**SECTION 8 HEPTONSTALL TO PECKET WELL**

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| ***Length and time*** 1½ miles (2½ km). Should take you a bit over an hour.  ***Highlights*** Some very old bridleways, quick detour to Smeekin Pike.  ***Gradients*** Theroute drops down to the Hebden Valley and back up to Pecket Well.  ***Terrain*** The routeis mainly on rough stone bridleways.  ***Obstacles*** Thereare no obstacles.  **Facilities**  There are two pubs, a small shop and a café in Heptonstall, the Robin Hood at Pecket Well is just off the route.  **Bus access to the route**  To Heptonstall 596  From Pecket Well, B3 to Keighley and Hebden Bridge 594 to Hebden Bridge |

1. Turn right down the man stone setted street called Towngate to The Cross Inn (SD987281).

*Link Path O continues to descend from here to Hebden Bridge via the steep Buttress*.

1. Turn left up Northgate, pass the Methodist Chapel on the right and shortly after, bear right down the bridleway opposite Northwell Terrace. Follow this down to the tarmac road and cross on to the path opposite. Go straight ahead where the paths cross, then cross a narrow tarmac lane.

*Link Path P to Hebden Bridge goes off to the right here*.

1. Descend to Hebden Water and continue ahead past a weir and the Blue Pig to the Bridge at Midgehole.
2. Turn right over the bridge and continue to a toilet block on the road leading to the entrance to Hardcastle Crags. Take the path behind the toilets, climb to a house and continue uphill on the bridleway signed to Pecket Well. This very old route called Raegate, winds uphill among the beech trees to cross Kitling Bridge.

*Just before the bridge where a fence appears on your left is a short permissive path up to Smeekin Pike. This is a war memorial and is a lovely spot to stop and admire the views.*

1. From the bridge, climb the wide stone track to a junction of paths, where you turn left. At the top of the path, you reach the Hebden Bridge to Haworth road at Pecket Well.

*At Pecket Well you have three choices:*

*Continue on to the next section by crossing to the path opposite or*

*Get the bus back to Hebden Bridge or Haworth or Keighley (the stops are a few metres up the hill) or*

*Visit the Robin Hood 100 metres up the road for some food and drink*