

## Walk 4: Baildon Walkers are Welcome

# Baildon to Ilkley

8 miles (13km) Linear (return by train)

225 metre ascent

Allow approx 4 hours (inc. refreshment stops)

### The walk start point

A memorial which is known in Baildon as the Potted Meat Stick. It is in the centre of Baildon next to the roundabout. Grid reference SE155397.



### Walk Information

This is one of 4 walks planned by **Baildon Walkers are Welcome** - a local group linked to the national Walkers are Welcome and supported by Baildon Town Council.

This is a walk of moderate difficulty; having some steep sections and some paths, particularly by the river, which are uneven. These require much care when wet, and may be impassable after heavy rain.

An energetic walk with some steep ascents and descents and spectacular views of Baildon Moor and Wharfedale. Most of the walk is on paths and tracks which can be

muddy. You will require strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season. This walk is not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and for people with limited mobility. Look out for cafés and shops in Baildon showing Walkers are Welcome stickers for pre or post walk refreshments! There is a café next to the Cow and Calf rocks just before you descend into Ilkley. Between the café and Ilkley the route passes near one of the Stanza Stones.



See <http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Stanza-Stones-Trail-Guide.pdf> for more information about the project. Page 18 of the booklet tells you about the Beck Stone on this route and the Poetry Seat further up the hill.

### Car Parking

Pay and Display car park next to the Potted Meat Stick.

### Public transport

Seven day regular bus service from Bradford through Shipley (625/626/656/658/659).

Less frequent 649 service from Shipley only.

For further travel information contact Metroline on

0113 245 7676 or visit: [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

The start of the walk is about 15/20 minutes' walk from Baildon railway station which is on the Wharfedale line between Bradford and Ilkley.

To reach the centre of Baildon from Baildon station, walk out up the slope to Station Road. Turn left and take 2nd right turn up Kirkfields. Ascend steadily, round sharp turn to left where the road becomes Holden Lane. Continue to mini-roundabout and turn left onto Hall Cliffe, which brings you to the centre of Baildon and the Potted Meat Stick.

### The Walk Route

From the Potted Meat Stick, walk (*direction N*) up Northgate, following direction of green finger post sign for "Moor". Cross Northgate at the zebra crossing by the Angel pub, and then resume walking north, passing public toilets on left. Continue ahead across Pennithorne Avenue and just before the cattle grid, take diagonal left turn following the footpath fingerpost into a rough car park. After 30m, bear right to gate on right of former waterworks building (*now used by Baildon Golf Club*). Go through gate. Pass Millennium way sign (16). Go ahead on wide track parallel to road, to where main track veers left. Following finger post footpath sign, go ahead over small foot bridge onto winding grassy path. Head for another finger post ahead, next to a road.

Cross this road (*with care*) and follow path as indicated by finger post. After 100m, a path joins from right. Then take right fork in path. Go ahead across wide green track in 50m and pass between large hollows in ground to left and smaller one on your right. Continue ahead over a cross-path and start to descend.

At next cross-track, where Millennium Way is signed to turn right, continue ahead. Follow descending path heading towards golf course fairway. Continue along flank of hill with fairway on your left. Continue ahead beyond the fairway green, passing three knee high rocks alongside the path. Just after the third rock, (*which is shaped like a large arrowhead pointing back in the direction you have come*), turn right on a narrow path and descend through bracken.

Turn left on well-surfaced moorland path. After passing small water fall to right of the path, go ahead, to cross stream and pass through a narrow "squeeze" gate, into Sconce Scout Camp and cross yard. Pass through another narrow "squeeze" on to Sconce Lane. (Millennium Way sign on wall opposite.) Turn left up lane to pass Faweather Grange Lodges, and, after bends, Grange Farm and Barn. Continue through gate to pass Faweather Grange. After next gate, at junction of tracks (*this area is known as Little London*) turn right and follow right-hand wall as it forks right, leaving the lane, on to a grassy track descending into valley. At the river, cross on the stone bridge. Follow ancient track ahead, bearing left uphill following signpost to Bingley Road. Go through two gates and pass Old Wood Farm on right. Continue ahead to Bingley Road through another gate.

Turn right along roadside for 100m (*fast-moving traffic - great care needed here*) and just before junction, cross the road to leave the road on a track heading N, through two gates onto moorland – Hawksworth Moor. Dog restrictions apply. Follow track beside right-hand wall for more than 1 km (*ignore track forking to left*). Cross a stile and go over a rise to gain excellent views over Wharfedale and Otley Chevin to right. Descend to pass through a gated stile by finger post and continue ahead over open heath with gorse bushes. Cross line of broken down wall to reach wide well defined track at finger post. Turn left on this track.

Walk up hill to gate and pass through. (*Welcome to Burley Moor sign.*) Follow wide track ahead. Shortly - fork right and then fork right again. Pass small brick building on left. Follow track as it curves round hillside to right. Pass drive/houses on right of track. Join flagged track and continue ahead to York View Farm. Track turns left - follow this with wall on right. passing the next house -Crag Top. The track then descends with an old quarry to left of track. Where

the track you have been following bends to right towards gate next to house, go ahead onto grassy path for a short distance. Where path joins track heading up hill – by wooden post – take sharp left and ascend hill, regaining height lost on the descent from Crag Top. This is the Dales Way/Ebor Way but is not signed. On this section of the walk you have walked two sides of a triangle, one losing height and the other gaining height. It is tempting to use faint paths which follow the more level third side of the triangle; this area is protected for breeding birds and walkers are asked to avoid this patch of moorland.

The ascending track has sharp drops to right of track. Fork right to go uphill and join a track and turn right . Shortly, descend into a steep gill and up the other side. (*Take care over rocks especially if wet*). Continue to ascend up to top of the escarpment with steep ground dropping away to your right. As the ground levels out, note Millennium Way marker on wall. Continue ahead initially with wall on right and lovely views over Wharfedale. Follow this contouring and path along the moor-edge, for around 1.7kms. The path starts to descend over sometime rocky ground towards the Cow and Calf hotel and associated buildings.

When opposite the houses behind the hotel, leave main path and take indistinct path which descends diagonally towards the road beyond the hotel. Ignore cross paths until just before joining the road. Take the last track, parallel to the road, and which leads to Cow and Calf car park.

At the Cow and Calf car park (*refreshments available*) walk ahead past the café to the edge of the car park. There is a sign for the path ahead to the Stanza Stone. Follow path heading downhill and parallel to road. At track fork, take right path continuing to descend. Keep following Stanza Stone signs to just before bridge over gorge. (*Option here to divert short distance to see Stanza Stone or further to the Poetry Seat.*)

Cross the bridge and follow the wide path which initially rises and then continues to descend. Follow the main path ahead, keeping left at path junction, to join tarmac track around Ilkley Tarn. Turn right on tarmac track to far end of Tarn and bear right to descend to gate behind large houses. Pass through to reach Wells Road, leading down into Ilkley. Walk down into the town.

### Return by train to Baildon

For Ilkley Station – turn right, and cross pedestrian crossing. Trains to Bradford stop at Baildon. See public transport directions at head of this walk description for route back up to centre of Baildon.

#### Footnote

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

#### City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

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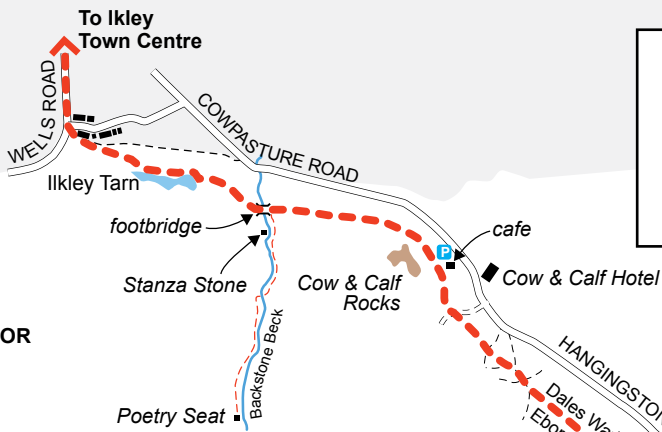


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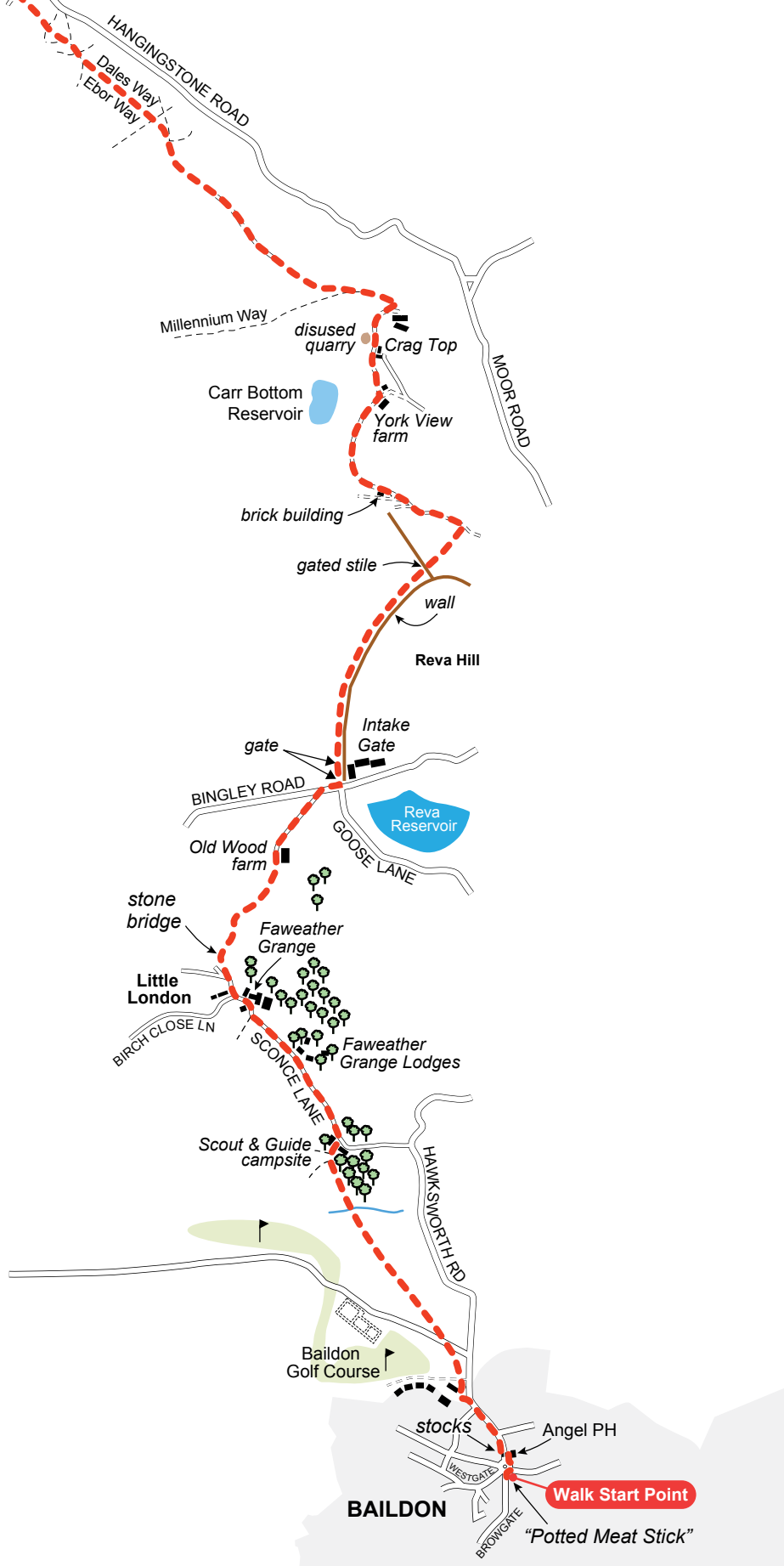
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ILKLEY




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**Key**

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- Footpaths (indicated by a black dashed line)



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Walk Start Point

BAILDON