

Bradford 2025

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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Ilkley Riverside Gardens

LOCATION

Ilkley

DISTANCE

2.4 km / 1.5 miles

TIME

1 hr 30 mins

DIFFICULTY

Easy

LANDSCAPE

Riverside, parkland

HIGHLIGHTS

River views, suspension bridge, playground

Ilkley Riverside Gardens:

This gentle route along the banks of the River Wharfe is largely flat, with just two short, steeper sections.

It should be suitable for regular sized pushchairs and wheelchairs. The walk has been created in partnership with Open Country, a charity dedicated to helping people with disabilities access and enjoy the countryside.

Discover more of their accessible routes at:
opencountry.org.uk

Access notes

Benches are abundant along the route, with a maximum distance of 500m between resting places. Wheelchair users may struggle when crossing the old bridge and when crossing New Brook Street and along some of the path on the first section of the walk. An accessible toilet is located near the Ilkley Riverside Bar. Care should be taken when crossing New Brook Street as it may be busy with fast moving traffic. Gates, stiles, railway line crossing, steep uphill.













Parking: On-street parking on Denton Road and New Brook Street.

Bus routes: X84, 62, 64.

Rail: Ilkley station.

OS Map: 297 Lower Wharfedale and Washburn Valley.

Map key

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

Look out for

Riverside Gardens: With its trees, playground, skatepark and riverside pub, these gardens are enjoyed by all ages. If the weather is kind you can picnic on the grass or sit and enjoy the river view from one of the many benches.

Suspension bridge: The green metal suspension bridge at the eastern end of our walk was built in 1934 by London engineering company, David Rodwell & Co., which also built bridges in Chile, New Zealand and Guatemala.

River Wharfe: Starting in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, the River Wharfe is 65 miles long, winding its way past the gentle waterfalls of Linton and onto Bolton Abbey before passing through Ilkley on its way to joining the Ouse near Tadcaster.

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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 Burley in Wharfedale and Silsden.



Ilkley Riverside Gardens

1 From the bridge on New Brook Street descend the ramp onto the north side of the river (the opposite side to the town centre).

At the foot of the ramp take a slight right onto the stony path that runs along the riverbank. Take care over some of the tree roots. Continue past the rugby pitches.

2 When you reach the road turn right onto the pavement and continue to the green metal suspension bridge, cross the river and turn right back towards Ilkley.

3 Pass the cemetery and continue ahead, keeping the river on your right. When you reach the bridge, pass through the arch underneath the bridge and continue along the river.

Pass the playground on your left and the Ilkley Riverside Bar and Fish & Chip cabin before continuing past the public toilets.

- 4 Keep left after the toilets for step-free access to the next bridge, or continue straight on for the short set of steep steps.
- 5 Turn right to cross the bridge, then turn right off the bridge and head back, keeping the river on your right.
- 6 When you reach the next bridge (and your start location) head left for step-free access, or go straight ahead up the steps to New Brook Street and arrive at the end of the walk.

