



SECTION 10 PECKET-WELL TO LUDDENDEN DEAN

Views of the Calder Valley, Churn Milk Joan standing stone and upland birds in the Spring and Summer

Length & time

4½ miles (7km). Should take you about 3 hours.

Gradients

After a short climb up the moorland edge is pretty flat. There is a short descent at the end

Terrain

The route is mainly walking around the edge of moorland

Obstacles

There are several gates and stiles



Facilities

The Robin Hood at Pecket Well is open most lunchtimes, Bob's pop up cake shop at weekends, Jerusalem Farm has a campsite.

Bus access

To Pecket Well, B3 and 594 buses. From Booth (1km from Jerusalem Farm) 574 to Luddendenfoot & Halifax/ Todmorden

- Cross the main road through Pecket Well (SD996293) or walk down a few metres from the bus stop. Go up a short section of paved path and turn right on the road towards Old Town.

- Take the second track left (Shawcroft Hill) to a group of buildings; follow a path to the left of the buildings which becomes a grassy track, continue uphill, cross a wide track and go ahead up a walled track, signed Slack Farm.

- When you reach the T junction at the top, turn sharp right following the wall on your right which marks the moor edge.

- Pass a house and when the path splits, take the lower track by the wall. At a waymark post, bear left cutting off the corner where there is a gate to Allswell Equestrian Centre (where Link Path Q descends to Old Town and Hebden Bridge). Continue following the wall.

- At the next wall-corner, the path continues straight on, parallel to the moor edge. After

200 metres pass through a gate with stile, join a hard track and when you come to a second gate near a house, take a small, rough, waymarked path to the left, leading to another gate, where wooden fencing meets a wall-corner after which you bear right. Keeping above walls and fences, follow the edge of the moor with views of Old Town.

- After about a 1½ km, you will come to a metal gate and stile; continue straight on passing the remains of a stone building on your left. Ignore the wide path to your right and continue with the fence on your right with views over the golf course.

- The path bears slightly left up the hill behind the golf course car park and clubhouse until you reach a wooden gate with kissing gate. Keep straight on until you reach a wall-corner. Continue straight ahead keeping to the moor side of the wall until the path forks.

- The Calderdale way goes to the right but bearing left is a very short detour, passing

a bench with fine views to the tall stone known as Churn Milk Joan.



Churn Milk Joan

- From the stone, drop down for a few metres to re-join the Calderdale Way.

Link Path I bears off to the right following the wall downhill. It takes you to Foster Clough and Mytholmroyd.

- Follow the well-defined path gently down across the moor, for about 1km, following a series of yellow top waymark posts.

- On reaching a junction keep ahead staying above the wall, skirting around the moor edge. Pass a farm on your right and shortly after the path turns left' (if you need some supplies, turn right at the bend and head down to Midgley where there is a community shop.

- The route continues skirting around the moor edge with a fine view up Luddenden Valley. When you reach some steps and a metal gate, cross the stile down to a narrow tarmac lane where you turn left.

- At the junction turn right and after 50 metres, turn sharp left into Dry Carr Lane.

- Take the second drive on the right and go immediately left behind the second building. The path slowly descends following a broken-down wall. At an old metal gate, cross the stone stile and follow the path into the trees. The path emerges on to a road (Jerusalem Lane) where you turn right.

(Turning left here for 250 metres will bring you to Bobs pop up tea and cake shop open at weekends)

- Continue down Jerusalem Lane for 250 metres to the building on the left called Jerusalem Farm (SE037278) (alternatively, you can take a shortcut path down to Wade Bridge on the left waymarked Jerusalem Farm).

Link Path J continues down Jerusalem Lane to Booth and through Luddenden to Luddenden Foot.