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Bradford on Foot

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WALK NAME

St. Ives Circular

LOCATION

Bingley / Harden

DISTANCE

5 km / 3 miles

TIME

1 hr 30 mins

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

LANDSCAPE

Woodland

HIGHLIGHTS

Ducks, woodpeckers, cafe, playground

St. Ives Circular: This walk takes a loop around the beautiful St Ives Country Park, near Bingley.

Once a private estate, it was bought by Bradford Council in 1929 and is now free for everyone to enjoy.

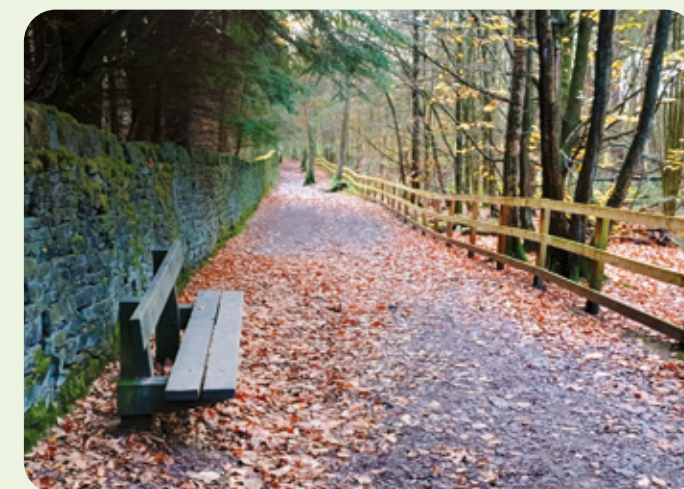
There are many footpaths around this 550-acre park, along with routes for cyclists and horse riders. If you are visiting with children, you can detour to the adventure playground and there's an excellent cafe in the park too.

Find out more about Bradford's wonderful parks at:
bradforddistrictparks.org

Access notes

Dirt, gravel and cobble footpaths that can be muddy in wet weather. Steps and kissing gates along the route. Occasional benches on the second half of the walk.

Parking: Pay & Display St. Ives.
Bus routes: 616, K4, 619.
OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.



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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 Riddlesden, Harden and Bingley.



Look out for

Druids Altar: A fine view across the Aire Valley awaits you at the Druids Altar, just take care to stand well back from the edge! The gritstone outcrop has a wellspring at its base and is rumored to have been used by pagan priests.

Lady Blantyre's Rock: The stone tablet tucked beneath this striking rock commemorates Lady Blantyre, stepmother of William Ferrand MP, the owner of St Ives. It marks her favourite place to sit and read.

Coppice Pond: Built first as a water supply and then transformed into a boating lake. Today Coppice Pond is home to resident swans, mallards and coots. If you want to feed the ducks bring along seeds, defrosted peas or buy some duck food from the cafe. Please don't feed them bread!



Map key

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

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St. Ives Circular

- 1 Take the path from the roadside corner of the car park, signposted to the Play Area.
- 2 At the old stone gatehouse known as Betty's Lodge follow the old cobbled brideway to the top and turn right.
- 3 Keep left at the fork, past the bench and Friends Wood. Follow the lane, passing an old barn first on your right and then another on your left.

- 4 At the top of the lane, bear right and head out through the stone gate posts onto Altar Lane. Here you can choose to take a brief detour to Druids Altar.
- 5 Admire the view across the valley but mind the drop! Then retrace your steps back along the lane and turn right, continuing up Altar Lane with the woods on your left and the fields on your right. Take in the views over to Bingley Moor and eventually across the Dales.

- 6 After some time, pass through the kissing gate in the wall on your left signposted St Ives. Then continue straight ahead, cutting through the golf course.
- 7 Follow the path downhill, with the wall on your left, until the track bends right and steeply down towards Lady Blantyre's Rock. Enjoy the views across the valley to Hewenden Viaduct as you continue downhill.
- 8 The path levels out and bends to the left leading to Coppice Pond and the bird hide.

- 9 Pass through the gate near the end of the pond, then turn left on the road to visit the café 100m further on. Alternatively, cross the road by the stream. Continue on the path as it passes below the picnic area and past the old mansion house.
- 10 Continue onwards to meet the road and cross over. Head downhill away from the adventure playground, keeping the road on your right. Follow this path back to Betty's Lodge then retrace your steps to the car park.

