

Toothill Lane to Three Nuns, Cooper Bridge

Cross the main Huddersfield Road at its junction with Woodhouse Lane, to continue along **Shepherds Lane** towards Bradley Wood Scout Camp.



The road continues towards the motorway as it descends downhill, bearing left to the entrance camp.

Turn left down the driveway all the way into the camp. On your left is the reception and just beyond is a sign indicating a public footpath to the left. Turn left along the footpath and descend a flight of steps to cross a stream on a plank footbridge. Follow the path uphill past an electricity pylon to a stile. Cross the stile following the footpath through another stile.

Continue straight ahead towards some houses in the distance, to emerge at a junction. Turn right and follow the wide track downhill through a tree-lined footpath to emerge at a stile in the corner of a field. Cross the stile to the field ahead and head diagonally downhill towards the railway line at the bottom, keep to the right of the tree to a stile at the bottom left of the field. Cross over the stile and follow the route as it heads uphill to a clear footpath between a wall to your left and the railway line to your right to emerge on Woodhouse Lane.

Turn right over the railway bridge then through a gap in the wall on your right to descend a flight of stone steps. At the bottom, turn right to follow the path between two fences as it

passes the railway line. Turn left at the end, then right along a distinct footpath to emerge on the towpath of the Calder and Hebble Canal. Turn right along the towpath, passing the cottages at Anchor Pitt. Continue straight ahead, passing underneath the M62 Motorway and the railway bridge towards the bridge at Cooper Bridge. Turn right on to the lane, then left passing the filling station on your right onto the A62 Huddersfield to Leeds Road. Turn left over the bridge and follow the main road heading to the roundabout at Cooper Bridge. Cross over the road with the junction of A644 Elland and Obelisk Road.



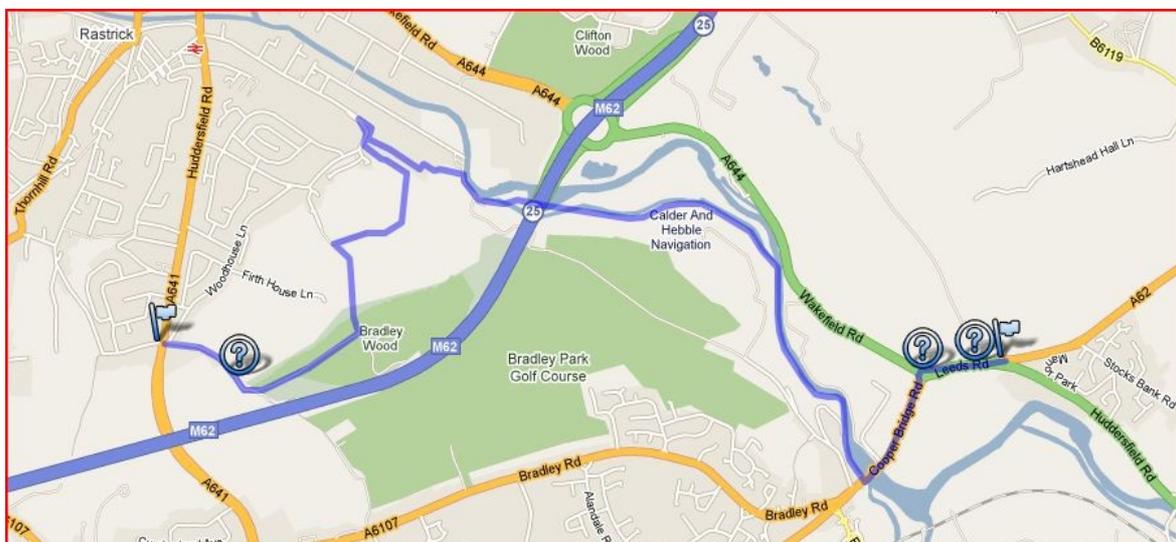
The Dumb Steeple at Cooper Bridge, Mirfield was erected on the road close to the nearby Kirklees Priory where Robin Hood died an old man. During the dark hours of early 1812, the fields around the Dumb Steeple and the Priory were the scenes of many nocturnal meetings held by the Luddites. Those men who would meet in these fields were obviously of the belief

that they were meeting in absolute secrecy, although some nights they would have members of the local militia mingling with the crowds at the meeting.

With the **Dumb Steeple** on your left, turn right towards Mirfield along the A62 to reach the **Three Nuns Public House** on your left.



This was built on the site of an earlier hostelry, which dated from 1497. The name, the Three Nuns, given in the 1600s, recalls the fact that nuns from nearby Kirklees Priory took refuge at the hostelry when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries in the 1530s.



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