



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Countryside & Rights of Way

Walk 1: Bradford District Fair Trade Way

Bradford to Saltaire

4.5 miles (7.5km) Linear (return by train or bus)

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The Fair Trade Way was created by the Bradford Fairtrade Zone as a scenic, circular walking route linking all the Fairtrade Villages and Towns in the Bradford District: Bradford, Shipley, Bingley, Baildon, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, Keighley, Haworth (world's first Fairtrade Village) & Thornton.

Fairtrade is a global movement for change for both people and planet. It aims to end exploitation and poverty, mitigate the impact of climate change, and create economic, social and environmental sustainability and trade justice for farmers and workers in low-income countries.

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This walk follows the route of the Bradford Dales Way Link Path and the Yorkshire Heritage Way. Bradford Fair Trade Zone acknowledge the help of Colin Speakman who devised this route and David Asher and colleagues who planned and launched the Yorkshire Heritage Way. Pencil sketches by Roy Lorrain-Smith are acknowledged with grateful thanks.

Most of the route is along roads and paths through some woodland and following the new greenway between Bradford and Shipley. Going is easy with only one short steep climb. Walkers are advised to wear strong footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather. This route is not suitable for disabled access.

Public transport information:

Metro Line: 0113 245 7676

MAP	OS Explorer 288 Bradford & Huddersfield
BUS	Any bus from Shipley Market or from Keighley Road, Saltaire
RETURN	Saltaire or Shipley station Bradford Forster Square
TOILETS	Bradford Cathedral, Shipley station, Salts Mill
FAIRTRADE	Bradford Cathedral

THE ROUTE



Setting off from Bradford Cathedral the route passes the sites of various stone quarries from which much of the fine Victorian buildings, including the cathedral, of Bradford are built. Stone from Spinkwell Quarries was also shipped to London.

Leaving the cathedral entrance porch in the Cathedral Close, follow the path up to the road, emerging through a gate onto Stott Hill. Turn L and shortly cross diagonally into cobbled Captain Street opposite. Follow Captain Street, passing behind the Corn Dolly Pub. At T junction, turn R on to Bolton Road, crossing to the pavement on the other side of the road. Follow Bolton Road to the traffic lights on Shipley- Airedale Road. Turn L to the pelican crossing, then cross the dual carriageway to rejoin Bolton Road on the opposite side. Continue up Bolton Road for 200 metres.

Turn L down Lawson Street, then turn right at the bottom of this short street into Coleman Street. At its end, a gate leads into Boar's Well Urban Wildlife Reserve. Follow the path through the reserve along the hillside.

Pass the renovated Spinks Well on R - an early source of fresh water for Bradfordians. Near this place the legendary boar which terrorized the people of Cliffe Wood, Bradford, was slain. The hunter cut out its tongue as proof for the Lord of the Manor. Hence the boar's head on Bradford coat of arms with no tongue.



The path passes underneath an electricity pylon. Continue along the path, ignoring a branch to L and passing another pylon just before you join Kings Road. Turn R towards the traffic lights and - with care - cross Queens Road and immediately turn L to cross Kings Road.

Turn R along Kings Road dual carriage way and after 100 metres turn L down Bolton Lane. Pass allotments on your L and Kingsley Avenue on your R. Near the bottom of the hill, take the next turn R along a narrow unsurfaced road, Hollin Close Lane. This bears R up a slight incline between the back of a house and newer houses. Look for a narrow footpath on R between the back of a house and newer houses on R.



Follow the path through metal bollards, climbing steeply towards trees where you join another path by new housing. Bear L and walk straight ahead to join a tarmacked footpath running between wooden garden fencing.

Emerging onto Poplars Park Road, follow the pavement uphill to R. Look for a signed bridleway on the other side of the road to L. Take the bridleway and ascend through some metal gates. Turn sharp L through a walkers' gate and follow the path uphill, keeping L shortly afterwards at an indistinct fork to follow the hillside contour through a field and around to a stile just beneath a small woodland copse.

The views from Bolton Woods Quarry across the valley take in Manningham Mills which once employed 9,000 people and also gave birth to the Independent Labour Party in 1893. On the valley floor is the Bradford City football stadium replacing the burned-out ruins of the Bradford City fire of 1985 in which 56 people died.



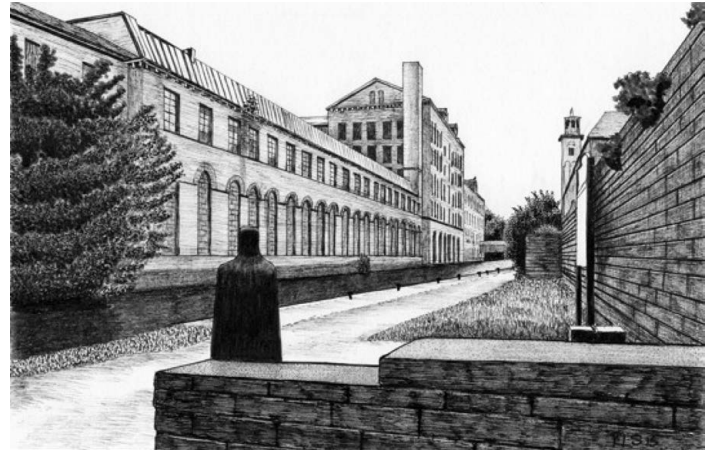
Continue along the contours of the hillside, curving gently R to a kissing gate. From the kissing gate the narrow path curves R through woodland, before coming to a T junction with another path. Turn L and head down hill, where the path soon emerges onto a steeply sloping open grassy area with new housing below. Follow the track heading diagonally R downhill in the direction of the uppermost street of new housing. Climb over a low wall to join Ian Greenwood Way - sign at the far end. Keep ahead to Livingstone Road.

Turn L down Livingstone Road, descending past the primary school and shops. The road becomes Gaisby Lane and crosses the line of the long gone Bradford Canal. Just before the road reaches Canal Road (A6037), turn R to join the Canal Road Greenway - a tarmacked track for walkers and cyclists which follows the line of Bradford Beck on L.

Note steel fencing enclosing site of old dye works. Beyond is the first planting of Bradford Cathedral Woodland project planted by 7 community groups in 2017/18.

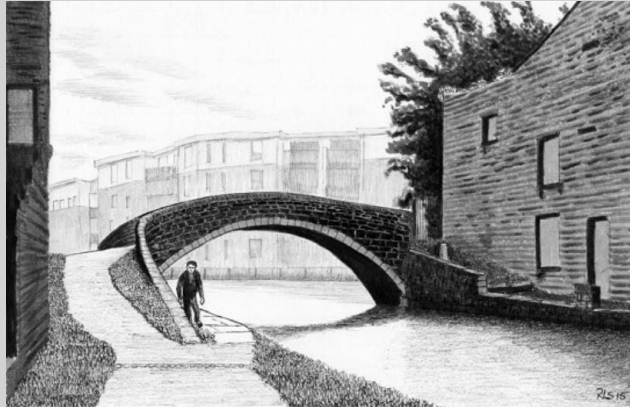
Cross Poplar Road and continue following the Greenway. The Greenway eventually passes underneath a road bridge with the Beck still down to the L. Cross an access road for new housing. Continue along the Greenway until it meets Leeds Road. Turn L downhill towards the railway bridge. Pass the entrance road to Shipley Station on L and at the pelican crossing shortly after, cross the road. Turn L towards a row of concrete bollards at the back edge of the pavement. Turn R through the bollards and walk straight ahead into the signed ginnel leading to a foot bridge over the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Cross the footbridge to join the canal towpath.

Stepping off the bridge turn R towards Saltaire. Follow the towpath - a cycle and pedestrian route - under a wide road bridge, passing the Shipley wharfs on L. Go under another road bridge. The large Victorian industrial buildings on both sides of the canal are part of the huge Salts Mill complex designed by Bradford architects Lockwood and Mawson.



Just after the next road bridge over the canal turn sharp R and continue up slope to Victoria Road, main street of Saltaire. Alternatively, go down to a footbridge over the River Aire to reach Roberts Park.

There are cafes, toilets and shops in Salts Mill, in Saltaire and in Roberts Park.



Look R along canal to see Dockfield Bridge, a barge horse bridge enabling the barge horses to get across the canal at the entrance to long disused Bradford Canal. Only a few metres of this remain at the junction.

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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START POINT
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