

Countryside & Rights of Way

Walk 4: Bradford District Fair Trade Way

Baildon to Burley-in-Wharfedale

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.

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The walk is suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers, without any steep sections. From Baildon the walk follows clear tracks and paths to Bingley Road. On open moorland it follows a wall to a low ridge and descends by a grassy expanse and marked paths towards Bleach Mill, the railway and Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Strong footwear along with outdoor clothing to suit the season is essential, a packed lunch is recommended. This walk is not suitable for people with wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with limited mobility. On open land dogs will need to be kept on a lead during the bird nesting season (1st March to 31st July) and outside these dates when livestock are present. Please also keep an eye out for wildfire on the moors. See smoke call 999. Pencil sketches by Roy Lorrain-Smith are gratefully acknowledged.

Public transport information:

Metro Line: 0113 245 7676

TIME	3 to 4 hours
GOING	Easy apart from some muddy sections
MAP	OS Explorer 297 Lower Wharfedale & Washburn Valley
BUS	626, 656 to Baildon/Lucy Hall
PARKING	Off Hallcliffe from roundabout
RETURN	Train Burley to Baildon
TOILETS	Baildon public toilets, Northgate Burley centre
FAIRTRADE	Nine@ Westgate, Café Bar 12, Co-op in Baildon, Bleach Mill

THE ROUTE



Walk from the stocks by the roundabout at the top of Browgate. Cross over the road and turn L up Northgate to pass the Malt Shovel Inn. Turn R onto Jenny Lane. Continue along Jenny Lane and turn L to Heygate Lane at Baildon RFU Club grounds.

Follow the walled track and then pass the rugby fields to a stile at the end opening onto the moors. Drop down the steep tarmac road to Moorside Equestrian Centre.

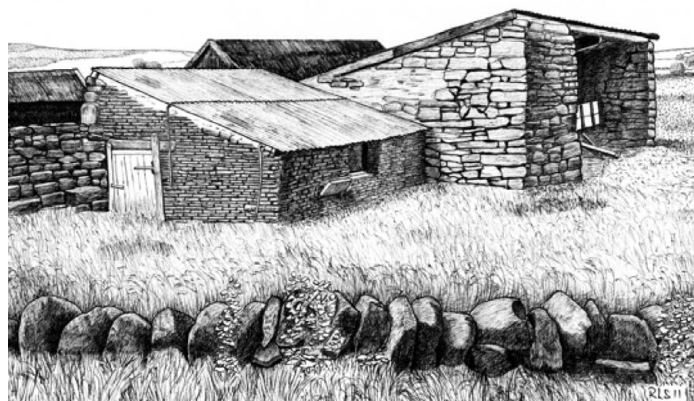


Moorside and Low Hill were rows of houses along this former road for cloth and quarry workers subsequently demolished in the 1960s as “insanitary” and “unfit for human habitation”. The crags L of the track are quarry faces. St John’s Church, Baildon, is built of this stone.

Follow in this track continuing with the buildings and houses on R. Keep to the rough track which passes the White House. Fork L and cross Hawksworth Road to an obvious surfaced moorland path forking R. Follow this path for about 600m and cross the stream R to a Scout centre where the hamlet of Sconce once stood. Deserted, this was demolished in 1934 and the land purchased by the Scouts movement in 1964.



Enter by a narrow gated stile; cross the yard and use another narrow squeeze to reach Sconce Lane. Turn L on Millennium Way. Walk along this road past Ash House farm and barns and then the caravan sites to Faweather Grange.



As you leave the gate from Faweather Grange there is a stone wall L which is more than a garden wall. It is the back of a listed ice house which is now blocked off by a gate and private driveway. Nearby is also a stone with rough carvings. This is an indicator of the status of Faweather Grange in earlier times when it was part of the Rievaulx Abbey estates.

Go through a gate and turn R down the lane. Fork R onto a track alongside the wall down to a gate and clapper bridge.

Down towards the clapper bridge is a house and buildings standing roughly where the salt market of Little London stood for many years. Traders crossed the Pennines with essential salt from Cheshire which they exchanged for local products including cloth.



Walk across the clapper bridge or cross ford with care. Walk up the track and fork L at finger post to Bingley Road, continue uphill onto paved section of path, an ancient salt trade packhorse route, passing Old Wood Farm. Pass the farm and go on to Bingley Road. Turn R along grass verge for 100m, cross with caution and then L onto track beside building, Intake Gate, once known at the Gaping Goose inn. Go through gates onto moorland and follow track along wall over crest of hill; eventually dropping down to a white-gated stile. Continue this line across stream towards waymarker posts and down a grass slope to a woodland. Go to bottom of slope where copse ends. Enter gate to walled track L and follow down to a steep slope descending to stepping stones across beck.

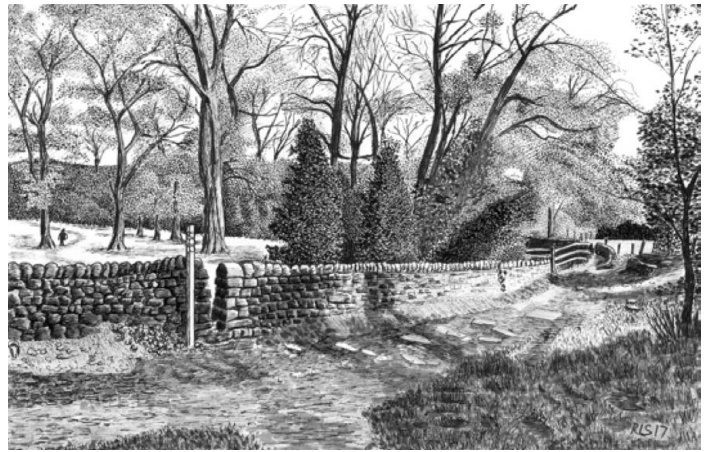
(In wet conditions turn L over stile after 50m and cross field going towards house. At house turn R down road.)



Descend tarmac Green Lane down to Moor Road. Cross busy Moor Road with great caution and descend steep tarmac drive, Myrtle Lane. Passing down steep roadway go to bottom of slope and turn L. Find narrow path below high garden wall. Cross stile into field and keep R. Follow path and walk by remains of a dam and mill ruins.

Bleach Mill was closed in 1927 due to its water pollution from bleaching linen yarns.

Cross stile and drop down R along stream to track (Millennium Way).



(OR continue R on the track for Bleach Mill serving Fairtrade refreshments 'when in'. Call Sue on 01943 862995 in advance).

Cross the track and over the stile onto the path with the stream on your right. Continue along this path to the railway. Turn L along permissive path at foot of railway embankment towards Burley station. Go down towards stream and cross by bridge. Proceed up slope to gate leading onto roadway. Continue for 100m to reach the station at Burley-in-Wharfedale.

To reach the Roundhouse in the centre of Burley continue to road at railway bridge. Turn R and walk down Station Road for about 1 mile. Turn R and walk along the road for 100m

Return by train to Baildon.

From Baildon station walk up to pedestrian crossing on Station Road. Turn L and continue to Holden Lane (just beyond care home). Walk up this ancient walled path, cross a street and follow path. At top turn L uphill to reach the start point. At double roundabout turn L on Hallcliffe and pass St John's church before reaching the War Memorial, known as the Potted Meat Stick. (15 mins).

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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