

WALKS BY BUS

Holme - Holmfirth



This map forms part of the Walks By Bus project, led by EPIKS under the Walk Wheel Ride initiative. With funding from Holme Valley Parish Council, it supports you to discover the beauty of this area on foot and by public transport.

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DETAILS

Distance: 5.8 km
Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 1.5-2 hr
Elevation: 80 m

HOW TO GET HERE FROM HOLMFIRTH BUS STATION:

Take the 314 and ride 12 stops to the bus terminus at Meal Hill Road.

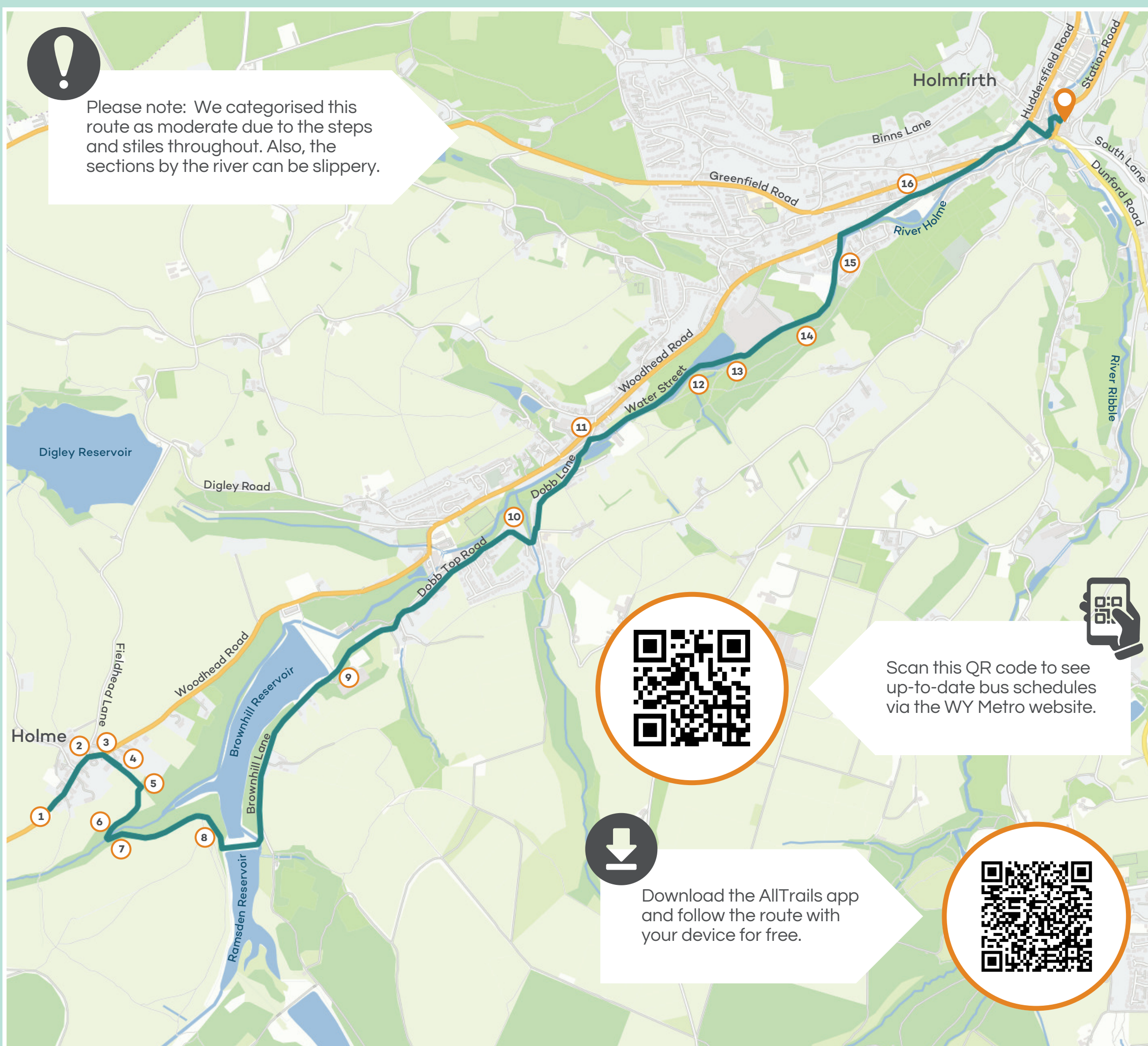
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Please note: We categorised this route as moderate due to the steps and stiles throughout. Also, the sections by the river can be slippery.



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Follow the River Holme to Holmfirth



1 From the bus terminus, head towards Holmfirth and the Fleece pub. There are public toilets opposite. The nearby farm shop is a perfect place to pick up a coffee or breakfast before setting off.



2 Continue along Woodhead Road, pausing to look up at the old stone road signs on the corner of Fieldhead Lane, a small but charming reminder of the area's history.



3 Around 50m after Field Head Lane, turn right at the footpath sign. The track runs between stone walls to a gate, then continues as a narrow path between the fence and wall.



4 Be sure to look back for views of Underhill House, designed in 1969 by local architect Arthur Quarmby. Also referred to as the 'Hobbit' or 'Teletubby' House. Continue through another gate.

At the end of the narrow path, go through the gate onto another path, between a hedge and wall. Then cross the steep stone stile and go through the wall gap.



5 Turn right and continue diagonally along the narrow path across the open field and down the hill. Cross the next wooden stile, then follow the wall along the woodland, down the slippery stones to the river footbridge.



6 Cross the river footbridge and hang left up the steep, stony track. Enjoy the smells and sounds of the woodland. Continue straight, ignoring a right turn. The track bends right and you start to glimpse the reservoirs through the trees.



7 Reach the long iron fence and continue along the path beside it. Pass through the bollards and between two iron fences to cross the dam wall. Go up the steps on the other side to meet Brownhill Lane by the Ramsden Reservoir sign.



9 Turn left onto Brownhill Lane and past the cottages. After approximately 1km the road forks; take the right fork along Dobb Top Road. You will meet Smithy Lane, continue straight on.



10 The road bends right then left. After 100m reach Dobb Lane junction and turn left downhill, past cottages on your left. Cross the bridge over the River Holme, then climb steadily.



11 Look for the footpath sign on a lamp post pointing right down Water Street. It narrows between houses, then turns to gravel with the river on your right. Keep straight on along this path.



12 Cross the bridge over the sluice gate. Follow the narrow path between Bottoms Mill Dam sluice on the left and the River Holme on the right, enjoying the woodland and dam views.

At the end of the dam, take the right fork. At the next fork, go right again. Follow the narrow track with the mill wall on your left and river on your right.



13 Walk across boardwalks and big stone steps, be careful as there are some slippery sections. The path is clear as it crosses walls and climbs up and down steps.



14 After the weir, the path bends left slightly. Cross the cobbles and follow the narrow cobbled path to meet the main Woodhead Road.



15 Turn right and continue down Woodhead Road for just under 1km to the centre of Holmfirth. At the traffic lights turn right down Victoria Street, left at Town Gate and you will be back at the bus station.

