

Points of Interest

Paddock Viaduct

Other major viaducts on the line at Lockwood, Denby Dale & Penistone are traditional stone arched structures (Denby Dale was originally timber). Paddock Viaduct is similarly built of stone arches at either end but has four large central spans formed of lattice steel girders. The reason for this design is thought to be that when constructed in the late 1840s it had to cross what was already a heavily built up area containing two roads, the river, the canal and various industrial premises. There was insufficient land on which to construct the larger number of piers required for a conventional viaduct.



Springwood Junction

A colossal piece of Victorian engineering which involved the excavation of a huge section of hillside. It is not easy to appreciate the scale of the works involved from the train and, since steam powered trains stopped running, this has been further masked to some extent by the growth of vegetation on the upper slopes. It is recorded that an initial proposal to connect the Penistone Line with the Huddersfield to Manchester tracks within a tunnel was quickly vetoed by the Board of Trade on safety grounds.

Water Street

On the left the imposing tall building was formerly the organ manufacturing works of Conacher & Sons and was opened in 1873. At that time it was said to be the largest and best equipped such works in England. The building is now in residential use.

On the right note the two ventilation shafts to the twin tunnels between Huddersfield Station & Springwood Junction (built in 1849 & 1886). The area around the older shaft serving the original tunnel has recently been laid out as an attractive garden and sitting area to commemorate the Windrush generation.

Further along to the left is the facade of the town's former Waterworks office (1828), now a residential development.

Spring Street

This attractive, well preserved street contains the premises of Huddersfield Plate Glass on the right hand side. This building was formerly Spring Street Infants School and was used for early rehearsals by the famous Huddersfield Choral Society founded in 1836. This is commemorated by a small plaque on the building's frontage.



Westgate

If you look over the Railway bridge parapet at the station below the impressive former railway warehouses can be seen to the left of the station and platform 2 on the right.

St George's Square

Completed in 1850, the grandeur of Huddersfield station in St George's Square is the result of it being built at the joint expense of the Huddersfield & Manchester Railway & Canal Company.



Overview of Walk

Paddock Viaduct is a curved railway viaduct that spans the Colne Valley, and from which trains on the Penistone Line see views over the River Colne, Huddersfield Narrow Canal, and Manchester Road. Our route takes the walker through urban and residential streets, and well-trodden footpaths used in the past by generations of mill workers. The walk concludes in the magnificent setting of St George's Square.

Amenities

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

Dixons Milk Ices - (A detour in the opposite direction) - too good to miss for traditional ice cream fans (est. 1961).

Atlantic Ocean Fish & Chips - Traditional fish & chips, 3 Mill Street, Crosland Moor.

The Olde Hatte - Outdoor seating, craft beers and live sports.

Kings Head (Formerly Station Tavern) - Situated in the Grade I listed railway station, winner of a railway heritage award. Carefully restored with features incl. a beautiful tiled floor, wood panelling and wood burning stove.

The Head of Steam - Situated at Huddersfield Station, regular jazz nights and a great selection of craft beers.

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



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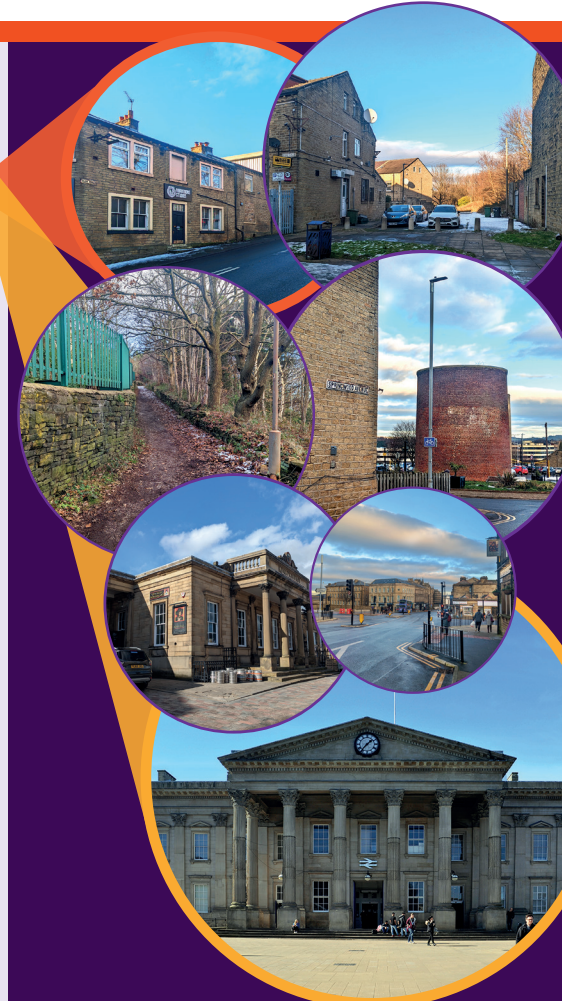


THE PENISTONE LINE TRAIL



Lockwood to Huddersfield

Walk 16 - 1.7 miles/2.8 km



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Route Guidance

1 From Lockwood Station platform, exit through the car park, turn right into Park Road, and walk up the hill.

At the junction with Yews Hill Road and Church Avenue cross Yews Hill Road. Do not walk along Church Avenue but turn right between the off-licence and gentlemen's hair salon to enter an unnamed road (car entry barred by concrete bollards).

2 In 30 yards down the road enter the tarmac ginnel between houses and a recreation ground which will bring you out into Lightcliffe Road.

3 Cross Lightcliffe Road to walk along Mill Street (Atlantic Ocean Fish & Chips on the corner). At the end of Mill Street, turn right into Blackmoorfoot Road. Walk downhill towards the traffic lights at the Manchester Road junction (A62).

4 Cross Manchester Road with the pedestrian crossing near Griffin Lodge B&B. Walk down Birkhouse Lane which is a steep one-way street. Carry on over the first bridge which takes you over Huddersfield Narrow Canal. Walk along the 2nd bridge over the River Colne with views of Paddock Viaduct above it. Then at the road junction cross over to the road opposite flanked by no entry signs (Colne Street).

5 Walk up the road to emerge into Market Street. Turn briefly right down Market Street and cross the road, then left up Gledholt Bank.

6 A little way up on the left look for Gledholt Bank street sign. Directly opposite across the road, is a footpath between a field and a row of houses (Longroyd Place).

Follow the footpath uphill and eventually cross the railway by a footbridge (Springwood Junction). Continue walking the uphill footpath to the left beside the railway formation.

7 This will eventually take you to the back of houses on Bow Street. Take the first path to the right to emerge into Bow Street, walk left along Bow Street to Springwood Avenue. Turn right into Springwood Avenue and you will see the first railway tunnel vent tower.



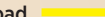
8 Cross the road and turn left down Water Street. Note the old building on the left once P Conacher & Co Organ Builders. This building forms part of Discover Huddersfield Music Trail. <https://discoverhuddersfield.uk/trails/>. Opposite the organ builders turn right into Springwood Street where you will notice the 2nd railway tunnel vent tower. Continue left around the corner to continue walking along Springwood Street with the car park on your right.

9 Continue walking straight ahead, the street becomes Old South Street. You can walk all the way down to the end, and into Trinity Street. At the right arrow pavement marking, cross over the slip road to your right and continue to the pedestrian crossings on Castlegate (A62). Turn left at the crossing then right down Trinity Street to the pedestrian crossing opposite The Olde Hatte public house.

Cross over Trinity Street at the pedestrian crossing and turn right, then immediately left to the pedestrian crossing on New North Parade. Cross over New North Parade into Westgate, and then left by the train station sign down St George's Street.

10 This will bring you down to St George's Square, Huddersfield and the Head of Steam public house on the left. Walk past the Head of Steam to reach Huddersfield Station on your left.

MAP KEY

- Route 
- Main Road 
- Minor Road 
- Railway 