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WALK NAME

Three & Five Rise Locks

LOCATION

Bingley

DISTANCE

2.4 km / 1.5 miles

TIME

45 mins

DIFFICULTY

Easy

LANDSCAPE

Town streets, canal, nature reserve

HIGHLIGHTS

Ducks, narrowboats, engineering marvels



Three & Five Rise Locks:

Starting in the market town of Bingley, this short walk takes you to one of Canal & River Trust's Seven Wonders of the Waterways.

Bingley Five Rise Locks has the steepest set of staircase locks on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, the longest canal in the country! The route passes alongside Bingley North Bog, an important wetland between the canal and the Bingley Bypass.

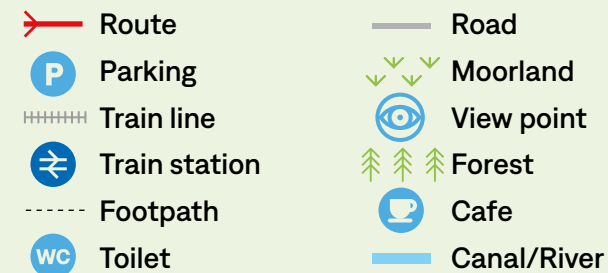
This walk is in partnership with Canal & River Trust who care for over 2000 miles of canals and waterways across country.

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Map key



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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, Saltaire and Harden.



Look out for

Five Rise Locks: One of the greatest feats of canal engineering of its time, the Grade I listed locks opened in 1774. It takes 45 minutes for a boat to travel through the six gates and five chambers, dropping 18 meters from top to bottom. The locks are operated by Lock Keepers who keep the boaters and boats safe and make sure the staircase is operated as efficiently as possible to save water.

Bowling Green Mills: It is impossible to ignore the 249ft chimney of Bowling Green Mills, now proudly displaying the name of the current owners, Damart. The mills were built in 1871 at the height of the worsted wool industry when Bradford was known as Worstedopolis. Today the chimney is part of the Bradford Peregrine Trail, so keep a look out for the fastest animal in the world!

Access notes

Well maintained paths, short steep hill, steps, cafe.

Parking: Pay & Display, Main Street, Bingley.

Bus routes: 60, 662, 616, 619, K4, S33.

Rail: Bingley.

OS Map: 288 Bradford & Huddersfield.



Three & Five Rise Locks

1 Head down Main Street towards the parish church.

2 Turn right on the footpath, signed Bingley Five Rise Locks, immediately after the fire station and zig-zag up and over the footbridge.

As you leave the footbridge, Bingley Three Rise Locks and the Damart factory in Bowling Green Mills are right in front of you.

3 Turn left on the towpath following it up and around the bend to reveal the iconic Five Rise Locks. Keep a look out for the heron that can often be found stood near the bottom of the locks.

4 Huff and puff up the steep, wide path past the locks. If you are feeling adventurous you could climb the steps on the edge of the locks themselves but be careful!

5 At the top of the locks, catch your breath with a rest on the benches or pop into the café for a bite to eat and a brew.

6 When you are ready, continue along the towpath past the moored boats. Take the off-ramp on your left, immediately before the first houses.

7 Follow the road round to the left, hugging the field wall. As the road turns right you turn left, staying with the field, and go through the wooden gate onto the track down to Bingley North Bog wetland.

8 As you reach the bottom of the hill pass through the kissing gate and continue, keeping the reserve on your right.

9 Follow the path to the end to climb some wooden steps before popping back onto the towpath near Three Rise Locks.

Turn right on the towpath before turning right again. Retrace your footsteps over the footbridge back to Main Street and Bingley town centre.

