

Bradford 2025

UK CITY OF CULTURE

Welcome to Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture, a year-long celebration of culture, creativity and the arts. We're presenting more than 1,000 shows, exhibitions and events across Bradford District this year – by and for everyone, with much of it completely free. Bradford 2025 could only happen now – and it could only happen here.

DISCOVER MORE

bradford2025.co.uk

Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Penistone Hill & Top Withens

LOCATION

Haworth

DISTANCE

10 km / 6 miles

TIME

3 hrs

DIFFICULTY

Challenging

LANDSCAPE

Wild moors

HIGHLIGHTS

Heather, grouse, stunning views, literary connections

Penistone Hill & Top Withens:

This route is based on the Millennium Way Circular Walk 8 and takes you out onto the wild moors behind Haworth and Stanbury.

It starts from Penistone Hill but could easily begin from Haworth if you prefer the extra distance.

The walk takes a good three hours or more, depending on how long you spend at the Brontë Bridge and Top Withens. The weather on the moors can change quickly so make sure to carry extra layers along with food and water. We would recommend you take an OS Map (or the app) with you too.

For more information on the Millennium Way visit: bradfordsmillenniumwaywalks.weebly.com

Access notes













Remote location, rocky paths, steep climbs, dress for bad weather and carry water, food and the OS Map.

Parking: Penistone Hill Country Park main car park off Moorside Lane.

Bus routes: K14, K16.

OS Map: OL 21 South Pennines.

Map key

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



BRADFORD 2025
UK City of Culture



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 Riddlesden, Harden and Wilsden.

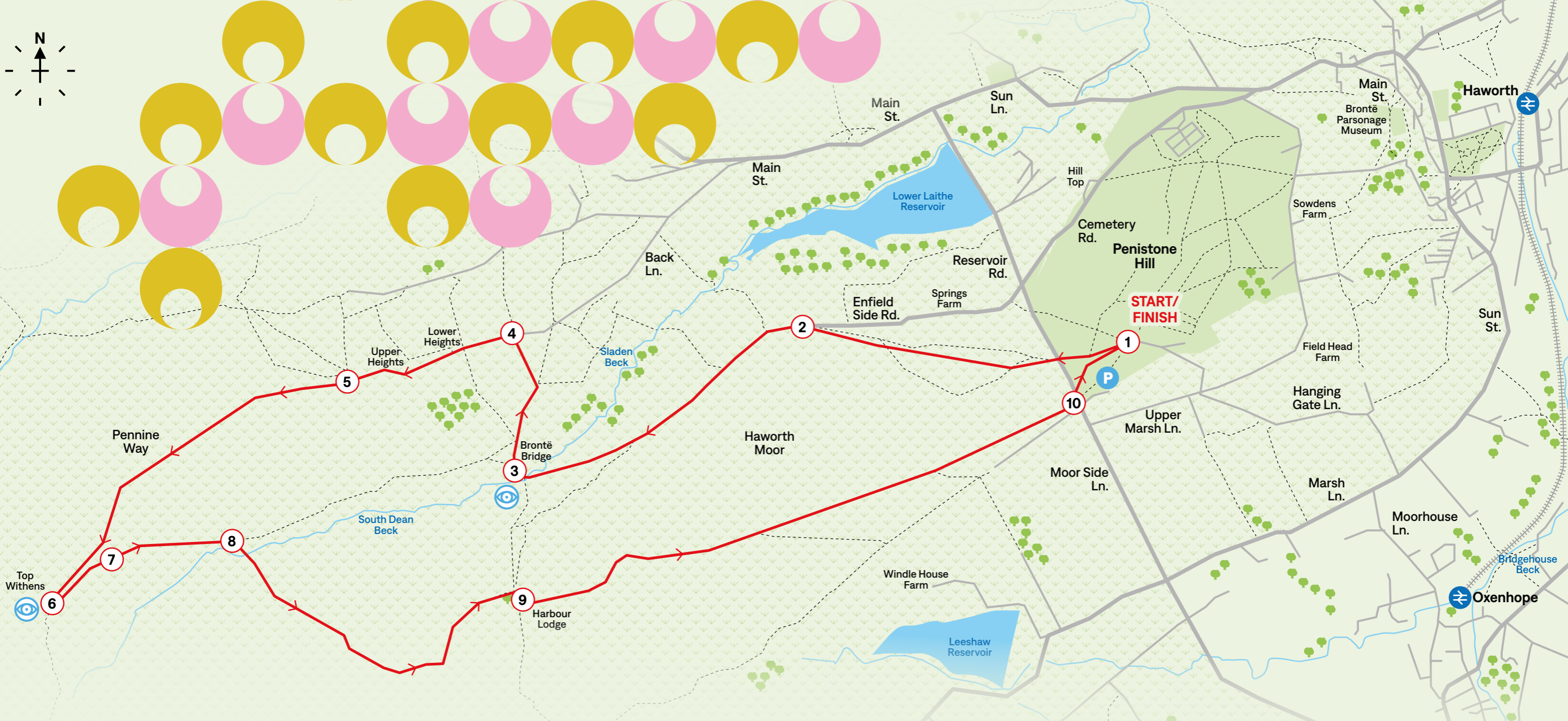
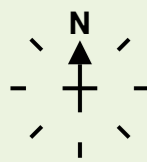


Look out for

Top Withens: This now derelict farmhouse is rumoured to be the inspiration for the home of the Earnshaw's in Wuthering Heights and is a popular destination for Brontë fans. We can be sure that Emily, Ann and Charlotte Brontë often walked along these moors and that the landscape influenced their writing. Along the route you will notice signposts in both English and Japanese, an indication of the Brontë sister's global reach.

Long Distance Footpaths: This walk follows sections of three different long-distance walks. The Millennium Way is 47 miles in total and can be walked as a single loop or a series of shorter circular walks. The Brontë Way joins locations between Yorkshire and Lancashire that have connections to the Brontë sisters. The Pennine Way celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2025 and boasts an epic 268 miles route from Derbyshire to the Scottish border.





Penistone Hill & Top Withens

1 From the main car park at Penistone Hill Country Park, walk back to the main road and cross over. Go through a kissing gate and follow the path ahead across the moor. The path eventually slopes down to the right and joins the Brontë Way by the dry-stone wall near to Middle Intake Farm.

2 Turn left along the track and continue until you reach Brontë Bridge.

3 Cross the bridge and climb up the rocky hillside to a kissing gate. Take the right fork and continue up the hill. At the finger post go right, past the remains of a ruin before heading up again and through the next kissing gate. Here walk straight forward until a ladder stile is reached.

Climb the stile and continue straight on crossing over the first track.

4 At the second track turn left, signed Pennine Way Top Withens. Walk up past Lower and Upper Heights Farms and continue straight on with a wall on your right.

5 At the wall end continue straight on over the open moor for some distance. Keep to this track which becomes a double flagged path and eventually single flagged and after passing the ruined farm on your right (Lower Withens) continue straight up to Top Withens.

6 After viewing Top Withens (reputedly Wuthering Heights in Emily Brontë's novel) retrace your steps back down to the ruin.

7 Turn right at the fingerpost signed Haworth and Brontë Falls and descend the hillside until you reach a stream. Cross over and follow the path around the hillside to a Millennium Way signpost.

8 Turn right on a smaller path and descend to another stream crossing two small footbridges.

9 Climb the steep hillside and continue around Harbour Hill on the narrow but well-defined path through the heather until you reach Harbour Lodge. Walk down the hill with Harbour Lodge on your right, cross over a small wooden bridge, turn right and walk up to the track.

10 Turn left and follow the track all the way to the road. At the road, turn left, cross over and walk back to the car park at Penistone Hill.