

Points of Interest

Brockholes Train Station

Opened in 1850 by the Huddersfield & Sheffield Junction Railway (a satellite company of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway), the station was formerly the junction for the Holmfirth Branch Line, which opened on the same day as the main line but closed to passenger trains on 2 November 1959 and to goods traffic in May 1965. Goods traffic ceased to be handled at Brockholes in October 1964, with the station becoming an unstaffed halt in August 1966.

Magdale, Honley

Well worth a visit, though not on our route today; approximately a 1 mile walk from Honley Station will take you to Magdale Fields, adjacent to the River Holme. This popular beauty spot is perfect for nature and wildlife lovers. Magdale Fields also gives access to Stones Wood and Magdale Dam. Several local walks start from here including Holme Valley Riverside Way.

Honley

Just under a mile away via Station Road, Honley village is well worth a visit and offers several establishments for refreshments.

In the 1800s the textile industry was thriving in Honley, with around 20 mills operating in the village. Luddites were also active. Indeed, two Luddites drank in the Coach and Horses on Eastgate (now Balooshai Honley) in 1812, before being arrested and hanged for the murder of Marsden mill owner, William Horsfall.

Overview of Walk

The railway maintains an elevated position in the valley by means of a huge embankment on the approach to Honley. This section offers stunning views across the Holme Valley;

A large banner for the Brock Youth Club can be seen in the village hall. Brock being the Anglo-Saxon word for Badger and Holes meaning hollow - hence Brockholes.

Rock outcrops including Tor Rocks dominate the hillside scenery at Brockholes. The Rock Inn took its name from the rocks that thrust out over the road. Ceasing trading in the 1970's, Rock Mills once employed over 500 people, from the scouring of raw wool to the production of worsted cloth.

Amenities

This is a very rural area with no facilities to offer en-route at the present time - come prepared with your own picnic.

In Brockholes the Rock Inn is 0.4 miles from the Train Station, nearby is an excellent sandwich shop, the Travellers Rest is 0.7 miles away.

Honley village offers several cafes and pubs and lies approx. 0.8 miles from the Station, along Station Road.

** Please check for opening times and availability prior to your visit. Information correct at time of print.*



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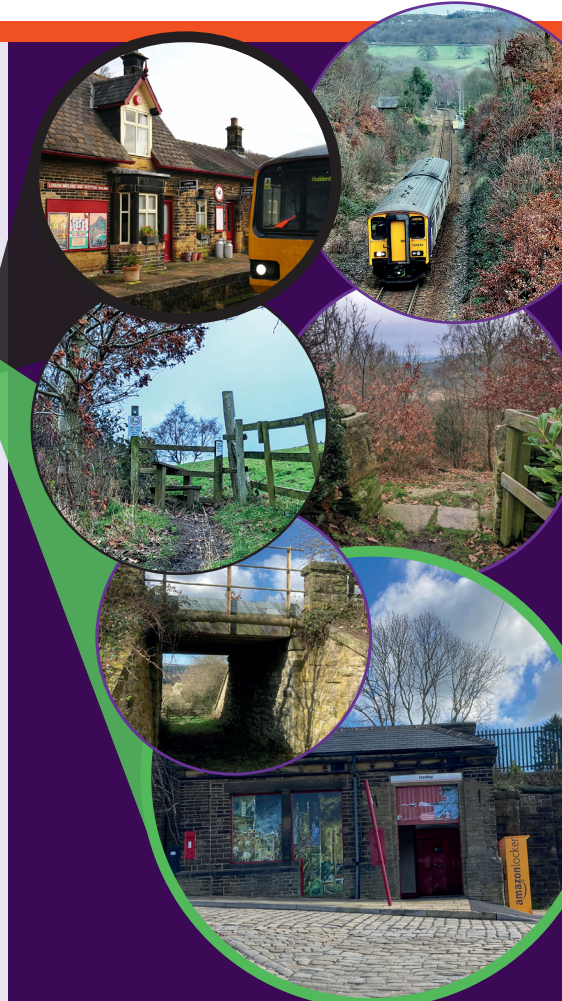
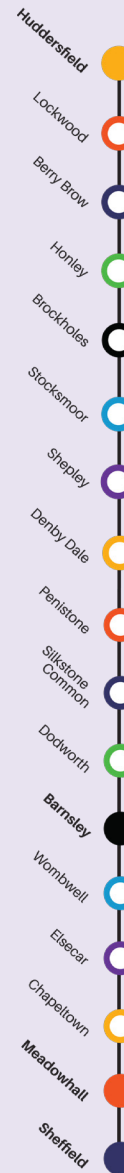


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



Brockholes to Honley

Walk 13 - 1.4 miles/2.2 km



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Route Guidance

1 From Brockholes Station turn right along Ridings Fields.

2 Walk along the residential street and take the public footpath on the right preceding house no.88.

Ascend uphill through the wood, steep steps lead to a footbridge over the railway line.

3 Once across the footbridge, turn left along the woodland path upwards to stone steps.

Continue along the upward path to a wooden step stile into the next field.

Walk along the fence to your left and climb a further wooden step stile.

4 Continue along the narrow footpath and step over the small wooden stile, turn and walk right.

You will come to a road where to your left is a drive for a stable and riding school, take the road to the left of the tall tree and walk down the road towards the residential buildings in the distance (signed Marry Carry).

5 Turn into a public footpath between fencing to your left before the private driveway. There is a gate saying chickens and a high hedge to your left.

Fine views ahead to Black Hill unfold as stone steps descend and the footpath swings right along the hillside high above the railway line. Follow the long path.

6 Walk through what was once a gated electric fence, follow the long path and descend through the woodland. Go through a wooden gate, where you will then see a field to your right and a boardwalk underfoot.

The railway line is to the left of the path as you walk along, then turn left under the line.

Straight ahead is a wooden gate, go through and walk straight ahead to a wooden stile, which leads you into a field.

Follow the field downhill along the right hand hedge and you will come to houses on the right.

7 Descend the steep and uneven stone steps and walk ahead and down Marsh Platt Lane with houses at both sides of the road, eventually coming to playing fields on your left. Turn right up Gynn Lane.

8 Continue to walk up Gynn Lane. Modern houses on your right, trees and the railway embankment can be seen ahead.

9 Before Gynn Lane tunnels beneath the railway formation, turn left onto the unnamed track, Ludwood Close is on your left. Walk up the track to Honley Station.

