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# Bradford on Foot

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WALK NAME	Esholt Woods Circular
LOCATION	Esholt
DISTANCE	3.4 km / 2.1 miles
TIME	1 hr
DIFFICULTY	Moderate
LANDSCAPE	Woodland
HIGHLIGHTS	Ancient woodland, streams, picturesque village, TV filming location

## 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.



## 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, Saltaire and Burley in Wharfedale.

## 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.



### Map key

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





# Esholt Woods Circular

- 1 Enter the woods at the top of the car park onto the woodland trail.
- 2 Follow the path downhill and cross two small footbridges, taking care as you go.
- 3 The path rises through High End woods, running parallel with High View Road below. Continue past the BMX bike ramps on your right until you reach a pair of dry-stone walls.
- 4 Continue through the opening of the dry-stone walls and onwards until you reach a fork in the path by a tree with a 'Welcome Way' sticker.
- 5 Head left at the fork, up into Esholt Woods.
- 6 Follow the rising path and when it levels out 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.

- 8 Continue on until to an intersection with a path running adjacent to open fields. Turn right here.
- 9 As the path descends you will see the train line on your left.
- 10 Continue until you meet Guiseley Beck.
- 11 Use the footbridge on your left to cross the beck.
- 12 Follow the path that is parallel to the beck to the small stone bridge over the beck and turn right.
- 13 Keep the beck on your right and continue until you reach the green security fences and the train line on your left. Continue until you reach a white footbridge and turn right back into the woods.
- 14 Once in the woods walk 100m slightly to the left before turning right down to the beck and to a small footbridge.

- 15 Cross the footbridge and take the stone steps directly in front of you to the path above. Turn left at the top and then follow the path until you reach a larger stone bridge that crosses the beck on your left-hand side. Do not cross the bridge, instead follow the path to the right.
- 16 Stay on the path as it rises, with the woods to your right. Ignore any side paths.
- 17 Continue until you revisit the fork in the path from Stage 4 (the tree with the Welcome Way sticker). Take the left-hand fork.
- 18 Retrace your original route back through High View woods and past the BMX ramps (now on your left).
- 19 Descend the path to the two damaged foot bridges and walk back up to the car park.

