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Bradford On Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME
East Riddlesden & Low Wood

LOCATION
Riddlesden

DISTANCE
6.8 km / 4.2 miles

TIME
2 hr 15 mins

DIFFICULTY
Moderate

LANDSCAPE
Canal, woodland, fields

HIGHLIGHTS
Historic house, Aire Valley views, nature reserve

East Riddlesden & Low Wood:

This circular walk starts at the National Trust's East Riddlesden Hall before heading along a section of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

The route leads up through Low Wood Scout Camp onto the hillside for stunning views across the Aire Valley, before heading back down to the hall again.

At the end of the walk treat yourself to a famous National Trust scone in East Riddlesden Hall tearoom – the shop and tearoom are free to visit on open days.

Find out more at: nationaltrust.org.uk



East Riddlesden Hall images: ©National Trust
– Arnhel de Serra and Andrew Butler

Access notes

Stiles, gates, paths and tracks.
Some steep and downhill sections.

Parking: On street parking on Bradford Rd. Limited parking at East Riddlesden Hall when the car park is open but remember to check the closing time!

Bus Routes: 662, K4.

OS Map: 297 Lower Wharfedale & Washburn Valley.

Map key

- ➔ Route
- Road
- P Parking
- ⬇️⬇️⬇️ Moorland
- ⚡ Train line
- 👁️ View point
- 🚉 Train station
- 🌲 Forest
- ⋯ Footpath
- ☕ Cafe
- WC Toilet
- Canal/River



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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, Haworth and Thornton.



Look out for

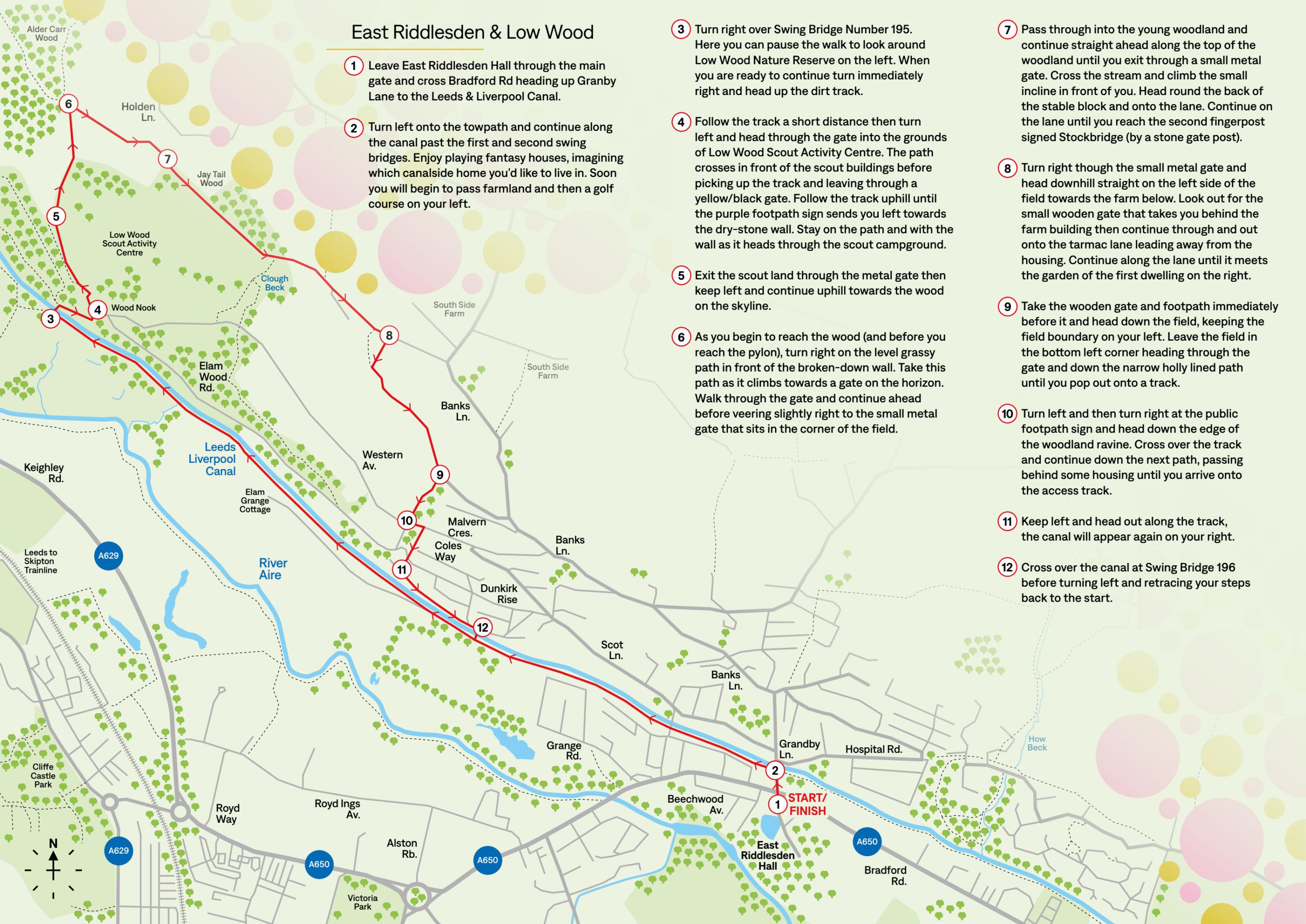
The East Riddlesden Hall we see today is a 17th century manor house, though it is believed that a dwelling has been on the site as far back as the 7th century.

The site's long history has seen ownership pass from an Anglo-Saxon family to the Normans, then onto local gentry, before making its way in 1638 to James Murgatroyd, who is largely responsible for how the hall looks today.

In later years East Riddlesden Hall was inhabited by tenant farmers before it eventually fell into disrepair and was almost sold off to an American owner to be dismantled. Fortunately, it was saved for the public by the Mayor of Keighley, William Brigg and his twin brother, John, who stepped in twice to secure the building and its contents. In 1934, the brothers bequeathed the property to the National Trust to ensure it would be preserved for future generations to visit.



East Riddlesden & Low Wood



1 Leave East Riddlesden Hall through the main gate and cross Bradford Rd heading up Granby Lane to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

2 Turn left onto the towpath and continue along the canal past the first and second swing bridges. Enjoy playing fantasy houses, imagining which canalside home you'd like to live in. Soon you will begin to pass farmland and then a golf course on your left.

3 Turn right over Swing Bridge Number 195. Here you can pause the walk to look around Low Wood Nature Reserve on the left. When you are ready to continue turn immediately right and head up the dirt track.

4 Follow the track a short distance then turn left and head through the gate into the grounds of Low Wood Scout Activity Centre. The path crosses in front of the scout buildings before picking up the track and leaving through a yellow/black gate. Follow the track uphill until the purple footpath sign sends you left towards the dry-stone wall. Stay on the path and with the wall as it heads through the scout campground.

5 Exit the scout land through the metal gate then keep left and continue uphill towards the wood on the skyline.

6 As you begin to reach the wood (and before you reach the pylon), turn right on the level grassy path in front of the broken-down wall. Take this path as it climbs towards a gate on the horizon. Walk through the gate and continue ahead before veering slightly right to the small metal gate that sits in the corner of the field.

7 Pass through into the young woodland and continue straight ahead along the top of the woodland until you exit through a small metal gate. Cross the stream and climb the small incline in front of you. Head round the back of the stable block and onto the lane. Continue on the lane until you reach the second fingerpost signed Stockbridge (by a stone gate post).

8 Turn right through the small metal gate and head downhill straight on the left side of the field towards the farm below. Look out for the small wooden gate that takes you behind the farm building then continue through and out onto the tarmac lane leading away from the housing. Continue along the lane until it meets the garden of the first dwelling on the right.

9 Take the wooden gate and footpath immediately before it and head down the field, keeping the field boundary on your left. Leave the field in the bottom left corner heading through the gate and down the narrow holly lined path until you pop out onto a track.

10 Turn left and then turn right at the public footpath sign and head down the edge of the woodland ravine. Cross over the track and continue down the next path, passing behind some housing until you arrive onto the access track.

11 Keep left and head out along the track, the canal will appear again on your right.

12 Cross over the canal at Swing Bridge 196 before turning left and retracing your steps back to the start.