

Points of Interest

Honley Train Station

Opened in 1850 by Huddersfield & Sheffield Junction Railway (a constituent company of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway).

Victoria Tower, Castle Hill

The history of human activity on Castle Hill goes back over 4000 years. The site was developed as an iron age hill fort, surrounded by defensive ditches and ramparts. In the Middle Ages there was a castle on the hill, (the well remains). The present tower was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee of 1897. The tower was renovated in 1960 when the top 7ft was removed. It reaches the height of almost 997 feet above sea level.

Stirley Farm

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Community Farm. N.B. No cafe.

Honley (Robin Hood Tunnel)

Honley Robin Hood Tunnel is a 228 yard tunnel on the Penistone Line, situated between Berry Brow Station and Honley Station. The tunnel takes its name from the fact it passes through an area known locally as Robin Hood Hill.

Berry Brow Station

Originally the station was in the rock cutting to the north of the current site. Opened with the line in 1850 it closed in the Beeching era in 1966. Noted for the stone carving by J.C. Stocks of an early Lancashire & Yorkshire train situated in the cutting wall behind the Penistone side platform (now in the Tolson Museum). Berry Brow was without a station for over 23 years until the current single platform was opened in 1989.

Overview of Walk

The line continues on the hillside above the River Holme as the short Honley tunnel and the longer Robin Hood tunnels facilitate its progress to Berry Brow. We climb towards Castle Hill to enjoy fine views over Honley, Netherton and further afield. Please note that this walk is quite steep and uneven in certain places.

Amenities

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

The Railway, Berry Brow - A welcoming local boasting real ale pumps, Sky & BT Sports, cosy snug & beautiful beer garden. Situated on School Lane, a short walk away from Berry Brown Station.

For those wishing to continue with **Walk No. 15. Berry Brow to Lockwood**, there is the excellent Sons of The North cafe at Brooke's Mill, also a short distance away.

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

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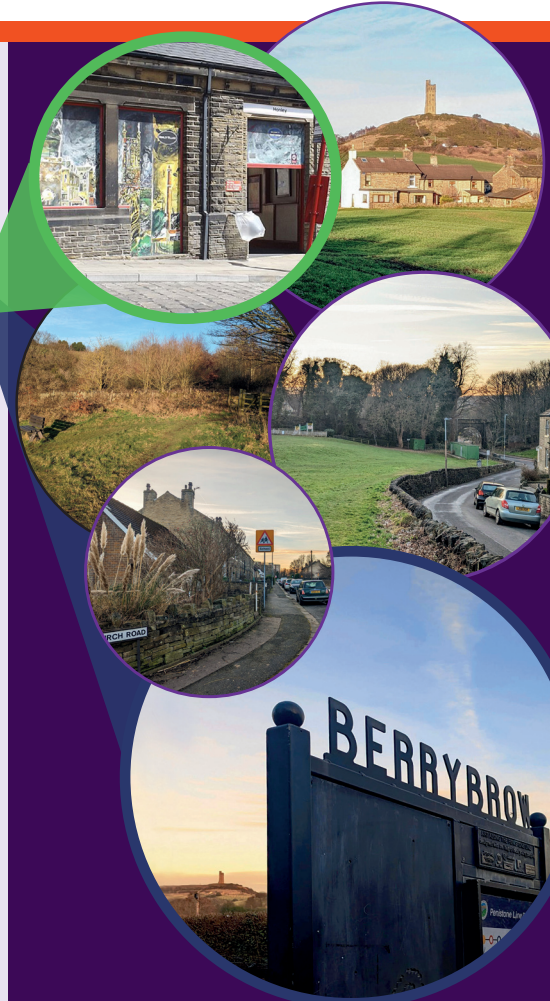


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



Honley to Berry Brow

Walk 14 - 1.5 miles/2.5 km



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Route Guidance

1 From Honley Station, turn right and walk towards South Pennine Community Transport Bus Depot. Do not enter the premises. Find the public footpath to the left of a large metal container. The path follows housing to the left and the bus depot to the right until reaching a road, Northgate where the footpath end is guarded by 3 stone slabs.

2 Turn right up the road over the railway line. Continue uphill approximately 150 yards, a large house (Park Riding) is on the left. Before the right hand bend in the road, follow the footpath sign on your left to Upper Park Wood Nature Reserve.

3 Climb the wooden stile next to a metal gate into a field. Keep right on a steep grass track. Over the brow of the hill, keeping the bench with magnificent views to your left, take the kissing gate in the right hand corner.

4 Take the left-hand path between trees to a wooden stile in a wall, then climb the field straight forward uphill. Go through a wooden gate then carry on up and round to the left, where you will eventually see Hey Lane Cemetery on your left.

5 Continue straight ahead and Victoria Tower on Castle Hill will come into view. (Built to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria). Follow the path to the metal gate. Pass through the gap by the left-hand wall, near the speed restriction sign on Hey Lane.

You will pass Hey Lane Cemetery on your left and Castle Hill will be on the right. Pass a row of houses on your left and continue walking along Hey Lane where there is pavement. You will pass a Royal Mail post box and Park Lane on your left. Continue straight ahead with Castle Hill on your right.

6 Keep walking straight ahead where there is pavement and Castle Houses will be on your right. Take care on this stretch of road and cross over by Holly House on the left, walk down the unsigned farm track before Holly House. There is a sign saying no access to Stirley Farm at the start of the track. The walk here is uneven and downhill.

At a fork in the paths, bear right, continue down Cold Hill Lane.

7 The houses of Cold Hill hamlet are in front of you. Follow the lane through the buildings, look out for a converted barn on left where an engraved window shows a view of Castle Hill.

8 The road descends with views to the left, stay straight until Cold Hill Road meets Lady House Lane, where you turn left.



As you walk down Lady House Lane you will see rows of houses to your right in the distance, and a school and its fields on the hill above. Continue following the road first around a left bend, then a right bend.

Walk downhill between houses on both sides, where there is a playing field and a little park on the left, to a road junction.

9 The railway bridge can be seen to your left. Turn right up Bridge Street/Newsome Road South.

10 Cross over the road and turn left up Birch Road. Berry Brow Station will be on your left.