

LOCKDOWN WALK ROUTE NUMBER 6: November 2020. BAILDON BANK AND BAILDON GREEN CIRCULAR

A circular walk of 4 miles which begins and ends at the Potted Meat Stick in the centre of 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. Take care to stay at least 2m apart from other people.

Cross Browgate on the pedestrian crossing and turn Right and immediately Left into Westgate. Bear Left into Bank Walk and continue to the end (Wrose View sign on house ahead). Turn Right on to signed path (Pt A.) along the top of Baildon Bank and enjoy the extensive views.



By railings and another footpath sign, turn Left to descend several short flights of steps, before turning Right on to a narrow path. Follow this varied and interesting path as it contours, half way up the Bank; widening-out onto a terrace below the cliffs from former quarry-workings (now used for rock climbing); passing through small groves of trees and some rocky outcrops; to descend through woods to a track T-junction. Turn Right on the rising track to a junction with Hardaker Lane and metal barriers ahead (Pt C).



(If you prefer, you can avoid this mid-Bank path by continuing ahead on the Bank-top path at P.t B, up Ferncliffe Avenue, Left along West Lane to pass an electricity substation, then Left and immediately Right following signs to Hardaker Lane, Left down Hardaker Lane to rejoin the route at Pt. C).

Continue along this generally level track with housing to your Right and Walker Wood, descending below you on the Left for about half a mile to where the path divides (Pt. D). Take the Left fork and arrive by the Shipley Glen Tramway top station. Turn Left down the track alongside the Tramway track. After passing the lower station, bear Left diagonally across a field heading for the Lefthand edge of a children's play area. Exit on to Thompson Lane. Turn Left, Passing Glenaire Primary School, and cross to the other side of the road when it is safe to do so. When you arrive at a road T-junction, go Right, passing a triangle of open grass to your Right. Soon cross the road to pick up a track in front of houses on the Left at 90 degrees to the road. Continue on this track as it becomes a path and heads up, over the open common land of Baildon Green, bearing slightly Left as you rise, towards a large bramble patch. After skirting around the Right of the brambles, bear Left and almost immediately Right on paths heading for the top Left-hand corner of the open area.





Pt. D: Take the Left fork at the path-divide

Junction of Green Lane and Cliffe Avenue

Cross Bertram Drive, heading slightly Left to join another clear path, heading up across the next open area of Baildon Green. This path stays parallel to Green Lane on your Left. After passing through some scrub, arrive at Cliffe Lane West. Turn Left and cross to ascend some steps to the junction of Green Lane and Cliffe Avenue. Cross and skirt behind the Cliffe Avenue sign to go ahead along the grass, behind bungalows and past a stand of beech trees above the Cliffe Avenue play area. At the end, veer Left to join the pavement on Green Lane behind Baildon Community Link. Cross the road and take the rising track up the Bank to emerge once again at Pt A. Continue ahead along Bank Walk to rejoin Westgate and follow the road down to the centre of Baildon and the Potted Meat Stick.

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