

ROTARY CLUB OF HEBDEN BRIDGE

HRBDEN BRIDGE BOUNDARY WALK

SUNDAY 4th June 2017

Please ensure you ‘CHECK IN’ and ‘CHECK’OUT’ at EVERY checkpoint

If you decide to retire at any point on the walk please inform an official

Please note: this is a provisional route and may be subject to change on the day of the walk, as necessary for safety and operational reasons.

START AT THE MYTHOLMROYD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALDENE AVENUE, MYTHOLMROYD HX7 5AF (GR 011 260)

Proceed from the Community Centre car park to cross the main A646 road at the pelican crossing. Turn left. Passing the Fire Station, turn right at Acre Villas. Cross over the canal bridge and bear left at Redacre Barn House to enter Redacre Wood. Take the uphill path which forks to the right IMMEDIATELY on entering the wood. Climb this path to the top of the wood. Pass through the metal gate on the right before the wooden seat. Proceed up the fields to Hill House Farm (GR 012 267). Go over stile and pass through the farmyard to continue up the farm track and bear left up the tarmac road passing Hill House (white) gate. At the sharp right hand bend in the road, go over the wooden stile on the left (Grid ref: 012 269) and up a rough path following yellow marker posts up to the Heights Road.

Turn right along the road for approximately 100m and then bear left on a tarmac public footpath to Wicken Hill Farm. Just before the farm buildings, take the public footpath through a gate to the left. Bear right on the path round the rear of farm buildings to pass over two stiles and onto the heather moor and then, following the fence on your right, go through a gate and onto the open moor.

At the end of the wire fence and where the stone wall starts on your right, turn right along Calderdale Way (Grid ref: 014 275) to Churn Milk Joan stone marker post (Grid ref: 019 276).

Bear right downhill, still following the Calderdale Way markers. Carry on across moorland until a stone wall is reached and follow the path with the wall on your right. Go past the farms on your right and then turn right over a stile with a metal farm gate (Grid ref: 034 274) and then proceed left down the tarmac road to the road junction. Turn left along an unmade dirt road for approximately 600m until you reach Clough Cottage. (This is a refreshment stage on the organised walk day)

Walk behind Clough Cottage following the track, passing Hollin Top Farm on your right and then Ferney Lee Farm ahead of you. At Ferney Lee Farm, bear left over the stile by the gate (Grid ref: 024 283) to the moorland path. Carry on past the farm, keeping the wall on your right, to the wall corner leading up on to the open moor, climbing steadily up above Luddenden Dene on a boggy path. At the next broken down wall, take the low path keeping the wall on your immediate right (Grid ref: 019 288), cross the stream and bear left up the hill (Grid ref: 015 292). When you reach the stone bridge over the catch water drain, turn left immediately *before the bridge* as indicated on the marker post (Grid ref: 013 300) and continue over open moorland in a north westerly direction. Continue past the stone marker post to the trig point (Grid ref: 009 303). This is the highest point on this section. Bear right at trig point to approximately 316° and follow the path down from the moor and to the A6033 and to the check point in the lay-by.

Check point one

From the check point in the lay-by, walk down the main road for 75m and turn right at the signpost down to Haworth Old Road (Grid ref: 998 310). Go over the stile and follow the path down to the gate through the wall. Carry on down to the right at the tarmac road. After 200m, turn left signposted Public Bridleway. Continue down the narrow path and over the bridge at Lumb Falls. Follow the path up the hill, bearing left after the ruined building and then right at the signpost, Grainwater Bridge. Turn left at the ruined farm building (Grid ref: 989 313) and walk uphill through the gates passing one more derelict farm on the left. At the top of the walled lane, go through the gate and bear left along the moorland lane. Turn left through a wooden gate into the field (Grid ref: 983 314) following the path with a wall on your right and down through the field and on the farm track to Walshaw Lodge hamlet. At Walshaw Cottage, turn right (Grid ref: 974 313) and walk up the farm lane heading northwards.

Check point two

Continue up the farm lane and turn right at the flagstones over the stream and signposted Walshaw Dene. Go through the gate (keeping dogs on leads) following the track up the hill with the wall on your left. Go through another gate and carry on up the walled track to the top gate and onto the moorland track (Grid ref: 974 320). Ignore the footpath to your right through the gate. Bear right at the fork in the track uphill, taking the left fork climb to the sky line passing grouse shooting butts to the high point of 422 metres (Grid ref: 971 326). Continue past one small shooting hut and go right at the fork in the track down towards the reservoir. Pass through the gate and take the path to the left which runs between the catchment drain and the reservoir. Pass over the drain at the embankment but do not cross the dam at this point. Take the footpath sign on the left along the shore of the bottom reservoir. Turn right and cross along the lower dam wall. Walk up the tarmac road and turn left (Grid ref: 956 330) along the grass path on the left of the road or follow the road. At the fork, follow the tarmac road. At the cattle grid, take the fenced path on the left of the road. Follow the footpath through the gate, left around the wall to the next check in at the car park (Grid ref: 947 322).

Check point three

Here marshals will offer you the option of taking the 4 mile Widdop/Gorple reservoir loop. If you decide to walk the loop, marshals at the check point will issue you with a separate, additional route description.

Turn left along the road for 400m to Grid ref: 949 319, signposted Pennine Way. Turn right through the gate and follow the path keeping the wall on the left to a fork in the path (Grid ref: 949 317). Leave the Pennine Way here and follow the path with the wall on your left. Drop down to Blake Dean Scout Hostel (Grid ref: 957 316) and down the road to left at the wooden gate before the road bridge. Go down the slope to the stream and pass over the wooden bridge and then uphill, keeping the river and valley on your right. Walk along the grass plateau, slightly downhill to the stile. Cross over the stile to the wooded area, (Grid ref: 964 314) into the wood and pick up the wall on your left passing through the wall at a vertical stone. Follow the path passing the cottage on your left. After the cottage, carry on for 600m along an unsurfaced road passing over four small streams. After the fourth stream, turn right down to the river (Grid ref: 973 309) crossing the river three times over wooden bridges. Pass over the stone bridge at Gibson Mill bearing right along the riverside path and follow this down to the stone bridge over the river (Grid ref: 988 290). Turn right over the bridge and immediately left, passing Midgehole Working Men's Club, locally known as the Blue Pig. At the fork, take the riverside path signposted Hebden Bridge. Cross the river once again, cross the field and through the wooden gate, turn left and go up to the tarmac road. Turn right and go along to Raw Holme Farm which is the first building on the right and then take the footpath marked Hebden Bridge. Follow this path until the first house on the right and go down a stepped path before it, across a dirt road and onto the riverside path for Hebden Bridge. Cross the river by the Bowling Club and carry on the riverside to cross the river once again at a packhorse bridge. Turn right, then left, passing industrial units and the children's play area. Continue forward along Valley Road passing the medical centre and petrol station. With the Town Hall in front of you, turn left and cross over the bridge. Turn right at the end of the bridge, down Bridge Gate, cross over the main road (A646) and continue straight ahead, passing the Post Office on the left and up to the canal. Cross over the canal bridge and keep left onto the canal towpath. Carry on along the towpath passing Hebden Bridge Marina on your left, pass under the next canal bridge and at approximately 30 metres turn off the canal towpath and go left down the unmade road passing the stone storage yard and over the River Calder Bridge. Before the railway arch turn left along the cycle way and continue to go straight ahead passing cottages and industrial units, continue forward on the unmade road to bear left on to Caldene Avenue. Follow this avenue to finish at Mytholmroyd Community Centre.

Check point 4 & Finish

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SIGN OUT AT THE FINISH

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