

## Points of Interest

### Berry Brow Stations

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 opened in 1989.

### Beaumont Park

A lovely old park with ornate features, cascades, grottos, steep cliffs and picturesque woodland walks. There is a poetry trail and many viewing areas for the magnificent Lockwood Viaduct.

### The Meltham Branch

This ran through the lower part of Beaumont Park, it's former course can be easily seen from the walk. The branch opened in 1869 but closed to passengers in 1949 (bus competition). However, a curiously short lived station called Woodfield opened & closed here in 1874. Most likely intended to bring visitors to the Park, it clearly did not prove a success. The Meltham branch continued to be used by trains bringing completed tractors from David Brown's Meltham Mills works until 1965 when the line closed completely.

### Lockwood Viaduct

One of four large viaducts between Huddersfield and Penistone and, arguably, the most impressive. Up to 122 feet high with 34 arches it is deservedly a listed building. Whilst glimpses of the viaduct are seen at various points on the walk, it might be worth a short diversion to the main gates of the Park for a magnificent view of the viaduct and its landscaped setting.

### Lockwood Station

Opened with the line itself in 1850 but now only a shadow of its former size and importance. The former Penistone bound platform is no longer in use and the extensive goods yards have gone although some remains of the former coal drops remain. It was the scene of a dramatic accident in June 1958 when four empty carriages stored on a siding alongside the Meltham branch ran away down the gradient towards the station, crashed through buffer stops and then leapt across Swan Lane to embed themselves in the station booking office. Thought to be the result of vandalism, it caused a local sensation at the time and resulted in substantial demolition of the original station facilities.



## Overview of Walk

The train emerges from a deep rock cutting offering passengers an elevated view of distant Huddersfield from the majestic Lockwood Viaduct as the line sweeps across the Holme Valley to Lockwood. Our progress is humbler, first along riverside then climbing through Beaumont Park to Lockwood.

### Amenities

**The Railway, Berry Brow** - A welcoming local boasting real ale pumps, Sky & BT Sports, cosy snug & beautiful beer garden - a short walk from the Station.

**Sons of The North Cafe** - Situated in the North Light Gallery Armitage bridge, exceptional food made from local produce.

**Brooke's Mill Exhibition** - Outlining the story of the Brooke's family, mill life and the Huddersfield wool textile industry. Founded in 1541 by the Brooke family, the trading company is believed to be one of the oldest surviving family business in the UK.

North Light Gallery is an independent arts centre in the converted Brooke's Mill building, Armitage Bridge.

**Dixons Milk Ices** - (A detour at the end of our route) - but too good to miss for traditional ice cream fans.

**The Shoulder of Mutton, Lockwood** - CAMRA award winning backstreet public house. (Short detour).

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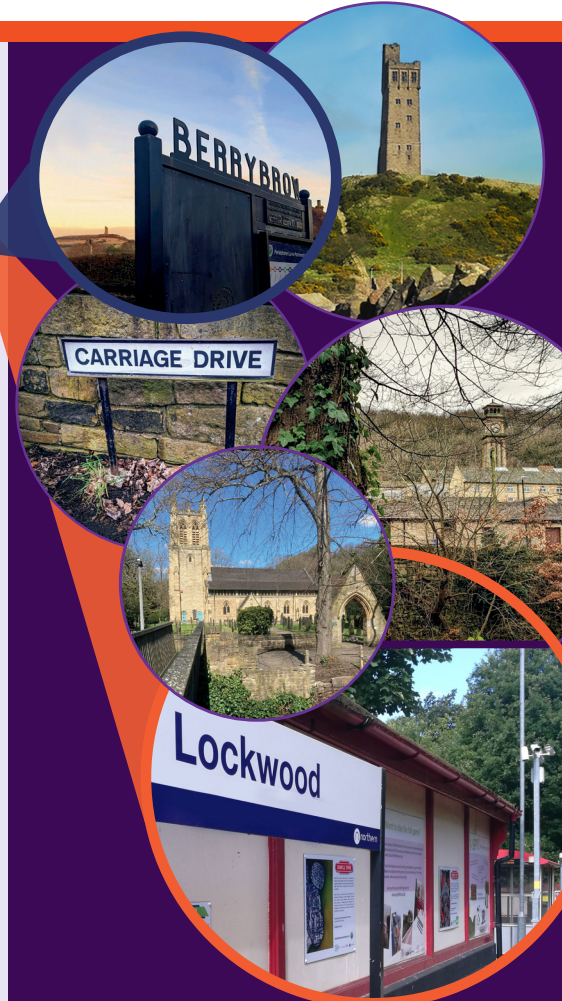


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



# Berry Brow to Lockwood

Walk 15 - 1.7 miles/2.7 km



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## Route Guidance

**1** From Berry Brow Station turn left along Birch Road then left across the footbridge over the railway.

**2** Turn left again before the flats and follow the steep footpath down steps to School Lane, where you turn left for a short distance, then right continuing downhill along Waingate, past shops to reach the main road (A616).

**3** Slight left to use the pedestrian crossing then turn briefly right then left and walk down Stockwell Hill.

Just before the River Holme road bridge turn right down a tarmac lane leading to the lovely St. Paul's Church in the hamlet of Armitage Bridge. If the church is open, look in to see the magnificent organ and the splendid restoration work following a disastrous fire.

**4** Opposite the church turn left over a wooden footbridge (slippery when wet) across the river. Turn right along the road, noting where the river swings away from the road. A few yards further on turn right on a tarmac path initially Lake View, subsequently Royd Terrace which passes between houses and allotments and fishing ponds on the right.

**5** At the far end at the junction with Dean Brook Road by the Armitage Bridge Club, the brook is channelled to provide attractive water troughs. Turn right for a few yards before bearing left on a track signed 'Armitage Bridge Cricket Club'.

The track passes the cricket ground before following the River Holme briefly. It then passes along the perimeter fence of a mill complex, Park Valley Mill, and continues up the mill access road to reach the B6108 (Meltham Road).



**6** Cross this busy road with care and turn to the right (heading towards the railway viaduct) turning left after a short distance onto a signed footpath which climbs steeply up into Beaumont Park. Climb up through the park (exploring with your own route) our route ascends keeping right to emerge through stone pillars into Beaumont Park Road. Turn right down the road.



**7** Turn first left into Moor End Road.

**8** Second right onto Thornfield Road. Where the road bends left, take the footpath right, between fences, to cross a footbridge over the railway. Go down the steps onto Burbeary Road and continue to the bottom of the road.

**9** Turn left on to Bentley Street, walk past three cul-de-sacs to the fourth street Howarth Lane, turn left into Howarth Lane and continue through the archway under the railway line.

**10** Turn right onto Park Road and arrive at Lockwood Station opposite.

