



## SECTION 8 BLACKSHAW HD TO HEPTONSTALL

Hebble End clapper bridge (ideal picnic spot by the stream)  
Fine examples of ancient causey stone paths

### Length and time

2 miles (3½ km). Should take about 1½ hours

### Gradients

There is a short steep drop into Colden Clough, with some relatively gentle inclines

### Terrain

The route is all on good paths often with causey stones



### Obstacles

There is a steep set of uneven steps and several stiles on the route. One section of the route is very rocky

### Facilities

Heptonstall has two pubs, a small shop and a café\*

### Bus access

- To Blackshaw Head: 596,
- From Heptonstall: 596 to Hebden Bridge or back to Blackshaw

\* Why not download a free e-trail audio-visual guide for this section that describes the history and usage of Packhorses on your route? Search your app store for Pennine Horizons.

● From the end of section 7 at Blackshaw Head, cross the road to your right and go through a step stile. Follow a grassy partly-paved path half-right across several fields and stiles, until you reach a sunken walled track; turn left down the track to Shaw Bottom House and continue down a tarmac lane to a T-junction.

**Turning left for 200 metres will lead you to the New Delight pub and buses to Heptonstall and Hebden Bridge.**



Stone clapper bridge at Hebble Hole

● Turn right along a track passing Hudson Mill below. Descend the steps off to the left to a picnic spot by Hebble Hole clapper bridge where the Pennine Way appears from the right.

● Cross the bridge and go up the paved path. Keep right where the Pennine Way goes off to the left. Follow the paved path to a stone step-stile at the top corner of Foster Wood.

● Cross the field on causey stones, go through a stile and turn right along a wall, then follow a causey path across several stiles and fields with the wall on your left.

● The paved path joins a wider path and at a T-junction you turn left. Turn right at another T junction and pass behind a house called Pike Stone Bank.

● Continue along the paved path to a stile where five routes meet. Go straight ahead along the wide track (slightly down hill, then level) on to the tarmac road where you turn left uphill.

● Just beyond an electricity pole, before the road bears left, go through a gap in the right-hand wall. Follow the path through Eaves Wood watching for a sign where the route turns left.

● A clamber over rocks leads to a level path above the wood with a wall to your left.

● At a T junction the path is joined by steps coming up from Hell Hole Rocks – a good place to stop to admire the view. Turn left here and go between walls, across two housing estate access roads, to the church of Heptonstall, and a group of cottages, West Laithe (1790).

● Bear left, pass Chantry House, go up steps to the old church. On the right is a museum in the old grammar school and on the left, as the path enters Towngate (SD987281), is the old Cloth Hall.

***If you have time, Heptonstall is really worth an explore. Either download the e-trail audio visual guide (info above) or buy a booklet in the local Post Office.***



***Causey path beyond Pike Stone Bank***