**SECTION 2 NORLAND MOOR TO RIPPONDEN**

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| ***Length and time*** 5 miles (8km). Should take you 2½ hours.    ***Highlights*** Wonderful views from Norland Moor, Old bridge and buildings at the centre of Ripponden  ***Gradients*** Mainly level with a downhill at the end  ***Terrain*** The routeis on stony paths, tracks and some road walking  ***Obstacles*** Thereare 2 stiles  **Facilities**  The Moorcock, the Fleece Inn, Old Bridge inn at Ripponden  **Bus access to the route**  To Norland 562 from Halifax, from Ripponden 901 to Hebden Bridge (also bus access half way round) |

1. Just beyond Clough Moor Bridge (SE06922l), take the rough path, crossing a small stream where you turn left and follow a wall. This is Norland Moor - a fine gritstone plateau.
2. At a cairn, turn right on to path which crosses the moor is dead straight line. Turn left when you reach iron railings.

*Soon after, above overgrown quarry on your right, Link Path B drops to the Moorcock Inn at Moorside, New Longley farm and Sowerby Bridge. There is also a bus stop.*

1. Follow the moor edge with fine views of the Calder and Ryburn Valleys (ignore path on left to the trig point), past the prominent outcrop called Ladstone Rock. After about 400 metres, the path descends to the road where you turn left, passing a static caravan site. *There is a bus stop here.*
2. After about 200 metres, opposite a house, the route turns sharp right onto a tarmac lane. Pass the farms and houses on to a grassy track. The track begins to descend, passing a small open area and shortly after, turn left on a path through a ﬁeld-corner gap in the wall.

*Link Path C continues down the track to the Ryburn Valley at Kebroyd allowing a further short cut to Mill Bank up Link Path D.*

1. With the Ryburn Valley and a wall on your right, cross two fields and follow the track to the main road down to Ripponden. Turn right, passing the Fleece Inn, ignore a farm track on the right. About 75 metres after the Fleece, leave the main road bearing right on a narrow tarmac lane to descend the steep Old Bank into Ripponden.
2. Pass St Bartholomew’s church, cross a 16th century packhorse bridge and go up the setted street passing the 14th century Old Bridge Inn and a 16th century vicarage with an 18th century front.

**You now have three options:**

*To continue on to the next section, you cross the main road.*

*You can get several buses back to Halifax, the 901 to Huddersfield or Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge or the 528 to Littlebrough. (The bus stops are on the other side of the road to your right).*

*To stay a while in the Old Bridge Inn or one of the several places to eat and drink nearby*