

Luddenden Dean to Brockholes

Map Co-Ordinates : SE 035275

The route climbs through the small hamlet of Saltonstall to Moor Side and Hunter Hill then drops steeply into richer farming country before reaching Brockholes and the A629 for buses to Halifax and Keighley.

From Jerusalem Farm take the track behind the house down to wade wood. Cross the bridge,



Wade Bridge, Luddenden Brook

Arched stone bridge across Luddenden Brook between Booth Wood and Wade Wood, north west of Jerusalem Farm.

Bear right following the path through the wood, then turn sharp left where another path joins. Here a sign points up some stairs towards Saltonstall (*Do not follow that route*) !! I did the first time and had to double back as it heads in the direction of Wainstalls. Instead keep to this path, through a stile and to a house called Hullet at Saltonstall.

Bear right into Heys Lane then left up a track past Lower Edge Farm to Lamb Hill Lane. Turn right into Castle Carr Road, noting the fine views down the Luddenden Valley and the twin tops of Crow Hill Midgley and Crow Hill Sowerby opposite facing across the Calder Valley.

Cross the road over the stile opposite, bearing right along a cairned path and over a small bridge to a wall corner.



A footbridge on the Calderdale Way at the edge of Warley Moor near Wainstalls

Follow the track above the wall to a lane, turning right and left. *In the book published in 1978 it states that there used to be a pub here called the Moorcock Inn at Moor Side.* Follow a faint path to the dam ahead. Here a stile takes you across a small field to another stile at the far end. Turn left for about 30 yards or so to a stile on your right, next to a large tree.

Take care when crossing this field, as animals especially bulls might be in the next field as the gate is rarely closed. At the other side of this field is a bridge leading to another stile. Head up hill through another field, where the next stile awaits you on the right and into another field. Follow the fence uphill to a farm, where the path will take you around the edge and to the front of Hough Gate Head Farm, and on to Cold Edge Road.

Cross the road and through a wooden gate stile following the path over **Hunter Hill** past the quarry.



Hunter Hill

One of the highest points on the way (1250ft). Parliamentarians defeated in battle near Slaughter Gap on the 4th January 1644.

At the far end of *this* track is another wooden gate stile, and a rather steep decline, so take care here as you go. (*I attempted this in deep snow and ice*). Turn left for a short distance to find a wooden gate on your right, taking you through a couple of fields and a stile to emerge at Stod Fold. Follow the road as it bears left then right over a bridge to a junction. Turn right and continue up towards a boarding kennel, ignoring a road on your left.

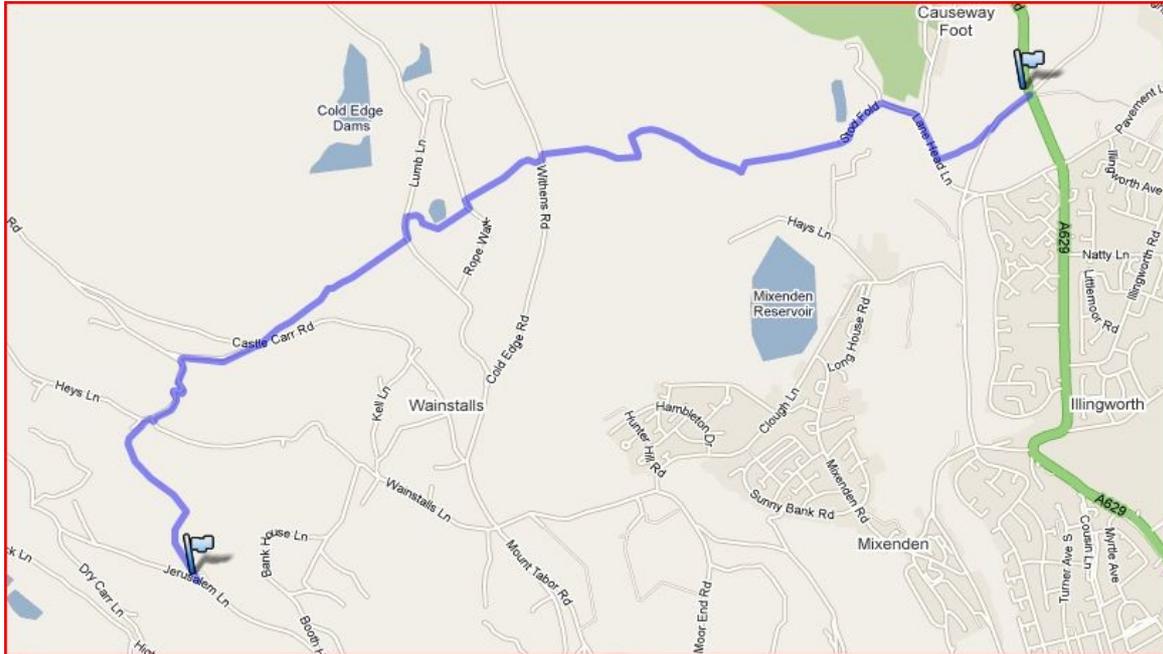
Just past the boarding kennels on your right, is some **steep steps** between walls on your right.



At the top of these steps is another stile and a short path taking you behind some houses on your right to emerge at the corner of **Mount Zion Church**.



Turn right then left in to Per Lane. Follow this all the way to the main Keighley Road (A629) and the bus route. Directly opposite is the bus stop for services to Halifax.



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