

# Countryside Guided Walks

Guided and self-guided walks that explore the Bradford District



April - September 2017

## General Guidance

The purpose of this Guided Walks programme is primarily to introduce people to walking in the Bradford District. You may be surprised at the variety of landscape and wildlife to be experienced both in the countryside that we have, and in the urban areas.

The aims of the walks are to provide a safe, friendly atmosphere in which you can become familiar with the local routes, landscapes and rights of way - the first step in devising your own routes so you can explore further, or join up with one of the local walking groups.

Unless otherwise stated in the walk information, walks are FREE. You will however be expected to pay your own fare if your walk involves the use of public transport.

### Public transport

Due to the remoteness of some of the walk starting points, not all walks are convenient for public transport users. However, where time and location allow, our aim is to make as many walks as possible accessible by public transport. Contact MetroLine on 0113 245 7676 or visit [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) for full and up to date travel information.

### Be prepared for the weather

Walking boots or stout shoes are recommended on all walks, wellington boots are suitable for shorter walks. Waterproofs, extra sweater, hat and gloves are best carried in a small back-pack in preference to a hand held bag.

### Walkers ability

Due to the very nature of the countryside walkers may from time to time experience difficulties, whether it be a difficult stile, slippery steps, mud etc.

### Food and drink

It is advisable to bring food and drinks on all our walks and activities. The amount of food you bring is of course up to the individual. However, we do recommend that for walks starting before lunch time you bring a packed lunch.

### First Aid

Please note that our walk leaders are unable to provide first aid assistance or equipment on our walks.

### Boot symbols

These are shown against each walk to help you judge its suitability in addition to the distance.

- Little or no difficulty
- Some difficulty
- A difficult walk

The walks will normally be paced at 2 miles per hour but will take longer on themed walks and also where there is some difficulty or where there are large numbers of walkers. All mileage is approximate. The walk guide/activity leader reserves the right to cancel or amend the walk/activity in the light of problems which may effect the safety of the walk party. Please note: the leader reserves the right to refuse to allow any walker to join in if inadequately dressed or would clearly struggle to complete the walk.

Walkers are requested to keep behind the leader in order that a pace can be maintained for the benefit of all the party.

The following table gives an approximate guide to the length in time that guided walks should take. Time does not apply to theme walks, these take longer than normal walks. Hilly terrain and poor weather also adds time.

Mileage	Approx. time
1 mile (1.6km)	30 mins
2 miles (3.2km)	1 hour
3 miles (4.8km)	1:30 hours
4 miles (6.4km)	2 hours
5 miles (8km)	2:30 hours
6 miles (9.7km)	3 hours
7 miles (11.2km)	3:30 hours
8 miles (12.8km)	4 hours
9 miles (14.5km)	4:30 hours
10 miles (16km)	5 hours
11 miles (17.6km)	5:30 hours
12 miles (19.3km)	6 hours
13 miles (21km)	6:5 hours

### Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on any of our walks with the exception of guide dogs.

### Customer care

On all Bradford's Countryside and Rights of Way Service Walks the leader will be assisted by a second volunteer who's job it is to look after the tail end of the party. If you are experiencing any difficulties during the walk please let the back-up volunteer know so that any necessary action can be taken. It is also important to let the back-up know if you are leaving the walk.

## Self-guided walks from the web

Check out our website for a selection of self-guided walks, with maps and easy to follow route information to enable you to explore the Bradford District at your own pace - just pick, click and print!

### Airedale

- Above the Aire Valley 4 miles (6.4km) Circular
- Aire Valley Woodland and Water 4 1/2 miles (7.5km) Circular
- Around Cullingworth 5 1/4 miles (8.4km) Circular
- Around Doe Park Reservoir, Denholme 3 miles (4.8km) Circular
- Around Keighley Moor 6 miles (10km) Circular
- Around Silsden Reservoir 5 1/2 miles (8.8km) Circular
- Around St Ives Estate 4 miles (6.4km) Circular
- Baildon to Burley in Wharfedale 5 miles (8km) Linear
- Baildon Hill Circuit 2 miles (4.6km) Circular
- Baildon to Ikley 8 miles (13km) Linear
- Between Wilsden and Cullingworth 3 1/4 miles (5.2km) Circular
- Bingley to Baildon 5 miles (8km) Linear
- Blackpots & Rivock Plantation 3 3/4 miles (6.3km) Circular
- Brass Castle and West Morton 5 miles (8km) Circular

- Calder/Aire Link 17 miles (27km) Linear
- Dalesway Link (Bradford - Ilkley) 12 miles (20km) Linear
- Doubler Stones 5 3/4 miles (9km) Circular
- East Morton, Sunnydale and the Glen 3 1/2 miles (6km) Circular
- Fields and Farms North of Eldwick 3 1/2 miles (5.6km) Circular
- Four Pubs and a Sewage Works 4 miles (6.5km) Circular
- Goitstock Woods and Harden Beck 2 1/4 miles (3.5km) Circular
- Grand Circuit of Baildon Moor and Shipley Glen 6 miles (10km) Circular
- Ladderbanks Lane, Esholt and the River Aire Circuit 5 miles (8km) Circular
- Lady Blantyre's Rock 5 miles (8.4km) Circular
- Micklethwaite and the 3 and 5 Rise Locks 3 1/2 miles (5.6km) Circular
- Morton East and West 4 miles (6.5km) or 2 3/4 miles (4.4km) Circular
- Norr Hill 6 miles (9.6km) Circular
- Oakworth to Keighley 4 miles (6.25km) Linear
- Riddlesden - A Walk from the Towpath 3 1/2 miles (5.6km) Circular
- Saltaire - A Walk from the Towpath 2 1/4 miles (3.5km) Circular
- Shipley to Bingley 3 miles (5km) Linear
- Tong Park Dam 5 miles (8km) Circular
- Villages Along the Aire Valley 7 miles (11.26km) Circular

## South, East & West Bradford

- Around Queensbury Triangle 3 1/2 miles (5.25km) Circular
- Chellow Heights 2 1/2 miles (4km) Circular
- North of Thornton 5 miles (8km) Circular
- Pudsey Beck and Cockersdale 3 1/2 miles (5.6km) Circular
- Royds Hall and Judy Woods 3 miles (4.8km) Circular
- South West Thornton 4 3/4 miles (7.6km) Circular

## Haworth, Stanbury & the Worth Valley

- Around Leeming and the Reservoir 1 3/4 miles (2.8km) Circular
- Bronte Connection (Stanbury) 4 1/2 miles (7.2km) Circular
- Crow Hill 7 miles (11.5km) Circular
- H2H Haworth to Hebden Bridge 6 miles (9.7km) or 10 miles (16km) or 16 miles (26km) Linear / Circular
- Hill Top Hamlets 5 3/4 miles (9km) Circular
- North and West of Oakworth 4 1/2 miles (7.2km) Circular
- Penistone Crag (Stanbury) 3 miles (4.8km) Circular
- Penistone Hill Heritage Trail 1 1/2 miles (2.4km) Circular
- The Sladen Valley, Haworth 4 miles (6.4km) Circular

- The Worth Way 11 miles (17.5km) Circular or 5 1/2 miles (8.75km) Linear

## Wharfedale

- Around Reva Hill 5 miles (8km) Circular
- High Above Addingham 4 3/4 miles (7.6km) Circular
- Length and Breadth of Ilkley Moor 7 miles (11.2km) Circular
- Mount Calvary and Middleton Woods 3 miles (4.8km) Circular
- Nesfield and Upper Austby 6 1/2 miles (10.4km) Circular
- Riverside Gardens, Ilkley 1 3/4 miles (2.75km) Circular
- Towards Ben Rhydding 4 miles (6.4km) Circular
- West of Ilkley 4 1/2 miles (7.2km) Circular
- Windgate Nick 5 miles (8km) Circular

## Other Walks

- Eccleshill History Trail Allow 2 hours (Produced by Eccleshill History Group)

**Don't have access to the internet? No problem - give the Countryside and Rights of Way Service a call and we will print your chosen walk out on your behalf and post it on to you free of charge.**

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## The Friends of Bracken Hall

The Friends of Bracken Hall will be organising the following walks all which start from Shipley Glen opposite Bracken Hall Countryside Centre at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.

- Friday 21st April **Up and Down Shipley Glen** Circular 6.5 miles (10.4 kms).
- Sunday 7th May **Early Morning Walk** Circular 1.8miles (3kms). Meet 04:30am
- Friday 19th May **Millennium Way Circular No.1** 8 miles (12.8kms).
- Friday 23rd June **Over Ilkley Moor** Circular 8.5 miles (13.6kms). Money for public transport required.
- Saturday 1st July **Rodley Nature Reserve** Circular 10 miles (16kms). Money for public transport required. Meet 10:00am.
- Saturday 29th July **Bracken Hall & Baildon Moor** Circular 7 miles (11.2kms). Meet 10:00am.
- Friday 25th August **Bracken Hall Family Walk** Circular 4.5 miles (7.2kms).
- Friday 15th September **Cliffe Castle** Circular 9 miles (14.4kms). Money for public transport required.

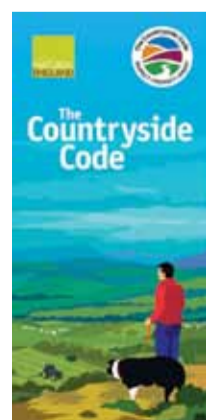
For full details visit [www.friendsofbrackenhall.org.uk](http://www.friendsofbrackenhall.org.uk)

## THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

RESPECT • PROTECT • ENJOY

### RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE

Please respect the local community and other people using the outdoors. Remember your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods.



- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available.

For full details of the Countryside Code visit: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code)

### PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

We all have a responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees and try to leave no trace of your visit. When out with your dog make sure it is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, horses, wildlife or other people.

- Leave no trace of your visit - take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

### ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

Even when going out locally, it's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go. For example, your rights to go onto some areas of open access land and coastal land may be restricted in particular places at particular times. Find out as much as you can about where you are going, plan ahead and follow advice and local signs.

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

### Some of the symbols you may see in the countryside

- Footpath:** open to walkers only, waymarked with a yellow arrow.
- Bridleway:** open to walkers, horse-riders and cyclists, waymarked with a blue arrow.
- Restricted byway:** open to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and horse-drawn vehicles, waymarked with a plum coloured arrow.
- Byway open to all traffic (BOAT):** open to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles, waymarked with a red arrow.
- National Trail Acorn:** identifies 15 long distance routes in England and Wales. All are open for walking and some trails are also suitable for cyclists, horse-riders and people with limited mobility.



The Countryside and Rights of Way Service is constantly striving to improve it's service to the community, to this end we need help from you the customer. If you have enjoyed your walk please tell your friends. If not, tell us.

Please send your comments to: The Countryside and Rights of Way Service Manager, Countryside and Rights of Way Service, 4th Floor, Britannia House, Broadway BRADFORD BD1 1HX

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# April



## Wednesday 5th April Washburndale

3½ miles (5.6km) (+3 miles (4.8km)) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Gillian Dale at 11am at Swinsty Moor car park and picnic area (Nidderdale) GR:186 538 for a walk around Fewston Reservoir and Fewston village. We can extend this walk to include a circuit of Swinsty reservoir. 🥾🥾

## Sunday 9th April

**Trainspotting**  
4½ miles (7.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Anthony Green at 10:30am at the entrance to Oxenhope Railway Station, Millennium Green, Oxenhope. The Flying Scotsman is due to depart Oxenhope at 10:20 – if you want to see the engine before our walk we suggest you arrive in good time. Our walk takes us close to the KWVR line so hopefully we will catch another glimpse of this famous engine. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 12th April Return to Otley's Lost Tracks

7 miles (11.2km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Malcolm Gardner at Menston station at 10.45am. A return trip to the lost rail link between Burley, Menston & Otley with an extension to the original site of Otley station. 🥾🥾

## Friday 14th April Easter Parade

5 miles (8km) • Circular • Packed Lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 11am on Leathley Ave, Menston (by the recreation ground). An alternative to our traditional Good Friday walk. Today we visit the huge cross on Otley Chevin. Uphill to begin with and splendid surprise views on a clear day. 🥾🥾

## Sunday 16th April Kettlewell and Starbotton

6 miles (9.7km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Julian at 11am at Kettlewell main carpark for a scenic walk from Kettlewell, up steep Top Mere Road then dropping down to Starbotton with a leisurely walk back to Kettlewell along the valley floor. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 23rd April Saltaire Heritage Walk

5 miles (8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet David Anderson and Colin Pitts at 11am next to the railway station, Victoria Road, Saltaire for the annual walk to celebrate the World Heritage Site. Starts with a moderate climb to view the village and hear some of its history. 🥾🥾

## Tuesday 25th April Hills and Mills of Eldwick

3½ miles (5.6km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Jeff Brodrick at 11am at Eldwick bus terminus – lots of stiles on our walk north of Eldwick. Plenty of interest along the way. 🥾

# May



## Wednesday 3rd May Riffa Bluebell Ramble

7 miles (11.2km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 10:30am at Pool Bridge – junction of the A658 and A659. A lovely walk on field paths and good tracks. Look out for red kites and bluebells. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 10th May Wharfedale Wander

6½ miles (10.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet David Anderson at 10:30am at the main car park in Burnsall for an undulating walk on lanes and fields on both sides of the Wharfe. 🥾🥾

## Sunday 14th May Pinshaw Beacon

8 miles (12.8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Ken Allen Senior at 11am at the Hare and Hounds pub in Lothersdale for a walk on grass paths, rough moorland, woodland and back on the Pennine Way. 🥾🥾🥾

## Tuesday 16th May

**Swastika Stone and Windgate Nick**  
6 miles (9.7km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Anne Hodgson at 10.30am by Addingham library. Crossing over toward Ilkley we explore the ancient stone and follow the moor paths to the Nick. Some uphill, and a steep descent. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 24th May St Ives, Harden & Marley

7½ miles (12km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Howard Lloyd at 11am at St Ives Lower car Park (off B4629 Harden Road). A gentle climb to some excellent viewpoints on good paths including a section of the Airedale Way and the historic settlement of Marley. Please note the start point is a 20 minute walk from Bingley rail/bus station. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 28th May Leeming and Black Moor

4½ miles (7.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Anthony Green at 10:30am at the entrance to Oxenhope Station for a circular walk taking in Leeming and Black Moor. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 31st May Some Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

6½ miles (10.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet David Anderson at 10:30am on Church Street, outside St John's Church, Cullingworth for a walk with a steady climb to view the Worth Valley, returning via Black Moor through fields and lanes. 🥾🥾



Harden Moor

# June

## Wednesday 7th June Shipley Glen

3½ miles (5.6km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Jeff Brodrick at 11am at Saltaire railway station for an interesting walk north of Saltaire with two short climbs along the way. 🥾

## Sunday 11th June Railway Children

6 miles (9.7km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Kenneth John Allen at Haworth Visitor Information Centre (top of Main Street) at 11am – back by popular demand to visit various locations from the film. 🥾🥾🥾

## Wednesday 14th June Baildon Moor and Glen

8 miles (12.8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Eddie Nash at 10:30am at the entrance to Ian Clough Hall car park, next to the roundabout in Baildon Town Centre. A mix of urban, rural and open moorland walking including sections of the Dales Way Link and Bradford's Millennium Way. 🥾🥾🥾

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Haworth railway station

## Sunday 18th June Millennium Circular No 5

5 miles (8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 10:30am at the junction of Lower Town and Station Rd, near the mill chimney in Oxenhope for an invigorating walk on tracks and conduits, with plenty of stiles. 🥾🥾

## Tuesday 27th June Two Hidden Villages

6 miles (9.7km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Anne Hodgson at 10:30am in the main car park in Gargrave (near the village hall). A varied walk over to Flasby and Winterburn over little used footpaths. A few stiles. 🥾🥾

# July

## Wednesday 5th July The Branch Line

4 miles (6.4km) • Circular • Snack • Meet Colin Pitts at 11am at Thackley Methodist Church (junction of Park Road, Ainsbury Avenue and Thackley Road) for a short walk down the disused railway, now a woodland corridor. 🥾🥾

## Tuesday 11th July Skipton to Embsay

9 miles (14.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Phil Hatton at 10:30am in Skipton bus station for a lovely walk with beautiful views - moorland, farmland woods and more. 🥾🥾🥾



The hamlet of Ryecroft - near Catstones Moor

## Sunday 16th July Hog Holes Brow

6 miles (9.7km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 10:30am at the junction of Halifax Road (A629) and Haworth Rd (A6033) at Cross Roads and Lees. Circumnavigate Catstones Hill in an area of many farms and disused quarries – including a section of the Worth Way. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 26th July Over the top to Nesfield

7½ miles (12km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Howard Lloyd at 11am at Ilkley swimming pool. A walk on well established paths and tracks via Middleton Wood to the edge of Middleton Moor returning via Upper Austby to pass through the picturesque village of Nesfield. Please note the start point is a 15 minute walk from Ilkley rail/bus station. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 30th July A View from Baildon Hill

2 miles (3.2km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Eddie Nash at 11am at the entrance to Ian Clough Hall car park, next to the roundabout in Baildon Town Centre. A gentle incline from the start to experience the panoramic views from Baildon Hill. 🥾

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# August

## Wednesday 2nd August Sunnydale - A Rural Surprise

5 miles (8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Anne Hodgson at 10:30am on Morton Lane, Crossflatts below Morton Canal bridge (just above the school). A varied walk through lovely woodland with ponds and view points. 🥾🥾

## Wednesday 9th August Hunger Hill

6½ miles (10.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 10:30am at Bridle Stile car park (off A6036 at Shelf). A surprisingly rural walk on field paths and farm lanes, including sections of both the Bronte and Calderdale Ways. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 13th August Beamsley Beacon

7 miles (11.2km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Ken Allen Snr at 11am at Addingham suspension bridge for a walk to Beamsley Beacon. 🥾🥾🥾



## Wednesday 16th August What's up Pike?

6½ miles (10.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Howard Lloyd at 11am at Addingham Library. A summer ramble on paths and tracks to Haw Pike including a section of the Dales Way alongside the river Wharfe. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 20th August Ilkley North of the River

8 miles (12.8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Phil Hatton at 10.30 at Ilkley swimming pool (Denton Road) for a varied walk on the sunny side of the valley. Woods, moorland, farmland with stunning views. 🥾🥾🥾

## Wednesday 23rd August To Walk Invisible

7 miles (11.2km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Colin Pitts at 10.30am on the Church steps at the top of Main Street Haworth for a walk along some rough moorland paths to the invisible film set and beyond. 🥾🥾

## Sunday 27th August Windgate Nick and Moorside

9 miles (14.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Kenneth John Allen at 11am at Wesley Place car park, Silsden for a good walk with some good views. 🥾🥾🥾

## Wednesday 30th August The Low Road to Ilkley

8 miles (12.8km) • Linear • Packed lunch • Meet Malcolm Gardner at Guiseley station at 10.45 am for a linear walk along the Wharfe Valley to Ilkley. Return to Guiseley by train at your own expense. 🥾🥾🥾

# September

Look out for the Autumn/  
Winter Guided Walks programme  
- available from mid September!

## Wednesday 6th September Transfield Top

5 miles (8km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Jeff Brodrick at 10:30am at Bingley Market Square. Good paths to start with, then a little more climbing on the way back. 🥾🥾



Royds Hall Manor - Judy Woods

## Wednesday 13th September Mills A' Plenty

3½ miles (5.6km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Gillian Dale at 11am at East Morton bus terminus to explore the sites of the mills of Sunnydale. A steady climb at the start. 🥾🥾

## Sunday 17th September The Scar

10 miles (16km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Ken Allen Snr at 11am at Malham Post Office for a long walk on moorland paths passing caves and rock formations. Steep ascent at first. 🥾🥾🥾

## Sunday 24th September Towards Ben Rhydding

4 miles (6.4km) • Circular • Packed lunch • Meet Barbara Walker at 11am at Burley in Wharfedale station for a stroll along the valley and back via Sun Lane Nature Reserve. (This is one of our web walks. Go to: [www.bradford.gov.uk/media/2071/towardsbenrhydding.pdf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/media/2071/towardsbenrhydding.pdf)) 🥾🥾

## Thursday 28th September Judy's Wood

4 miles (6.4km) • Circular • Drink • Meet Nigel at 2pm at Station Road, Wyke (BD12 8LH) next to the sign for Judy Woods. Bell pits, a cautionary tale, Grade 2 listed building and plenty of trees. 🥾🥾

## Saturday 30th September River Ramble

3 miles (4.8km) • Circular • Snack • Meet Gillian Dale at 1:30pm on the Old Packhorse Bridge, Ilkley (bottom of Stockeld Road) for an afternoon of exploring the River Wharfe. 🥾