



**BAILDON**  
Walkers *are* Welcome



## **LOCKDOWN WALK ROUTE NUMBER 4: May 2020.**

### **MEANDERING AROUND THE MOOR**

A circular, very local walk of three miles. 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. There are no stiles, no ginnels, and plenty of wide-open space. 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 two metres apart.

Baildon Moor is covered by a multiplicity of paths and tracks – so although we have described a route below, we would encourage you to wander on to any paths that take your fancy. You really cannot get lost. The described route takes a fairly gentle ascent and then circumnavigates the Moor, just below the top – with an option to go right up to the trig point on the top if you wish. Either way you will enjoy lovely views throughout the walk.

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION.**

Walk up Northgate (following finger post to THE MOOR). Just before the cattle grid, leave the road, taking the diagonal track to the Left, passing round the front of the Golf Club building and through the gate (photo 1) onto the moorland at the edge of the Golf Course. Immediately, take the track bearing Right and continue over a cross-track. Where the track you are on bears Right, leave it to go ahead on grass at the edge of the fairway and adjacent to rough ground and a gully, towards a tall white post, (*with the wall-corner of the former reservoirs beyond*). Squiggle to the Left to cross on a path over a gully, and then immediately Right to walk again between a fairway and rough ground, following a series of short white posts (photo 2). At the end of the fairway, bear slightly Right to the middle of the end of the fairway to pick up a grassy path into the rough pasture, which is narrow but soon widens out as it rises gently up the slope of the moorside. Follow this path as it rises diagonally to the Right over rough ground. Continue rising (choice of paths near the top) until you emerge on to a wide, rough vehicle track (which goes to Dobrudden Caravan Park – so beware possible occasional cars). Turn Left on to this track and follow it as it veers Right just below the trig point, seat and diaorama on the top of the Moor (*clearly visible up to your Left*). If you want to visit the summit, just choose any path to ascend and then return by another to the vehicle track.

Continue on the vehicle track until you are close to the entrance to Dobrudden Caravan Park. Turn sharp Left on a grassy track signed as Millenium Way Circular Walk 16. Head on this track towards the corner of a long wall (photo 3)

and continue on the track as it bears Right to follow round the wall. Soon ignore a path going down to a gate on the Right (*which would take you down towards Hope Lane*) and continue on the track which contours around the hill, keeping fairly close to a wall rising from the gate to your Right. Where the wall starts to drop away down to the Right, do not take a path following the wall, but continue ahead, more or less at the same level line around the hill until you come to a seat at a junction with a clear descending track at 90 degrees, towards Baildon. (*Excellent views down to Baildon and beyond / photo 4*).

After a rest on the seat, descend down the stony track towards Baildon. Continue as the track levels out with housing to your Right and the Golf Course to your Left. At the end of the track, pass off the Moor through the gate by the Golf Club House, and return to the centre of Baildon.



1. Gate on to the Moor by Baildon Golf Club



2. Follow series of short white posts alongside the fairway



3. The wall corner to aim for after passing Dobrudden



4. View to Baildon from the seat where you start your return descent.