

Countryside & Rights of Way

Walk 7: Bradford District Fair Trade Way

Keighley to Haworth

5.5 mile/8.75km linear walk (returning to Keighley by bus or train).

Allow at least 3 hours to complete this strenuous walk

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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This section of the Bradford District Fair Trade Way has been devised by linking existing footpaths, tracks and roads and is strenuous.

Walking boots and good wind and waterproof outdoor clothing is strongly advised. It is essential to carry enough food and drinks. Cafes, pubs and food shops can found be in Haworth.

Public transport information:

Metro Line: 0113 245 7676

Worth Valley Railway: 01535 645214

MAP	OS Outdoor Leisure 21
BUS	B1, B2, B3 Bronte Bus
PARKING	Local streets. CP off Cavendish St
RETURN	Train to Keighley Bus at 20 minute intervals
TOILETS	Haworth station or cafes/pubs
FAIRTRADE	Sonia's Smile, Main St, Haworth Co-op in Haworth

THE ROUTE



From the atmospheric Victorian ginnels of central Keighley, climbing steeply to the contrasting hill top village of Hainworth where the route offers superb views along the whole of the Worth Valley. Then on to Brow Moor before a steep descent to the valley floor and on to Haworth.

Starting at Keighley Railway Station with your back to the building, turn L at the station forecourt and immediately L again down the cobbled Low Mill Lane.



Pass over the River Worth to turn R just before the stone built railway bridge off the road to walk along the narrow Victorian ginnel.

Follow the footpath as it weaves under the Worth Valley railway line, turning R across the metal footbridge spanning the now dismantled GNR railway line and under the stone archway, to emerge onto a road (Park Lane) at Low Bridge. Note the green Bronte Way sign. Most of this walk follows the Bronte Way.



Turn L and cross over Park Lane onto the road opposite (The Walk) and walk along for approx. 100m before taking the path off the road L and up the slight incline between the railway and the old mill buildings.

Continue on the path alongside the River Worth, climbing the 12 stone steps from the river bank at the end of the path onto Woodhouse Rd.



Turn L following Woodhouse Road as it bears R and then L to go over the railway bridge. Continue uphill passing Hainworth Wood Community Centre, over the road junction to where the surfaced road finishes, just beyond the row of terraced houses on R (Crag Place).

Follow 'Worth Way' signpost.

Turn R here up the 3 stone steps leading off the rough track and up the very steep, narrow walled path. Nearing the top of the path go through the stone kissing gate, then immediately turn L over a stile back onto a rough track.

Turn R up the track passing the entrance to Crag Hill Farm and continue uphill for approx. 100m, turning R at the corner of the dry stone wall into the woodland (Kirkstall Wood). Follow the path as it meanders through the trees along the bottom of the wood keeping the low wall on R to a gated gap stile.



Through the stile walk directly across the field towards a wall. Walk along the wall to the end and then look for a new wooden stile in the gap beyond the wall. Cross a marshy area and stream to reach the wall ahead. Go through stile and cross the next two fields with the wall on your R. Cross the two stiles onto a rough farm track.

Follow the track with the wall on L and pass between the farm buildings, emerging onto the surface road at Hainworth.

Cross the road to walk through the hamlet, where, after a short distance the surfaced road ends and changes to an unmade road (Hill Top Road). Follow the unmade road for approx. 300m to where the road forks at Hill Top, here take the unmade road uphill to the L, walking behind the farm buildings and cottages along Lees Moor Edge for approx. 1/2 mile/0.8km as it passes between the old quarries, moorland and fields before joining a surfaced road (Bingley Road).

On reaching the road turn R downhill through the hamlet of Barcroft. **There is no footway on this section of road.** Follow the road as it bears L downhill to join the main A629 Keighley-Halifax road. Cross the main road to join the track opposite (Hardgate Lane).



Follow Hardgate Lane L down to the stream and then climb steeply passing two houses to meet a surfaced road (Brow Top Road).

(At this point you could shorten the route by turning R to follow the road into Haworth).

Cross over onto Brow Moor and follow the wide path straight ahead keeping the wall L. Where you begin to descend a steep, wide pathway to meet a surfaced road (Black Moor Road) you can take a small path R to a vantage point overlooking Naylor Hill Quarry.

Turn R on Black Moor Road and walk down towards the bend ahead. Where the road bends R the path leaves the road passing a gate. Cross the road and go down a path to a stile for a very steep descent. Follow down through woods to a main road A6033 Hebden Road.



Cross the road and go through the stile at L of gate and descend road until you meet the main Haworth Oxenhope path. Turn R and follow path until you see new housing by the river. Here you could continue on the path or drop down to use the road winding between the new houses emerging under the impressive archway of Bridge House Mill into Haworth. Turn L for the steep Haworth Main Street or continue straight ahead to Haworth station.



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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