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## H2H - Haworth to Hebden Bridge

Linear route - using Haworth Old Road = 6 mile (10km) Linear route - using Pennine Way = 10 mile (16km) Circular route - for the brave = 16 mile (26km)

#### The walk start point

Haworth Parsonage car park.

#### Walk information

The walks linking the 'Bronte' connected village of Haworth and the 'funky' little town of Hebden Bridge are suitable for reasonably fit walkers. The walks are long, with some parts going through remote moorland in an upland environment.

Both routes are slightly easier if tackled from Haworth. If you start at Hebden Bridge be prepared for several steep climbs.

You will need to be suitably dressed and prepared for any weather changes. Outdoor clothing and appropriate strong footwear is recommended and needs to suit the season. A packed lunch with drinks is also recommended.

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

#### **Car Parking**

The walk starts from the Parsonage car park in Haworth. The Parsonage and the Bronte Village car parks are Council run. There are other private car parks in Haworth. Charges will apply and please be mindful of not exceeding the time you have paid for. There is limited street parking in the village.

Hardcastle Crags car park is part of the National Trust property and charges will apply if you are not a member. There are other car parks in Hebden Bridge, but this will add a further mile or more to your walk.

#### **Public transport**

There is a bus service between Haworth and Hebden Bridge; operated by Transdev Keighley and District. Telephone 01535 603284. The 500 bus runs throughout the day, although the frequency varies and the last bus is around 6pm.

For further travel information contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676 or visit www.wymetro.com.

#### The Walk Route

Exit the car park down the steps, coming out onto West Lane alongside Aitches Guest House. Turn right and follow the road downhill until you get to the Church on your right hand side, take the paved footpath to the side. From Haworth churchyard to Balcony Farm, follow the path onto Penistone Hill. A marked path across here follows the high ground. The track forks; to the left to take the route using Haworth Old Road or follow the right hand track to use the Pennine Way.



Haworth Old Road route (Haworth to Hebden Bridge) A short moor side section and a field track past Westfield Farm brings you to Leeshaw Reservoir. From there Haworth Old Road continues as a very obvious old route, mainly between walls, along Bodkin Lane, and Stairs Lane with a steep climb to Top of Stairs. The route is then mostly level or downhill to Hebden Bridge. At Grainwater Bridge take the right hand track at the junction with Old Road and follow the stoned track through to Nook, then it is downhill all the way to Horse Bridge through Crimsworth Dean.

**Pennine Way Route (Hebden Bridge to Haworth)** Starting from the point the previous route finished, follow the main track through the National Trust woodlands from The Lodge.

Keep to the route along the valley bottom to Gibson Mill, once past the Mill, stay on this path until it forks, then bear right up the hill. The track continues towards Walshaw. Turn right at Walshaw and climb up onto Wadsworth Moor\*, past the grouse butts to Walshaw Dean Reservoir. Join the Pennine Way which is signed, until you get to Top Withens, then branch right down the hill to Bronte Bridge. Follow this path to the road, you can then either walk back to Haworth along Cemetery Road, or turn right for a short distance along Moor Side Lane and retrace the route back across Penistone Hill.

\*The path across Wadsworth Moor is sometimes closed for grouse shooting or due to fire risk, in which case, there is a longer, alternative route using other estate roads and Yorkshire Water access tracks, as shown on the map.

### Places of interest along the way

- Bronte Parsonage Museum <u>www.bronte.info</u>
- Keighley and Worth Valley Railway www.kwvr.co.uk
- Penistone Hill site of notable local geology www.wyorksgeologytrust.org/sitesbradford.html
- Lumb Bank Ted Hughes former home, now the Arvon Foundation www.arvonfoundation.org
- Hardcastle Crags and Gibson Mill www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardcastle-crags/

#### 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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