

Bradford 2025

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Welcome to Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture, a year-long celebration of culture, creativity and the arts. We're presenting more than 1,000 shows, exhibitions and events across Bradford District this year – by and for everyone, with much of it completely free. Bradford 2025 could only happen now – and it could only happen here.

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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Chellow Dene

LOCATION

Sandy Lane

DISTANCE

3.2 km / 2 miles

TIME

1 hr

DIFFICULTY

Easy

LANDSCAPE

Woodland, reservoir

HIGHLIGHTS













Ducks and other water birds, inner city calm

Chellow Dene: This walk finds an oasis of calm in the heart of the city. Tucked between West Bradford Golf Club and Allerton village, the two Chellow Dene reservoirs are hidden from view.

Built between 1844 and 1853 to provide drinking water to Bradford's population they hold up to 341 million litres of water.

The reservoirs are set in a woodland of beech, ash and oak trees which is managed and cared for by Bradford Council. The woods are a Site of Special Scientific Interest, meaning they are a protected area for nature and a haven for people and wildlife.

Map key

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



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 Shipley, Thornton and Harden.



Look out for

Woodpeckers: Listen out for the tap-tap-tap of the Great Spotted Woodpecker in the woodlands. Clinging to trees, this distinctive black and white bird has a specially adapted skull to withstand the force of its pecking.

Moorhens: Look out for these distinctive black birds with a red and yellow beak. You can often see them around the water's edge where they feed on worms, snails, water plants and small fish.

Chellow Dene Wetlands: New 'wetland wiggles' have recently been added to Chellow Dene Beck. They help slow the flow of water and create a better habitat for fish and wildlife.

Access notes

Uneven paths, stairs, one steep section.

Parking: Haworth Road car park, Sandy Lane.

Bus routes: 680, P35, S30, S33.

OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.





Chellow Dene

- 1 From the small car park on Haworth Road, enter the woods using the pathway by the welcome sign.
- 2 Take the main path ahead and follow the beck.
- 3 At the fork in the path take the right-hand route. This is a circular walk; on your return, you will be on the other side of the water.
- 4 Follow the path around the first reservoir, keeping the water on your left.
- 5 At the second reservoir continue straight on and follow it round. Don't go onto the field.
- 6 Just before the end of the loop (back at the first reservoir) take the stairs that go off to the right and follow the path back to the start.