

WALKS DESCRIBED BY THE BAILDON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Taken From their collection of Baildon Heritage Trails

1. Baildon Village Walk
2. Coach Road to Shipley Glen
3. Kirklands Walk
4. Railway Walk
5. The Charlie Thompson Walk
6. Ferniehurst and Baildon Green Walk
7. The Lost Hamlets of Baildon Moor
8. The Turnpike Walk
9. Threshfield and Low Baildon Walk
10. The Salt Market Walk
11. Riverside Walk
12. Peace Walk
13. Baildon Hill Circuit
14. Grand Circuit of Baildon Moor
15. Ladderbanks Lane and Esholt
16. Baildon to Ilkley

HISTORIC FOOTPATHS

1. **Dixon Mill Lane:** The footpath alongside the Tramway, which predated the building of Saltaire and providing a route to the original Dixon Mill and then was part of land purchases by Titus Salt. The path can be tentatively dated to at least early 1600s.
2. **Pack Horse Trod, Ladderbanks Lane:** Trod is a term that is used to refer to stone flagged paths which at one time formed an extensive network across Northern England This bridle way follows the path of very ancient routes, probably from prehistoric times. With the extension of the clothing Industry in the 17th Century, the traffic was very much increased. Trains of Packhorses conveyed the cloth to the markets, which necessitated better Roadways. Many of the old soft tracks were then covered with flat stones 2 to 3 feet in width, which enabled the horses to get a secure footing. Given the above this path can be tentatively be dated to the mid 1600`s. The Ladderbanks trod is unusual because it has survived in an urban environment. Much of the remaining packhorse routes only survive on high ground in remote moorland locations. The Ladderbanks route is well preserved with a continuous run of exposed flagstones over 110m down the hillside. A lower section has been left buried to prevent erosion.
3. **The Colliers Track:** The stone path ascending to the top of Baildon Moor – Sometimes referred to as the ‘Colliers’ Track’, this track would have been used to carry wagons of coal mined from the small ‘bell pits’ on the moor back to the village as well as the quarried stone. There are records of coal being mined in Baildon from as early as 1387, it is believed that the coal workings were exhausted by the 1870`s. The Path has double paved wagonways built to stop the iron wheeled wagons from sinking into the boggy ground. The track is heavily used today by walkers as it is the most direct route from the centre of Baildon to the top of Baildon Moor.

WALKS PRODUCED BY BAILDON WALKERS ARE WELCOME

24 walks in total, taken from 3 Walk Booklets produced by [Walkers are Welcome](https://baildonwalkersarewelcome.org/)
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Booklet 1: From the Potted Meat Stick

1. Ginnels and Gardens of Baildon
2. Baildon Moor: Round the back and over the top
3. Baildon Bank, Roberts Park, Riverside Path and Fairbank Woods
4. Gill Beck and Hawksworth
5. Hills and Valleys to Menston and Back
6. Burley Woodhead Circular

Booklet 2: From Baildon Railway Station

1. Byways to the top of Baildon Moor, returning via Baildon centre and Brook Hill
2. The glories of Gill Beck Valley
3. Nature Reserve, Thackley and Buck Wood
4. Historic villages of Tong Park and Esholt
5. To Guiseley, returning through Esholt Woods on the Welcome Way
6. To Otley Chevin via Esholt and Guiseley; returning via Menston

Booklet 3: From Bracken Hall Green and Shipley Glen

1. To Hirst Lock, Hirst Wood Nature Reserve, Saltaire, Roberts Park and Shipley Glen Tramway
2. Round the Rim of Shipley Glen
3. Wood, Riverbank and Canal
4. Moorland Views and a streamside Path
5. Over the Hill to Baildon and Back along the Bank
6. Above Eldwick to Five Rise Locks and back along the Canal Towpath

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND CRITICAL CONNECTING PATH

Public rights of way (PROW) are marked with signs or coloured arrows, such as yellow for footpaths and blue for Bridleways. These rights of way are open to pedestrians, cyclists and sometimes horse riders, but not vehicles. It is important to use these ways responsibly and be aware of other users particularly if using a bicycle or horse riding.

For more detailed information on public rights of way in Baildon (including an interactive map) including footpaths, bridleways and byways please visit [Bradford Council Public Rights of Way Map](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/countryside-and-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way-in-bradford-map-of-paths/)
(<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/countryside-and-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way-in-bradford-map-of-paths/>) and also the [What A Walk map](https://www.whatawalk.com/map/) (<https://www.whatawalk.com/map/>).

The following pedestrian bridges over the River Aire are critical to good connectivity in Baildon:

- Buck Lane Footbridge
- Dockfield Footbridge
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- Roberts Park Footbridge