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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Goit Stock Waterfall & Woods

LOCATION

Harden

DISTANCE

4 km / 2.5 miles

TIME

1 hr 15 mins

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

LANDSCAPE

Woodland, riverside

HIGHLIGHTS

Waterfalls, birdlife, woodland

Goit Stock Waterfall & Woods:

This walk tiptoes through a hidden valley to a beautiful waterfall. The woodland is privately owned but our treasured network of public footpaths gives us access to its splendour.

This is a relatively gentle walk, but the section near the waterfall is tricky underfoot so care is needed for those with little or unsteady legs. Described here as a circular route from Harden, the woods can easily be accessed from Cullingworth too. This route came from a public call out for Bradford's favourite walks and was suggested by Cain Lewis.

Access notes

Tarmac lanes, muddy paths and tracks, tricky sections of tree roots and boulders, steps and lots of stiles.

Parking: On-street parking on Wilson Road, Harden.

Bus routes: K4.

OS map reference: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield, OL21 South Penninies.

Look out for

Goit Stock Waterfall: The waterfall cascades over a tough, top layer of gritstone that overlies several feet of softer, darker shales, and at 6m high is an impressive sight. Harden Beck, which feeds the waterfall, works its way down the valley from Hewenden Reservoir and once provided water and power to a number of worsted mills both up and down stream.

Harden: has been a site of dwelling since the Bronze Age and has evidence of Roman occupation too. In 1086 it is mentioned in the Domesday Book under the name Hateltone, later the area became part of the Rievaulx Abbey Estate. The Ferrands family eventually took ownership of significant land and property in the Harden and St Ives area in the 16th century before selling it in the early 20th century.



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 St. Ives, Thornton and Bingley.



Map key

- Route
- Parking
- Train line
- Train station
- Footpath
- Toilet



Goit Stock Waterfall & Woods

1 Starting on Wilsden Road head downhill and turn right on to Goit Stock Lane.

Continue along the lane past the sign for Harden and Bingley Park (Caravan) Park. Stay on the lane with the beck on your left.

2 Cross over the beck and continue into the caravan park.

As the lane bends right, at the small waterfall sign, continue straight ahead into the woodland. On entering the wood follow the sign for Millennium Way and continue straight ahead. The beck reappears on your right.

Stay on the well-defined path all the way to the waterfall. As you approach the waterfall take care, the path becomes tricky underfoot with tree roots and boulders.

3 Enjoy the view of the waterfall but take care, it is not safe for swimming.

4 Climb the metal steps to the left of the waterfall and pick your way carefully over the tree roots on the path to the second set of falls.

Lookout for yellow wagtails bobbing on rocks in the river and gangs of long tailed tits up in the trees. Continue along the path with the beck to your right. Climb the steps at the end of the path to reach the Millennium Way footpath marker.

5 Here you could choose to end the walk by turning right over the wooden footbridge and heading up to Hallas Lane and into Cullingworth. To complete the circuit, turn left and head up towards the stone houses.

6 Turn left in front of the long row of houses on the small access road between the houses and their garages. Head through a wooden gate.

Climb the stone slab steps by the garage at the end of the lane and head into the field.

7 Continue straight ahead with the wood on your left. Stay on the path, climbing three stiles and eventually passing through a metal gate.

Continue straight on until the path meets the corner of the wall where you pass through a gap into the edge of the woods and keep going.

8 Walk underneath the pylon and carry on.

At the end of wood, the path pops out in front of a row of stone cottages and shortly after ends at Harden Lane.

9 Turn left and walk towards the garden centre before crossing the road to take the signed footpath and kissing gate on the right (this detour cuts out a bit of the busy road).

Head down the wooden steps, over the footbridge and up through the two gates.

10 Turn left on the track and head out to Harden Lane again.

Take great care on the road. There is no pavement on this section and the traffic can be fast.

Return to the start of the walk, perhaps making a detour to The Malt pub!

