

## **Esholt Woods Circular:**

This walk takes a short loop around Esholt Woods, made of four woodlands including Jerrison and Spring Woods.

The woods are near the pretty village of Esholt, whose name means Ash Wood or 'shelter by the ash tree'. The village was once home to industrial mills and a tannery that provided local employment. The mills are now gone but the rest of the village remains largely as it was in the mid 19th century.

## Access notes

Dirt and gravel footpaths and tracks. Stiles, steps and footbridges.

Parking: On-street parking on High View, Esholt.

Bus routes: 649.

OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.





## Look out for

The Woolpack: Esholt and its village pub were a familiar sight on TV for millions of Emmerdale Farm viewers from 1976 - 1996. Originally called the Commercial Inn, its fictional name eventually stuck and it became known as The Woolpack off-screen too. The pub continues to offer a warm welcome to both locals and visitors today.

Water Treatment Work: The current Esholt Water Treatment Works, owned by Yorkshire Water, is one of the biggest water plants in Yorkshire. Its origins lie in the 19th century when William Stansfield of Esholt Hall took Bradford Corporation to court over the amount of sewage and chemicals flowing from the city and mills through Esholt. After the treatment works at nearby Frizinghall became overwhelmed with wastewater the estate at Esholt was bought and a larger facility was built.

BMX/MTB track: Built by local mountain and BMX riders, this pump/jump-track includes ramps, berms and kickers.

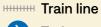


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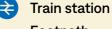
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Parking



View point

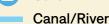


Footpath



Toilet





Road

Moorland

#### **Esholt Woods Circular** (8) Continue on until to an intersection with a path (15) Cross the footbridge and take the stone steps running adjacent to open fields. Turn right here. directly in front of you to the path above. Turn left at the top and then follow the path until you reach (1) Enter the woods at the top of the car park onto (9) As the path descends you will see the train line a larger stone bridge that crosses the beck on your the woodland trail. on your left. left-hand side. Do not cross the bridge, instead follow the path to the right. (2) Follow the path downhill and cross two small (10) Continue until you meet Guisley Beck. footbridges, taking care as you go. (16) Stay on the path as it rises, with the woods (11) Use the footbridge on your left to cross the beck. to your right. Ignore any side paths. (3) The path rises through High End woods, running parallel with High View Road below. Continue past (12) Follow the path that is parallel to the beck to the (17) Continue until you revisit the fork in the path the BMX bike ramps on your right until you reach small stone bridge over the beck and turn right. from Stage 4 (the tree with the Welcome Way a pair of dry-stone walls. sticker). Take the left-hand fork. (13) Keep the beck on your right and continue until (4) Continue through the opening of the dry-stone you reach the green security fences and the train (18) Retrace your original route back through walls and onwards until you reach a fork in the line on your left. Continue until you reach a white High View woods and past the BMX ramps path by a tree with a 'Welcome Way' sticker. footbridge and turn right back into the woods. (now on your left). (5) Head left at the fork, up into Esholt Woods. (14) Once in the woods walk 100m slightly to the (19) Descend the path to the two damaged foot left before turning right down to the beck and bridges and walk back up to the car park. (6) Follow the rising path and when it levels out to a small footbridge. continue and stay on the main path, ignoring any side paths. (7) The path dips into a small gorge with a stream and a tree on the left with a white warning sign prohibiting any dirt biking activity. Cross over the stream, passing the tree with the sign and follow the path round to the left. Hollins Hollins Station Rd. Esholt Hollins Wood START/ **FINISH** 3/18 High End 4/17 Spring Rd. Chapel Ln. Stone Top