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Walk 3: Bradford Fair Trade Way

Bingley to Baildon

5 miles (7km) Linear (return by bus)



Shipley Glen Tramway

Bradford District Fair Trade Way

The Fair Trade Way is a scenic, circular walking route linking all the Fairtrade villages and towns in the Bradford district: Bradford, Shipley, Bingley, Baildon, Burley, Ilkley, Keighley, Haworth, Denholme and Thornton. Each community supports the Fairtrade principle of "Take a Step" for Fairtrade. For further information visit: www.fairtradeway.org.uk/

Fact File

TIME	2 hours to 3 hours 30 mins
GOING	Easy to medium with some muddy sections and 200m climb
MAP	OS Explorer 288 Bradford and Huddersfield
TRAIN	Baildon to Bingley change at Shipley (approx. 0.10 and 0.40 Mon – Sat)
PARKING	Bingley Arts Centre and Ian Clough Hall, Baildon
TOILETS	Pubs and cafes
FAIRTRADE	Old Glen Tea Room, Nine@Westgate, Café Bar 12, Pickles, Jessie's, Co-op in Baildon, Baildon Golf Club, Wesley's Cafe

The walk start point

Market Cross, Bingley.

Walk information

A walk of approximately 5 miles with about 200m steady climb incorporating canal and moorland views from the top of Hope Hill.

Comfortable strong walking shoes are recommended along with outdoor clothing to suit the weather on an exposed hill. A light snack and water are advisable although there are two pubs and a café along the route.

Please take care when walking along the canal banks and keep children under close supervision at all times. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs and people who have walking difficulties.

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

The Walk Route

Starting at Market Cross, outside Bingley Arts Centre, head towards the right-hand edge of the square onto Main Street and cross via the pedestrian crossing. Head straight down the narrow cobbled alleyway, left of Halifax Building Society, to emerge facing the station. Turn right and climb the steps up the embankment to emerge onto Chapel Lane. Turn left along Chapel Lane to its junction with Ferncliffe Road. Turn left on Ferncliffe Road and head for the suspension bridge over the relief road. Cross the bridge and then turn right along the canal towpath towards Shipley. Continue along the towpath past the Fisherman's pub at bridge 205. Carry on past the canal lock until you reach the next bridge (Bridge 206).

At Bridge 206 cross to North bank of the canal – follow the towpath. Before the aqueduct go left down to a riverside path. Follow this path to Hirst Weir and Bradford Amateur Rowing Club. Past the Rowing Club, cross the beck by the small bridge and out onto an open grassy area. Turn left up to the houses and pass along numbers 41 to 27 then turn left into Bowland Avenue and continue across Glenwood Avenue up to the turning circle on Higher Coach Road.

Directly opposite is Trench Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest, an ancient, species – rich and rare meadow. Follow the walled bridlepath to the right of the field gate up hill passing back of The Old Glen House pub and Tea Room (Fairtrade served 10am 5pm daily)

Follow any path to the left along the top of Shipley Glen to end of wall on right on Glen Road. Cross road to moor track, continuing uphill. On either side of the path are hollows with loose earth round them called 'bell pits' from the way that material was mined. Along the wall of Dobrudden caravan park is a large protruding stone with 'cup and ring' marks on it made by an ancient civilization. At the top of Baildon Moor is an Ordnance Survey triangulation pillar and a toposcope.

Take the path to the left of the ponds in the direction of Drax cooling towers (see toposcope) and continue down towards Baildon golf course. Along the edge of the moor, about 200m on the right are some very large lumps of furnace slag from earlier iron works. From the moor the path follows an old stone-flagged wagon way from iron works down past the golf links with houses on your right and Baildon Golf Club (Fairtrade). From the moor, continue towards the road, Northgate, and walk downhill to the market cross and roundabout for the bus (No. 656) back to Bingley railway station.

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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Walk route devised by Bradford District Fair Trade Way



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map not to scale Key 5 miles (7km) Linear **Bingley to Baildon** Walk 2: Bradford Fair Trade Way ----- Footpaths --- Route Myrtle Park BINGLEY 0-0 railway , viaduct Milnerfield Farm Saltaire BINGLEY ROAD **BAILDON MOOR** Shipley Glen Tramway HOPE HILL 9999 Baildon Golf Course -0 -Co -Calidon Bank cattle grid BAILDON Angel public house