



BAILDON
Walkers *are* Welcome



LOCKDOWN WALK ROUTE NUMBER 1: April 2020.

FROM GHYLL TO HOPE HILL.

A circular walk of 5 miles which will notch up more than your daily 10,000 steps, whilst covering some of the highlights of our local countryside. The walk description starts and ends at the Potted Meat Stick in the centre of Baildon, but for those of you who are familiar with Baildon, there are opportunities for you to link into or out of the route at several other places – or to adapt it to your own interests. This route has been written up during lockdown, so we have avoided using any ginnels or paths which are narrow. You should be able to easily stand aside and avoid close contact with other walkers throughout this walk. Remember to take care and stay at least 2.5 metres apart.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

Walk up Northgate (following finger post to THE MOOR). At the cattle grid turn Right and follow the path along the rear of housing to join a lane, passing “Strawberry Fields”. As the lane starts to descend take a footpath off to the Right towards a five bar gate (marked private) and then turn immediately Left, on to a descending footpath. Bear Right through a gate and continue to descend and pass through a second gate into open countryside. Bear Right and follow the level track to reach a 5-barred metal gate. Pass through and soon turn Left through further gates to descend to the track alongside Tong Park Reservoir. Turn Left and go through gate at the end of the Reservoir. Cross bridge and turn Left. Follow this path on the righthand side of Ghyll Beck as it meanders through woodland, continuing through a gate and over some stiles. (*Beautiful in all seasons, but especially when the ground is carpeted with bluebells at the end of April and beginning of May*). Sometimes there is a choice of a higher or lower route – take whichever seems the best, so long as you always keep not too far from the Beck. Ignore cross paths and continue to the path eventually takes you over a wooden bridge over Ghyll Beck. Almost immediately after the bridge, cross a stile on your Left on a path signed “White House”.



Bluebells in Spring Woods



Bridge across Ghyll Beck

Ascend on this path as it curves right to a clear opening ahead in a stone wall. Pass through and continue ahead to cross another wall, then a track and a bridge over a small stream. Ascend towards the White House with fence on your Left, and then on a path between a fence and stone wall. Emerge just below the White House. Turn Right through a narrow gate. *(Option to shorten the walk and return to the centre of Baildon from here by turning Left and rising up past the White House to the Eaves car park and ahead into Baildon centre).*

To continue on the whole route, take the level path with wall on your Right to reach the Hawksworth Road below the Eaves car park. Cross with care to footpath opposite, which soon joins the main track across towards Sconce. Take the track to the Left as far as a junction with sign which says Millenium Way 16 on it. Turn Left, rising, to cross the fairway of the Golf Course, heading to left of a hut with adjacent seat *(good place for a rest with lovely view)*. Continue on rising track to Left of the hut, and continue ahead, rising, and ignoring cross tracks and paths, alongside the edge of a fairway and rough grassland. Pass a post which ways 150 on it, and soon afterwards, take a rising path on your Left. Head uphill towards road signs, and seats at the car park near the top of Bingley Road.

Cross with care and take the first clear track, rising, just to the Right of the metalled track to Dobrudden Farm campsite. Continue ahead up this track, ignoring cross tracks, to the trig point at the summit of Hope Hill on Baildon Moor. *(Fantastic 360 degree panorama)*.



When ready to move on, continue ahead in the same direction on the broad track which goes around the flat summit of Hope Hill. Continue on this track to the far end of the flat area, and take the second grassy path going off to the Right *(look out for and take the direction of the Listers Mill chimney which you can spot in the distance)*. Soon you will come to a steep descending path which will bring you down to a metal gate into a short rough, walled track. Pass through the gate at the far end of the track and turn Left on to metalled lane, passing farm on your Right. Pass through gates by two cattle grids, and descend on the lane to junction with Hope Lane.

Descend Hope Lane to junction with West Lane; turn Left and follow West Lane towards the centre of Baildon. As road starts to descend, take the Right fork down Westgate and return to the Potted Meat Stick.

Baildon Walkers are Welcome. April 2020. Chris and Mervyn Flecknoe