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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Judy Woods

LOCATION

Wyke

DISTANCE

5.3 km / 3.3 miles

TIME

1 hr 45 mins

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

LANDSCAPE

Ancient woodland and fields

HIGHLIGHTS

Huge trees in a magical woodland

Judy Woods: Nestled between Wyke, Norwood Green and Woodside, Judy Woods is one of the largest woodlands looked after by Bradford Council.

However, you won't find the name Judy Woods on the Ordnance Survey map! A series of connected woodlands - Low Wood, Old Hanna, Royds Hall and Jagger Park Woods - make up what is informally known to Bradfordians as Judy Woods.

This is just one of many routes around the woods. There is also a Friends of Judy Woods group who help care for the area. Find them at: judywoods.org.uk

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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 Thornton and Holme Wood.



Look out for

Ancient woodland: There have been trees on this site for thousands of years. Some of the largest today are beech trees, standing magnificently tall and providing a splendid display of colour in the autumn. Known as the Queen of British trees, the beech trees of Judy Woods were probably planted for their strong, straight-grained timber.

Judy's cottage: During the 1850s, Judy North, the woods' namesake, lived in a cottage near a bridge in the woods. Judy (pictured) would sell her parkin and ginger beer to passing visitors as they strolled the paths of what were then Pleasure Gardens.



Access notes

Muddy paths, tracks, tarmac, steep steps, stiles.

Parking: On-street parking at Station Road, Wyke.

Bus routes: 255, 363, X63.

OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.

Map key

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

Judy Woods

- 1 From Station Road enter the woods using the stile.

Go down a small set of steps and follow a straight path until you reach a very large beech tree. Take the left-hand path with fallen trees to your right.

- 2 Cross the small wooden footbridge. Keep the ravine on your left as you continue along the path.

- 3 At the end of the path turn left onto the stepped footpath that runs alongside the main track, following the stone signage for Norwood green. Continue on past Judy's cottage gate.

- 4 Turn right just before the bridge, going down the steps towards the stream. Follow the path to a footbridge made of railway sleepers and cross over.

- 5 Turn right, going up the steps. At the top of the steps continue straight on, keeping the fields on your right

- 6 Follow the path as it bends right and then stay with it as it moves away from the field boundary. The marked path will continue through the trees with the ravine on your left.

- 7 Go through the metal kissing gate and walk along the bottom edge of the field. Re-enter the woodland on the right, next to the second kissing gate, then turn right and keep right on the path.

- 8 At the old stone gatepost take the thin pathway that has the field boundary and fence directly next to it on the right.

Continue along the path as it enters the field, keeping the field boundary on your left.

- 9 At the corner of the field cross over the stile in the wall and head towards the farm. By the farm buildings go over a stile in the wall.

- 10 Turn right onto the road towards the farm buildings and follow the road round, with the cottages on your left and stone farm buildings on your right. Continue as the road becomes a track.

- 11 At the end of the track rejoin Low Wood at the metal fence where you started the descent towards Judy's cottage. Squeeze through the gap by the railing or go a little to the left through a gap by the gate.

- 12 Follow the left fork of the path back in the direction you came from.

- 13 Follow the track as it turns first left then right (ignoring the small track up hill).

- 14 Come out of the kissing gate and back onto Station Road to finish.

