



City of  
**BRADFORD**  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



## Countryside & Rights of Way

# Walk 3: Bradford District Fair Trade Way

## Bingley to Baildon

**5 miles (8 km) Linear (return by train or bus)**

### Bradford District Fair Trade Way

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.

[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

This is a medium walk with some muddy sections and 200m climb up Hope Hill to the trig. point above Baildon. The path follows canal and then climbs to the top of Shipley Glen before a final ascent through bracken moorland to the top. Along the last section are some ancient cup and ring marked stones; signs of ancient settlement. Pencil sketches by Roy Lorrain-Smith are acknowledged with grateful thanks.

Walkers are advised to wear strong footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather. This route is not suitable for disabled access.

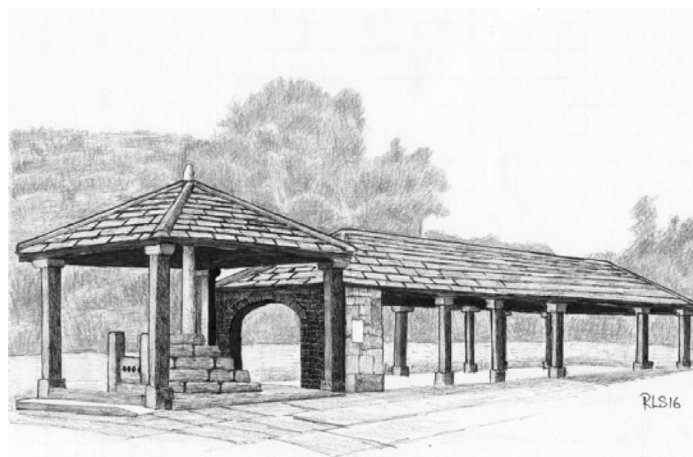
Allow 2 to 3.5 hours.

Public transport information:

**Metro Line:** 0113 245 7676

<b>MAP</b>	OS Explorer 288 Bradford & Huddersfield
<b>TRAIN</b>	Baildon to Bingley change at Shipley
<b>BUS</b>	Any bus to Shipley, then to Bingley
<b>TOILETS</b>	Pubs and cafés, Baildon Public Toilets
<b>FAIRTRADE</b>	Nine@ Westgate, Café bar 12, Co-op in Baildon, Wesley's Café.

### THE ROUTE



Start at the Buttercross on Bingley Market Place. Cross the main road and go towards Bingley Station forecourt and walk R towards large car park area. Veer L to find Airedale Greenway Route 696 finger post on Dubb Lane. Go to end of lane and look R for crossing point. Cross roads by suspension bridge and follow signs to Shipley. Turn R along canal towpath.

At Bridge 205 is the Fisherman's pub (open from 12 daily).

At Bridge 206 cross to North bank of the canal and continue to follow towpath. Before aqueduct turn L through gap and descend steps to riverside path. Crossing the River Aire is Dowley Gap Aqueduct built circa.1773, formerly known as Seven Arches, which is a listed building recently refurbished.



Follow path to Hirst Weir and Bradford Amateur Rowing Club. Follow track away from River Aire.

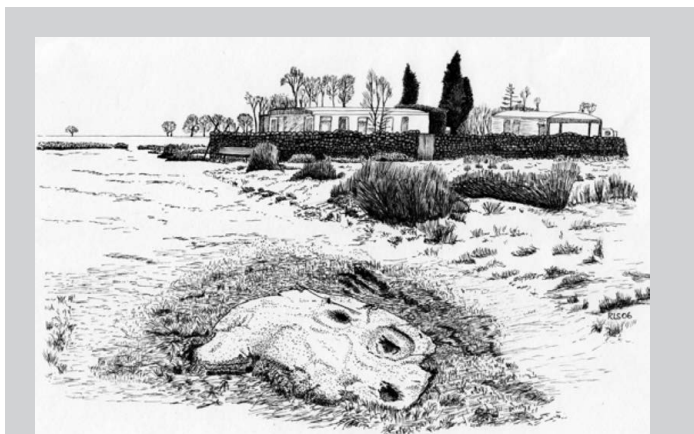
Turn R onto road and walk past stile to field and on to path on L signposted DALESWAY LINK. On L of path is a marshy area of Special Scientific Interest.(S.S.I.)



Follow walled path uphill passing back of The Old Glen House. This open area was used for many fairground activities from Victorian times with access via Shipley Glen Tramway. Along the road is Bracken Hall Countryside Centre.

Follow any path along the top of Shipley Glen to the end of wall on R. Cross road to moorland track.

Continue along track past Dobrudden caravan park to top of Baildon Moor trig. beacon and direction finder. This is also one of the national chain of 'Beacon Sites'.



Baildon Moor has many archaeological remains from very early human settlements. Large hollows and ponds on the moor are likely the remains of stone quarries with coal and iron mine bell pits on the slopes of the moor.

5 Take a path in direction of Leeds and continue down towards golf course.

Follow old, stone flagged wagon way from iron furnace along edge of wall and continue to Baildon Golf Club (Café).



Continue towards road, Northgate, and walk down to market cross and roundabout for bus [No. 656] to railway station. Turn R up Westgate for Wesley's Café, Baildon Methodist Church.

#### 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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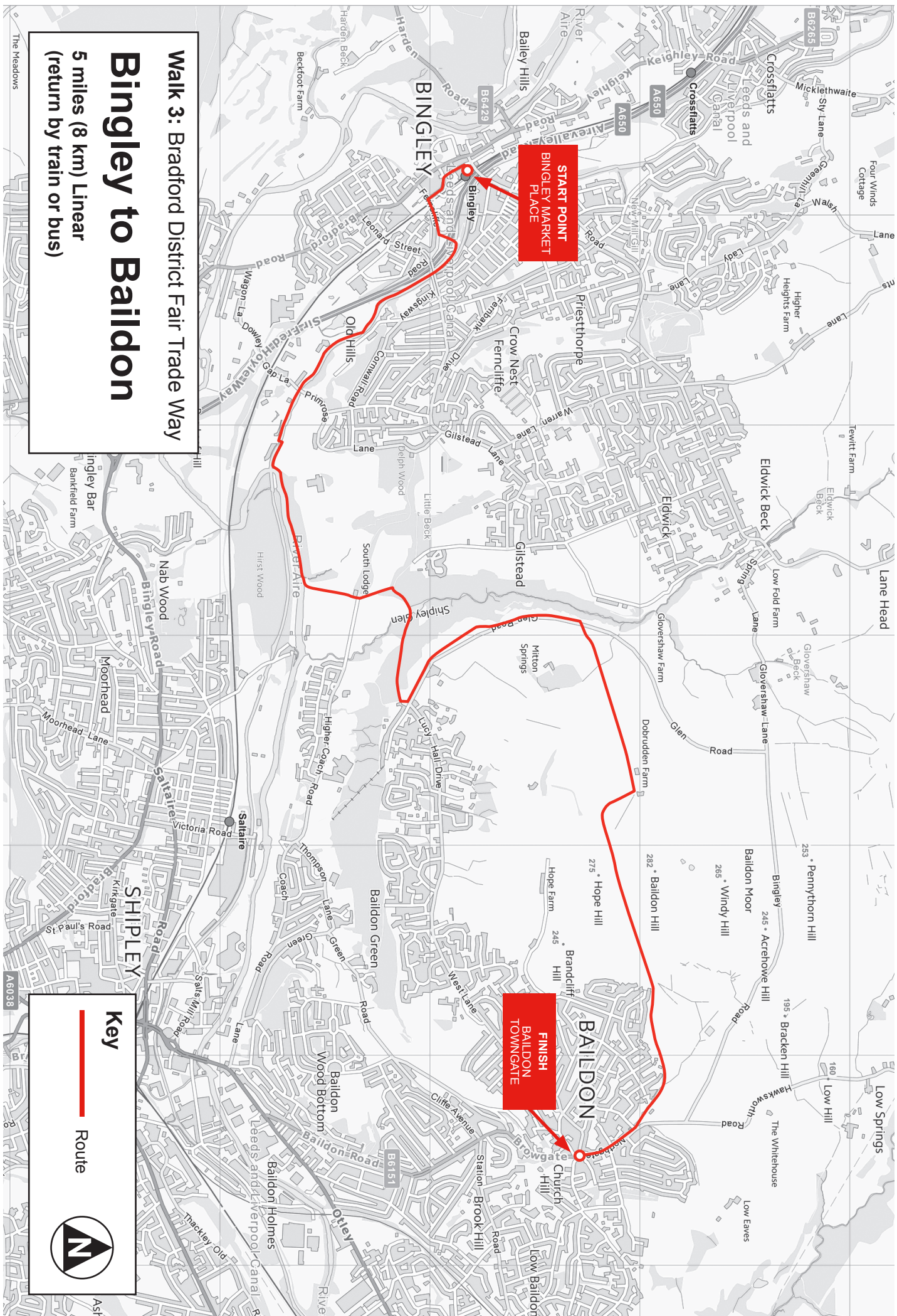


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BINGLEY MARKET  
PLACE

**FINISH**  
BALDON  
TOWNGATE

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