

## HEBDEN BRIDGE TO MYTHOLMROYD VIA BURLEES LANE

Distance and time - 2 miles, allow about an hour and a half

Things to watch out for – the lovely Nutclough valley, great views of the valley, possibly pigs, donkeys, llamas and in April some lovely bluebells

Starting point - The board in the St Pol car park in the centre of town.

The first section is quite a long but rewarding climb, but if you want to avoid this, get the 595 bus to Doddnaze estate and walk up the road to join the walk at point 11

1. Leaving the car park turn left down the pedestrianised road called Bridgegate
2. Pass the fustian knife in Saint Georges Square, head past the mill and the White Lion pub where you turn left up the main Keighley Road
3. Walk for about 300 metres to a set of traffic lights where you cross the road. Head up hill for 30 metres and turn right up a track before the former Nutclough Tavern
4. At the gate keep left, after a 50-metre gentle climb, at a stone wall turn left up a short flight of stone steps
5. You will now see the Nutclough Mill pond on your right with some benches to stop and sit or you can wander round the paths. You may see some unusual birds and if you've got children, they will want to play in the water but do take care as there are some deep spots
6. To continue the walk, take the stone steps up to a footpath (marked link path) which rises up on the left-hand side above the pond
7. Where it levels out go on to the 18<sup>th</sup> century Hurst Bridge for a great view down Nutclough valley
8. Cross over the bridge and go along the wide path and very shortly after take the small path going off to the left uphill. The path comes out on a tarmac road
9. Cross the road and go up the walled lane opposite right to the very top

10. At the top, just beyond a metal gate, turn right on a wide rough stone track which comes out on a tarmac road at the end
11. Go straight across the road to a tarmac lane to the right of the sign Burlees Lane. You now stay on this lane, passing a number of dwellings for over 1km. You pass Owlers and at the end of the tarmac road you arrive at Stephenson house
12. Just beyond the house there are two paths in front of you and you take the right hand path immediately going over a stile
13. The path drops down through a field over two boardwalks to the corner of the field where you cross a stile
14. The path goes over two streams and then it gently climbs up into some woodland called Redacre Woods
15. You emerge at a metal kissing gate where there is a handy bench to look down through the woods
16. Take the path going off to the left which skirts the top end of the woods. Near another bench, it is joined by another path coming through a metal kissing gate to your left. Here you go straight on gently downhill to a metal gate which is the entrance of Redacre Woods
17. Pass a house called Redacre Barn, turn right on the tarmac road here and after about 50 metres you cross the canal. Here you have two choices:
  - You can walk back to Hebden Bridge by turning right on the canal towpath (the steps down the towpath are on the left) or
  - You can turn left along the canal towpath to the next bridge, climbing the steps that will bring you onto Midgley Road. Here you turn right down to the main road and right again to the centre of Mytholmroyd