillside. At the top of the incline where the track levels out, continue straight ahead and through a second gate to follow the now level track around the contour of the hillside passing the small building on your left and through a third gate before bearing left over a small stream and through a fourth gate. The track now continues around the hillside eventually passing Nook, a large imposing but derelict farmhouse and barn on your right. Here our route leaves the level track by turning right and through a gate to go steeply up the track at the far end of the farm buildings, eventually going through the gate at the top of the track out onto the moorland fringe of Shackleton Knoll.

Here the path divides; our route is to the left between the edge of the moorland and the stone wall on your left. After a short distance the stone wall turns sharp left, here continue straight ahead across the open moorland for approximately 100yds (91m) until you reach a narrow gate through another wall on your left. Here turn left to go through the gate into the field, turning immediately right to follow the stone wall on your right around the perimeter of the field as it bears left downhill and through a gateway. Once in the next field cross over a small bridge to follow the obvious tracks as they bear right across the next two fields before entering the hamlet of Walshaw via a walled track and a gate. Through the gate bear right for a short distance onto another track which will lead into the centre of Walshaw. Here continue straight ahead through the hamlet following the track alongside Walshaw Cottage as it snakes between the buildings eventually turning right to go out of the hamlet.

Continue along the now walled access track for approximately 1/2 mile (0.80km) passing New Laithe Farm on your right, before eventually going through a gate

adjacent to a barn on your left leading out onto open moorland. Continue following the track, level at first before bearing right as you make your way down to a stone built bridge at Holme End. Bear left to cross the bridge going through the gate on the opposite side before turning right to follow the track uphill past the derelict building on your left. At the top of the incline our track is joined from the left by another track, here continue uphill the short distance to where the track divides, our route follows the track to the left, where after only a short distance we turn left again at the junction with a narrow surfaced road (the Pennine Way). Follow this narrow surfaced road crossing the cattle grid to the finish of our route 250 yds (228m) along the surfaced road at Clough Foot at the junction with the Pennine Bridleway National Trail and Widdop Road.



Finish point on the Pennine Bridleway at Clough Foot, Widdop Road

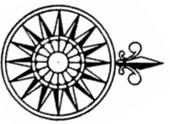
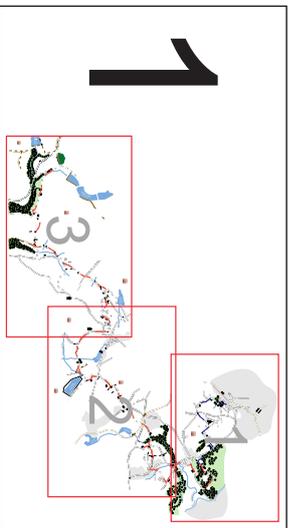
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The Pennine bridleway is a largely off-road route being developed specifically for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers. To date there are 120 miles of route open between Derbyshire and the South pennines with an additional 10 mile loop available in the Yorkshire Dales. if you would like more information about the National Trail please contact the Pennine Bridleway Team on 0161 237 1061 or visit our website: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway

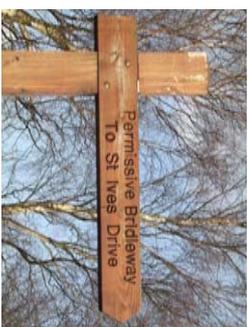
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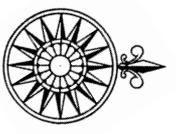
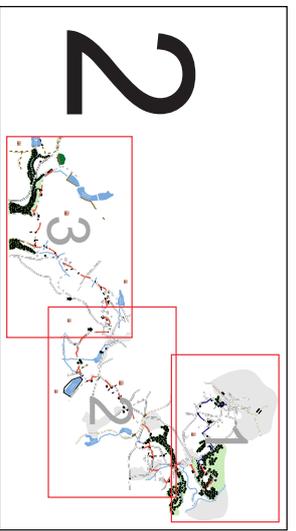
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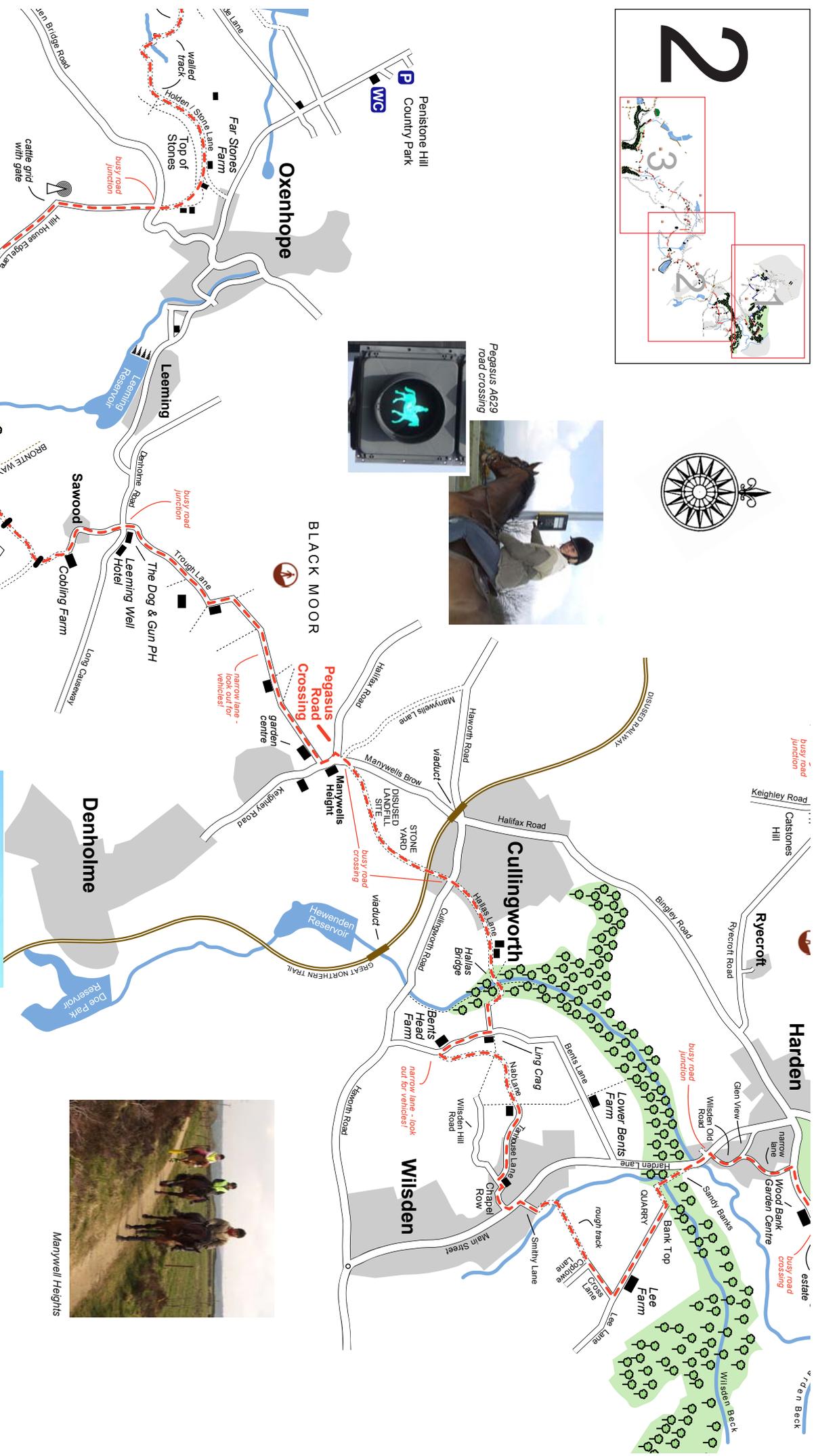
Near Wood Bank Garden Centre

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Pegasus A629 road crossing



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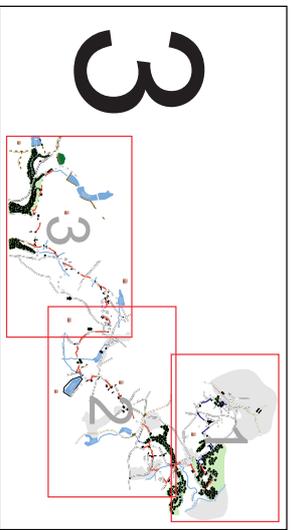
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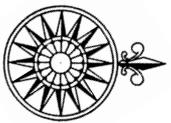
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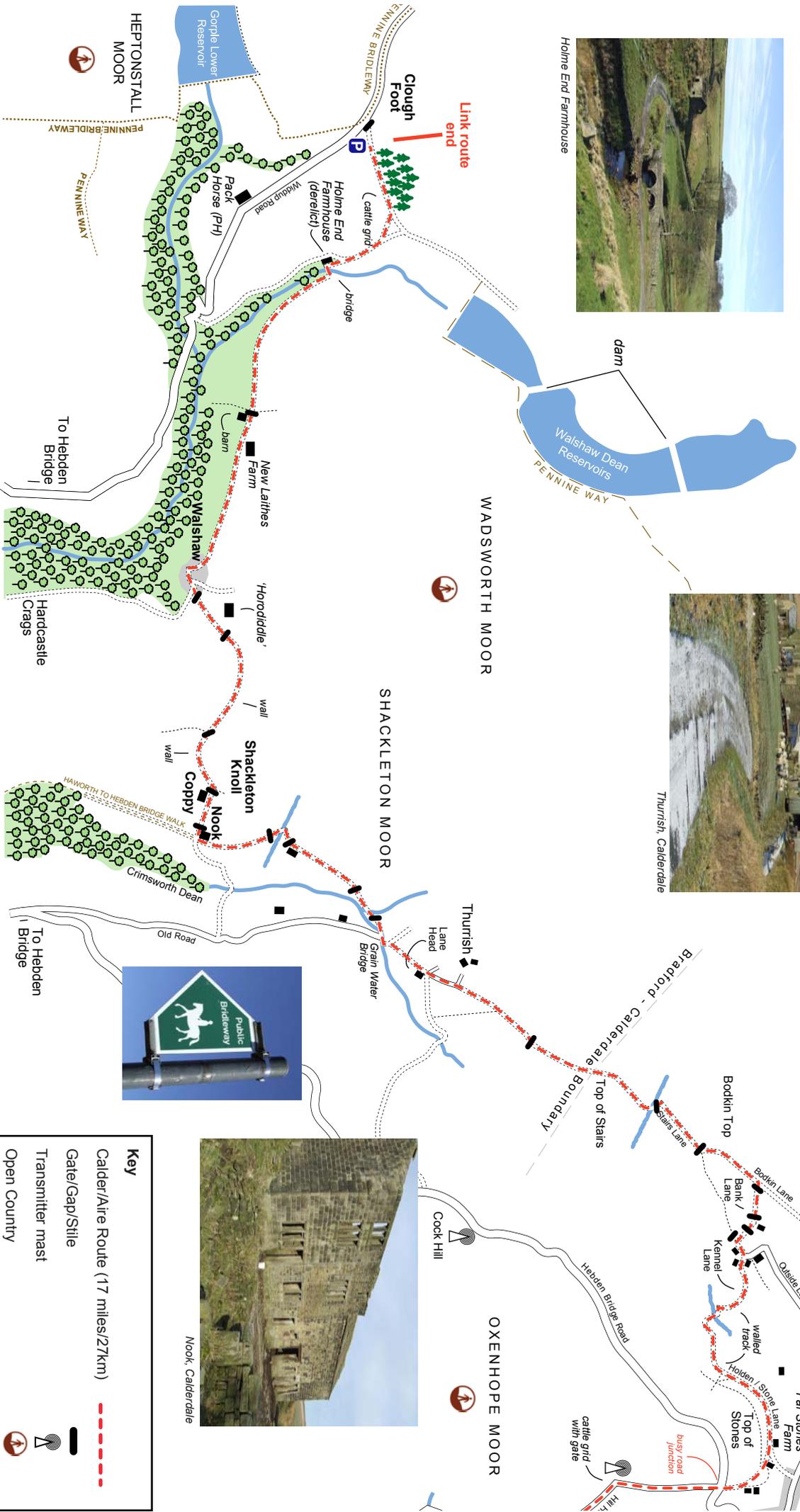
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Holme End Farmhouse



Thurish, Calderdale



Nook, Calderdale

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