

WALK TO 'ELL AND BACK 2017 - ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- C.P. 1.
084213
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- On leaving the Community Centre head up the playing fields, passing to the left of the rugby pitch to the exit in the top corner, turning right along the track. At the crossroads go straight ahead, passing Moor Bottom Cottage and proceed down the hill (signed Calderdale Way - to Clough Moor Bridge). Continue down this track to the junction at the bottom, turning left towards the farm buildings. Continue to the end, taking the path immediately left of the house. Follow this path, which becomes flagged, to the end, through the wooden gate to the footbridge then take the cobbled path up to the road. Turn right along Pickwood Scar. Pass the houses on the right then take the footpath down to the right. Turn right down the cobbled lane then left after the metal gates. Keep heading down past the yellow-topped post. Turn left down the hill and keep to this track to Hollas Lane railway bridge in the valley bottom. Go under the bridge and turn left to the new link road. Go left along this road until you pass the allotments on your right then turn right over the bridge, crossing the river and take towpath left along canal and follow it through the marina to road by Sowerby Bridge Church. Cross the road and turn left along the main road. Turn right just after the Halifax branch and walk through the car park to rejoin the canal. Follow the canal to Luddenden Foot.
- C.P. 2.
037250
5.0
miles
- Leave the canal to join the road by the Old Brandy Wine pub. Turn left and at the 'No Entry' sign proceed up hill on the cobbled road (Blackwood Hall Lane). When the road becomes tarmac continue up the hill. When the handrail on the right ends, turn right up Milnergate, left of the old school. Just before the bungalows take a footpath on the left indicated by sign. Follow this to path to join road by High Lee Care Home. Proceed uphill and at road turn right, then fork left onto Clunters Lane. Keep straight ahead going up hill until cross roads. Straight forward on rough track up hill. At the top turn left. At next junction turn sharp right then at the cross tracks turn left to join road at Moor End.
- C.P. 3.
022236
6.6
miles
- Turn right along the road, passing Pitts Farm then bear left to join Calderdale Way Link path (signed Water Stalls Road). Keep along this path, Southwest. After the entrance to a house the tarmac becomes a track. Follow this on to a grass track, still heading in the same direction. Go through a gate and approximately 75 yards before the next gate, when you reach a wall end on your left, cross the stile over the fence signed "Public Footpath to Slack Lane". Follow this path with the wall on your left. Continue until you reach the gate, go over the stile and keep right down a grassy lane to join the road at Delfs (016219). Down the road for 150 yards then take the first right and continue up the track. As the track begins to level out take the first lane on left before the reservoir banking. Pass farm on the left then fork right on grassy lane by gate on right. At the T-junction of grass lanes turn right 50 yards to road (020210) Left along tarmac road then keep right down the hill. At the staggered junction cross the road and continue down Gough Lane which then becomes a track. Continue down track until you reach woodland, passing buildings down on right to sharp right hand bend, then take track to left down through wood to Mill Bank (035212). At end of track join tarmac road turning uphill to right. As it opens out double back left by Calderdale Way sign. After 35 yards go through gate in wall on right and continue up to reach track (038208). Join track turning right towards houses. After approx. 170 yards take the path on the left marked by Calderdale Way symbol on the wall. Follow footpath with wall on right through the gap in the wall to road and turn left (037206). Pass "Highwayman's Cottage" on right and turn left down track, Calderdale Way, just before "Lower Fold". Continue down to left hand bend then take stile to right in wall and follow footpath with wall on right. Through stile to right of metal gate. Continue straight down this track, bearing right to pass along the front of the cottages. Go through the gate and continue to meet stone footpath. Continue on this path following the Calderdale Way to road, turn left and head down the hill to reach the checkpoint in the car park near the bottom.
- C.P. 4.
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(lunch)
- Continue down the hill into Ripponden. Go straight across the road passing the Bridge Inn, over the packhorse bridge and turn right at the Parish Church then left up Elland Road. Keep to the footpath on the left until you pass School Close on the left, then cross over the road and take the footpath to the steps up through the woods. At the top of the steps, turn left and follow the lane down the hill.

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At the bottom turn right and continue up the hill turning right again towards the cottages. Take the path on the left opposite the cottages and when you reach the stile take the path to the left where you will almost immediately reach another stile. Do not cross this, but turn right and follow this path along, with the wall initially on your left. Cross the next stile and follow the path across the top of the field now keeping the wall on your right. When you cross the next stile so the wall is back on your left, pass over the stream and climb to another stile leading you up to the left. As you here another path joins from your left, you follow the path to the right and continue climbing until you reach the tarmac drive at Upper Coney Garth. Continue to the road and turn right to the junction. Cross the road and take the bridleway opposite (Causeway) following this until you meet Scammonden Road.

C.P. 5
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miles

Turn right along Scammonden Road, passing the telephone box before bearing left down track towards Knowsley Farm. Pass the buildings on the left, ignoring the "no through road" sign then go through the gate and continue to junction, turning left. Follow this track to the bottom, and take the path to the left approx. 20 yards before the gates of Firth House Farm. Cross the stile then continue straight ahead keeping go the garden path. At the end of this path cross another stile then follow the line of trees down, and over a further stile, until you reach a track, turning left towards Steel Lane. Turn right at the cobbles heading down the hill where the road becomes tarmac. Pass Penny Hill Cottage to right and 30 yards further bear left at the bend onto the path facing you. Follow this path across hillside over the stile and pass the converted barn to gate. Continue to the road turning right leading to Sonoco paper mill. Keep right and continue up Dog Lane, until you reach the houses on the left. Take the path on the right down the steep slope and up the other side. Cross the road and take the footpath opposite (signposted Sowood). Keeping the wall on your right, carry on up the hill until you reach Moor Hey Lane. Turn left and keep left where the road forks to reach the main road (B6112). Turn left and after 250 yards carefully cross the road to the checkpoint.

C.P. 6.
079189
15.2
miles

Take the first track right after the checkpoint and follow this track down until you reach some gates, crossing the stile and continue down keeping the wall on your right. At the bottom cross the stile and take the path left. **[please note there is a small wasps nest on the left down here so be careful not to step in it]** At the bottom turn left down the driveway, through the automated gate and turn right down the bridleway. Follow the bridleway down to the bottom, crossing the stream and continue up the other side until you reach the junction at the top. Turn right and continue to follow the bridleway up to reach the road. Turn right to reach the checkpoint at the junction of New Road and Turley Cote Lane.

C.P. 7.
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Follow the Kirklees Way along the bridleway at Turley Cote Lane to reach Old Lindley Road. Bear right along on this road, and when it turns right towards the motorway bridge, take the path down to the left immediately after the end of the road barriers. Follow this path down the valley keeping the wall on your right and through the metal gate. Pass the houses on your left and continue onwards leading to Hollins Hey Road. Keep right at Hollins Hey Farm and continue to reach the main road. Turn left down Broad Carr Lane and take the bridleway on the right (signposed Old Dan Lane) just after Prospect House. Continue to join tarmac track, keeping right, with the old railway viaduct on your left. After the gate at the end turn left down Rawroyds, passing Greenroyd, then keep right on Green Lane. Take the path opposite Green Royd, beside Glenholme Respite Service (Anne's). Keep right on the tarmac surface to cross the viaduct keeping right to reach Rochdale Road. Take the pedestrian crossing, turn left up the hill, and then take the steps up to your right. At the top turn left and then take the right fork leading to The Star. With the pub on your right continue up Hoult's Lane and just after you pass Goldfields Way, take the track on your left. Continue up this track until the track divides, where you can turn left into the bottom corner of the playing fields leading you back to the Community Centre.

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