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Bradford on Foot

DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL DISTRICT

WALK NAME

Yorkshire Heritage Way

LOCATION

Bradford to Saltaire

DISTANCE

7.2 km / 4.5 miles

TIME

2 hr

DIFFICULTY

Challenging

LANDSCAPE

Urban streets, Leeds & Liverpool Canal

HIGHLIGHTS

Heritage buildings, urban greenways, canal views

Yorkshire Heritage Way:

This walk is the first stage of a much longer 68 km hike all the way from Bradford to Ripon Cathedral.

Our 7km walk begins in the centre of Bradford and winds its way through the inner city before picking up a series of connected greenways out to Shipley where the canal towpath leads to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire.

This walk is more challenging than it appears, with some isolated locations and a lot of tarmac underfoot.

Access notes

Paved roads, paths, gravel paths.

Parking: City centre car parks.

Bus routes: 622, 660, 645.

Train stations: Bradford Forster Square & Saltaire.

OS Map: 288 Bradford and 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 Shipley, Saltaire and Undercliffe.



Look out for

Bradford Cathedral: Worship has taken place on this site since the 7th century with the first church being built during Anglo-Saxon times. The current building known as Bradford Cathedral has stood here for over a century and is believed to be the third church on this site. During the Civil War, the Battle of the Steeple saw the church tower hung with wooolsacks to protect it from Royalist cannon fire. The parish church became a cathedral in 1919 and now houses a beautiful collection of textiles and windows.

Saltire: Designated a World Heritage Site in 2001, Saltaire is an incredibly well-preserved model industrial village with textile mills, public buildings and workers cottages. The village and mill are named after Sir Titus Salt who built them during the 1850's to house his growing Alpaca wool textile business.



Map key

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



Yorkshire Heritage Way

- 1** Begin at the large metal gates of Bradford Cathedral, on Cathedral Close. Turn left along Stott Hill, crossing onto Captain Street. Pass the SIP car park and keep going to the Corn Dolly pub.
- 2** Turn right up Bolton Road to the traffic lights.
- 3** Turn left across the pelican crossing over the dual carriageway and re-join Bolton Road. Continue up Bolton Rd for 200 yards.
- 4** Turn left down Lawson Street then turn right at the bottom into Coleman Street. At its end, a gate leads into Boars Well Urban Wildlife Reserve. Follow the path through the reserve along the hillside, at the fork keep right. Continue along this path until it joins Kings Road.
- 5** Turn right towards the traffic lights, cross over Kings Road to the other side and then cross Queens Road to rejoin Kings Road again. Continue along Kings Road dual carriageway and after 100m turn left down Bolton Lane.
- 6** Pass Kingsley Ave near the bottom of the hill, then turn right on Hollin Close Lane, a narrow unsurfaced road. This road bears right and then steeply uphill through a snicket and straight on.
- 7** When you reach the houses turn left and walk straight ahead to join a tarmac snicket running between wooden garden fencing. When you come out of the snicket, at Poplars Park Rd, turn right and continue uphill.
- 8** Take a left turn onto the bridleway, passing through a set of metal gates. Then, take a sharp left turn, go through a small walker's gate and follow the path, keeping left. Go over the stile below the woodland copse. Continue along the hillside, which curves right and leads to a kissing gate.
Keep following the path as it curves right and go through the woodland. Follow the path down a steep slope, heading diagonally right downhill and into Ian Greenwood Way. Keep ahead to Livingstone Rd.
- 9** Turn left on Livingstone Rd, descending past the primary school. Join Gaisby Lane and continue downhill towards the busy A6037.
- 10** Turn right to join the Canal Road Greenway and continue to Poplar Road. Cross Poplar Road and continue following the Greenway across the large grassy area opposite. The Greenway eventually passes underneath a metal road bridge with the Beck still down to the left.
- 11** Continue until you meet Leeds Road and turn left. Pass Shipley Railway Station and cross at the pelican crossing and turn left up the hill.
- 12** Turn right through the bollards, and take the snicket to the footbridge over the canal. Join the towpath by turning right as you come off the bridge. Continue on the tow path towards Saltaire for 2.4 km, where this stage of the Heritage Way ends.

