

Around the Queensbury Triangle

3¹/₂ mile (5.25km) circular walk (Allow 2 hours)

Bus : 576 Bradford via Queensbury to Halifax

Due to the very nature of the countryside, this walk with hilly, rough terrain, is not suitable for the less mobile and pushchairs. Stout shoes or Wellington boots are recommended along with wind and waterproof clothing. A light snack with a drink is also advisable.

The walk starts on Queensbury High Street by walking down the narrow, cobbled road between the High Street newsagents and house number 2. Continue forward along the now paved footpath between the derelict land and the cemetery, as far as the entrance gate into the school grounds at the corner of the dry-stone wall on your left.

Here turn left off the paved path crossing the derelict land by following the school perimeter wall/fence on the right. After a short distance bear right along the narrow footpath between the dry-stone walls behind the school, walk along the path for the length of the first red brick school building. Here look out for the gap stile in the stonewall on the left and go through it into a field, walk straight forward following the wall on the left to a partially blocked gap at the bottom of some steps.

Squeeze past the blockage and go up the steps, following the path behind the houses to emerge onto an un-made road (Vale Grove). Walk straight forward down Vale Grove to join the main Queensbury to Brighouse road, here cross over, turn right and walk along for a short distance before turning left down Park Lane.

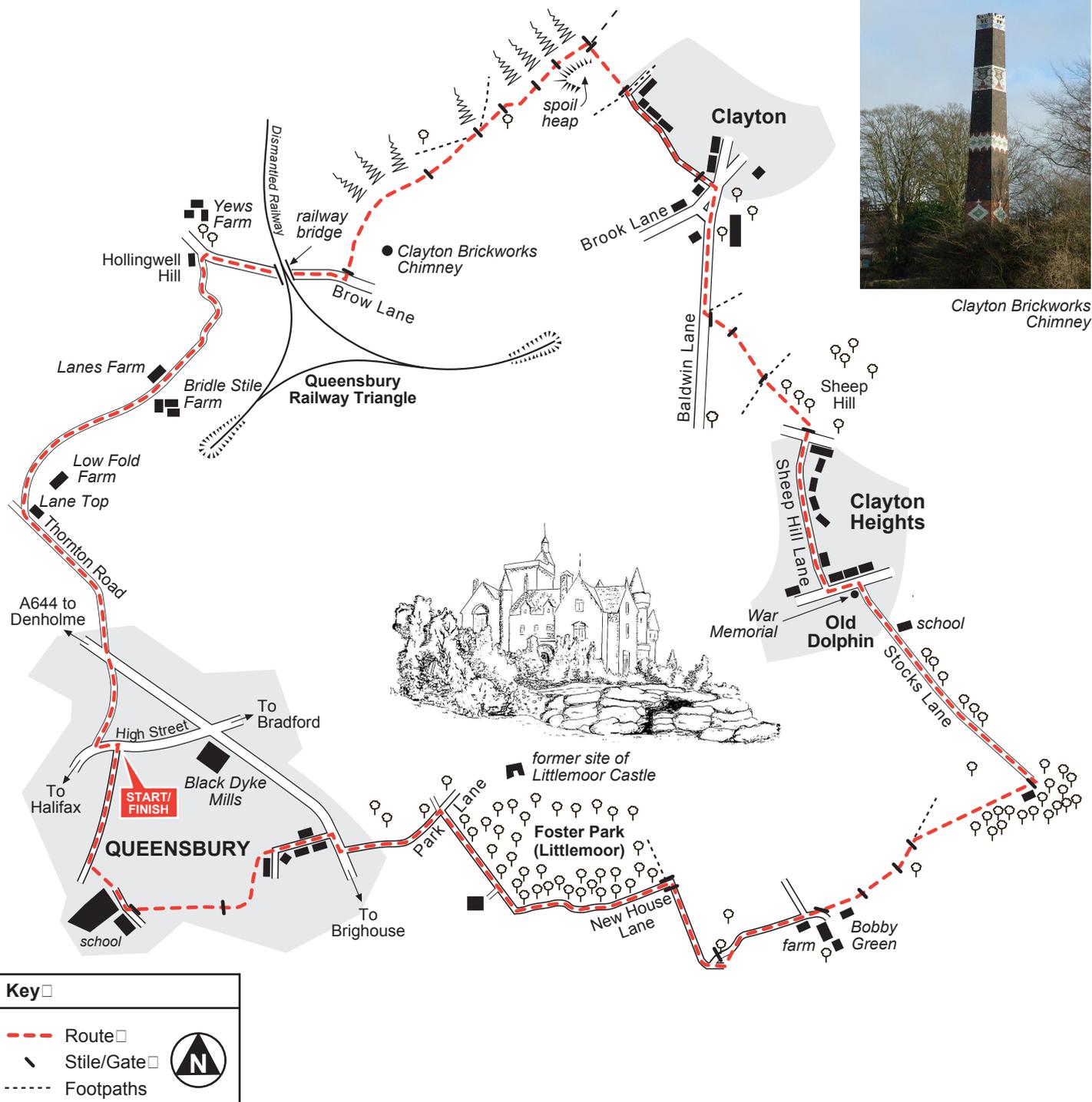
Continue along Park Lane to the first un-made track on the right (New House Lane) which is opposite the entrance gate to Park House Nursing Home. Here turn right to walk down New House Lane, continuing straight forward where the well-defined track bears off to the right. Follow the now grass track as it bears left, keeping the perimeter wall of Foster Park (Littlemoor) on your left. Where the perimeter wall and grass track ends overlooking open fields turn right into the first field on the right, to follow the path by keeping the dry-stone

wall on your left. Walk parallel with the overhead electricity cables to eventually emerge through a gap into a wide, unmade road.

Here turn left up a slight incline to the road junction by the farm building at Bobby Green and continue straight forward for a short distance to the stile in the dry-stone wall on the left. Climb over the stile into the field and walk more or less in a straight line across four fields and over four more stiles before reaching Stocks Lane. Turn left up Stocks Lane to its junction with the main Bradford to Halifax Road. Turn left along the main road for a short distance, before crossing over to walk down Sheep Hill Lane. On reaching the bottom of the lane cross the surfaced road (Back Lane) to go through the stile opposite. Follow the footpath as it bears left downhill, over stiles and across the fields onto the road (Baldwin Lane), which can be seen ahead.

Cross over the road onto the pavement and turn right towards Clayton village. On entering the outskirts of the village cross the bottom of Broomfield Place and Brook Lane. Take the next left off the main road, which is signposted 'The Brontë Way'. Follow this narrow, unmade path through the gate, bearing right to walk between the fields and gardens for a short distance to the junction of paths at the corner of the houses on the right. Continue straight forward through the stile into the field, keeping the dry-stone wall on your left and walk down the field to the stile in the left hand corner. Go through the stile to find a second one to your immediate left, go through the second stile and follow the path straight forward across the steep incline towards the broken down wall. Cross over the wall and continue straight forward towards the small tree ahead, on nearing the tree the path bears to the right diagonally downhill to a stile in the dry stone wall. Once through the stile the path is well defined along the hillside, crossing several stiles before reaching the surfaced road (Brow Lane) in the valley bottom (note as you walk down the elaborate chimney of the former Clayton fireclay brickworks).

On reaching the road turn right to walk uphill under the now disused railway bridge, to a row of cottages (Hollingwell Hill). Turn left in front of the cottages to walk down Bridle Stile Lane before starting a very steep uphill climb to the junction with Thornton Road on the skyline above. On reaching Thornton Road continue uphill to the junction with the main Queensbury-Denholme road at 'Small Page', crossing over to walk straight forward along Chapel Street to High Street, your starting point.



Clayton Brickworks Chimney

Points of Interest Along the Way

Foster Park (Littlemoor)

Former site of Littlemoor Castle built 1890. The parkland, which surrounded the building, was donated to Queensbury Urban District Council for public use in 1937 by Frances A Foster, wife of Herbert Anderton Foster who was a descendant of John Foster, founder of Black Dyke Mills.

Clayton Fireclay Brickworks

Founded by Mr Julius Whitehead in 1880 the works closed in 1970. The works buildings have long gone but the elaborate chimney, showing examples of the products made in the works can still be seen. The company produced sanitary wear, glazed bricks and chimney pots.

Queensbury Triangle

A now disused railway line which connected Keighley via Cullingworth, Denholme and Thornton to Bradford Exchange Station and Halifax. The line closed in the 1950's after being axed by Doctor Beeching.

Our walk passes close to the Queensbury Junction Triangle, the site of Queensbury Station and the entrance to the Halifax Tunnel.