

# WALKS BY BUS

## Hepworth - 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: 5.3 km  
 Difficulty: Moderate  
 Time: 1.5-2 hr  
 Elevation: 153 m

### HOW TO GET HERE FROM HOLMFIRTH BUS STATION:

Take the H7 and ride 24 stops to Hepworth Towngate.  
 Alternatively, take the 310 and ride 15 stops to the same stop.

Please check bus times and operating days before planning your walk.

Walk Wheel Ride wants everyone to feel confident getting outdoors and works to make active travel easier across Kirklees.

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Please note: We categorised this route as moderate due to the steps and stiles throughout.

# A woodland adventure from Hepworth to Holmfirth



**1** From the Hepworth Towngate bus stop proceed down Dean Bridge Lane, where you will see a bus turning point on your right. Take the right-hand fork and descend the lane.



**2** After 250m and a sharp right bend, take the footpath on the left. Follow the narrow path past the sign asking dogs to be on a lead as you head downhill.



**3** The path soon narrows as you enter the gorge. Rocks can be slippery when damp. Watch for fallen logs and narrow wooden plank bridges as the stream comes closer.



**4** Follow the single clear path alongside the stream. You will cross the water several times, sometimes stepping from rock to rock where the path has washed away. Wet feet are possible after rain.

Some stream crossings have scaffolding handrails to help you across. Take your time here, it is a fun, adventurous section with a lovely secluded feel.



**5** After approximately 1km, reach steel steps leading up to a wide gravel path. Turn right, walk up to New Gate (sometimes referred to as Little Cake), then turn left back on yourself and walk on Upper House Road.



**6** You will soon see a footpath on the right. Cross a stone stile, then a wooden stile, and climb between fence and wall. Go through the gate and follow the wider track past a farm to Scholes Moor Road.



**7** Turn right on Scholes Moor Road and walk downhill with care, there is no pavement. After 250m, turn left onto the gravel Dyson Lane between two stone walls.



**9** Follow Dyson Lane to the end, then turn right onto Longley Edge Road, another gravel track. Pass a couple of cottages on your left as the track gently descends.



**10** At the junction with Cross Lane, turn left. On the bend, just past the cottages, turn right onto the signed footpath. The track starts wide, then narrows, with great Holme Valley views.



**11** Walk for nearly 1km and you will reach Sandy Gate. Turn left, then take the left fork to head downhill on Cinder Hills Road. After around 400m turn right onto Field Road.



**12** Field Lane splits quickly, take the left fork. After 50m, as the road bends sharply right, take the path between house numbers 23 and 25 on the left, between two fences.

Follow the path alongside the children's play area. Continue on the tarmac then gravel, drop down two small steps, bear slightly left, then take the right fork immediately after.



**13** Then follow the path to New Laithe Lane and turn left down the steep hill. After a few bends in the road, there is a sharp left ending at a T-junction. Turn right onto South Lane and walk downhill about 100m.



**14** Take the right fork on narrow Back Lane. After the road bends right, look for the sign saying Bunkers Hill on the left. You will be able to see the clock tower of Holy Trinity Church. Turn sharply left and descend the cobbled lane and steps.



**15** Take care on the cobbles and steps in wet weather. Walk around to the front of the church. This brings you into central Holmfirth, with the bus station just to your right across the road.

