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Bradford
on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME	Black Carr Woods
LOCATION	Holme Wood
DISTANCE	3.5 km / 2.2 miles
TIME	1 hr
DIFFICULTY	Moderate
LANDSCAPE	Woodland, fields, farms
HIGHLIGHTS	Big trees, horses, ponies & other woodland creatures

Black Carr Woods: On the border between Bradford and Leeds sits this ancient woodland.

Ancient woods are natural habitats that have existed for hundreds of years, some as far back as the 17th century. Each woodland has developed its own local ecosystem that helps to protect many types of endangered wildlife. Black Carr Wood is full of majestic oak trees that support over 2000 species of flora and fauna.

Access notes

Muddy, steep paths, narrow road with blind corners towards end of route – please take extra care on this section.

Parking: On-street parking Heysham Drive and limited parking at Black Carr Woods.
Bus routes: 617, 618.
OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.



Bradford on Foot

Bradford on Foot is a rich collection of walks around the 2025 UK City of Culture. Discover new places to visit and new groups to join. The walks have been selected by local people and partners from across the district. Access the maps online or pick up the free paper maps at different locations across the district, including your local library.

Look out for other routes nearby in Wyke, Undercliffe and Thornton.

Look out for

Bluebells: The UK is home to almost half the world's common bluebells and huge numbers are often found in ancient woodland. Every spring the floor of Black Carr Woods is carpeted with their gently nodding flowers.

Tyersal Beck: A number of becks meander through the woods and have influenced the shape of the landscape. Tyersal Beck cuts through the woods and then joins Holme Beck to become Pudsey Beck; a channel that carried enough water to power Troydale Mill further downstream.

Mountain Bikes: After walking this route why not come back with your bike and try the trails? There are trails of varying difficulty, all with fun twists and turns.



Map key

Route	Road
Parking	Moorland
Train line	View point
Train station	Forest
Footpath	Cafe
Toilet	Canal/River



Black Carr Woods

1 Starting on Ned Lane walk away from the housing until you reach the 'Black Carr Woods Public Bridleway' sign.

2 Turn left at the sign for 'Black Carr Woods Public Bridleway'. Walk down the sandy bridleway to the woods.

Look out for the friendly ponies grazing in the fields.

3 Enter the woodlands and keep right to follow the broad main path. At the major fork, go left and stay on the main path. Take care on the downhill steps, it can be steep and slippery.

4 Cross the first stream at the bottom then carry straight on and cross the bigger stream using the metal footbridge and turn left.

5 Head through the gap in the dry stone wall and turn left down to the stream. Hop across the stepping stones over the stream and start to climb the well-established path ahead.

6 After about 20m, as the path levels out, turn around and double back on the small path above you that hugs the fence. Just before the drystone wall turn left through the fence. Follow the path alongside the wall along the top edge of the woodland.

7 Limbo under/ climb over/go round two fallen trees then take the path left down to cross the stream.

8 Cross the stream, pass the barricade to private land, then immediately turn right up the bank back to the edge of the wood. Walk under the wiggly fallen tree and continue all the way along the top edge of the woods

9 Cross the stream over the big stone slabs and turn right. Head uphill to exit the woods and rejoin the track you walked in on.

10 Turn right on the track and retrace your steps back to the road. Turn right on the road back to the start of the walk.

