

# Countryside & Rights of Way

## Tong Park Dam

5 miles (8km) Circular Walk

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**An ideal family walk with lots of interest and spectacular views. Suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers, through the mainly urban areas to the north east of the Bradford District. Comfortable strong footwear is recommended along with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A light snack or picnic is advisable, especially when walking with children. For safety reasons please take extra care along the towpath and keep children under close supervision at all times. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.**

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### Walk start point:

Bottom of Victoria Road, Saltaire Village.

### Public Transport

Bus Services: 673/674 and 678 operate along the A657 Saltaire Road, via Shipley.

Bus Services: 622/760/625 operate along the A650 Keighley to Bradford Road.

All bus stops are within easy walking distance of the walk start point, just ask the driver for Victoria Road, Saltaire.

### By Rail

Direct services on the Airedale Line to Saltaire station from Skipton, Leeds, Bradford Forster Square and intermediate stations.

Saltaire station is approximately 150yds (138m) from the walk start point.

For further information contact:

**Metroline 0113 245 7676.**

### Car Parking

On street car parking is limited, however there is a pay and display car park just off Victoria Road in Saltaire.

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### The Route

From the bottom of Victoria Road turn left down the narrow access road towards the car park for the NHS New Mill offices. At the bottom of the incline bear right to walk across the metal footbridge spanning the River Aire into Roberts Park. Once in the park follow the surfaced path for approximately 100yds/91m before turning right along the side of the stone built gatehouse to exit the park through the main gateway. Through the gate turn sharp left along the pavement walking in front of the gatehouse to continue by following the perimeter wall of the park as it bears left.

After approximately 150yds/137m where the pavement is parallel with the main road turn right to cross the road onto Thomson Lane opposite, walk along Thomson Lane passing on your left the childrens play area and continue almost to the end of the lane, where, at the rear of the last house on the left 'East Barn' leave the pavement by turning left onto the rough, grassy area of Baildon Green.

From here follow the well-defined path across the grass as it bears slightly to the right up a gradual slope before joining a much wider path which runs from left to right. On reaching the wide path turn left uphill for a short distance before turning sharp right onto the well defined, but much narrower path leading sharply uphill beneath the Silver Birch trees. Nearing the top of the incline the ground levels out, here just beyond the rusty metal railings on your left the path divides. Our route continues straight undulating along the hillside parallel to and above the factory building, which can be seen below to your right.



*Baildon Bank*

After a short distance the path starts to climb again and eventually divides under the trees. This time bear left uphill to follow the path up onto a grassy plateau.

Continue straight ahead along the plateau walking parallel with the rock face on your left along the top edge of Baildon Bank ignoring the path, which climbs steeply up the hillside on your left. Just beyond the path you have passed on the left our path divides again, take the left path and continue along the level ground. On nearing the end of the plateau just before the railings on your left, the path again divides. Continue straight ahead across the hillside for a short distance to its junction with a steep flight of stone steps. Here turn left and climb the steps onto the top of Baildon Bank.



Water Fountain, Baildon

At the top of the steps turn right along the surfaced path between the houses and the top edge of the bank, before eventually emerging behind the houses at Wrose View. Here turn left and walk along Bank Walk, bearing right at the end to join Westgate. Turn right down Westgate and walk downhill to its junction with the main road in the centre

of Baildon, here cross the road using the zebra crossing and turn left on the opposite side, before turning immediately right between the old drinking water fountain and the entrance to the car park. Continue straight ahead up Hallcliffe (the road between the Baildon Conservative Club and the Ian Clough Hall) and follow the road, passing Baildon Parish Church on your right and Hallcliffe Community Gardens on your left before dropping downhill to its junction with several other roads.



Baildon Parish Church

At the road junction continue straight ahead across Heygate Lane onto Ladderbanks Lane. Follow Ladderbanks Lane for quite a distance as it narrows to a country lane and then down to a narrow unsurfaced bridleway before eventually reaching a gateway overlooking Tong Park Dam.

Go through the gateway and turn right to follow the dry stone wall on your right along the top edge of the field to where our path is joined from the left by a track in front of Tong Park war memorial. Continue by following the track as it bears right uphill behind the War memorial to a field gate and stile, climb over the stile and follow the track under the mature trees to its junction with the surfaced road, Hollings Head. Turn right here and walk along Hollings Head between the houses, ignoring the two footpaths on the left and right, to its junction with Langley Lane. Here turn left down Langley Lane to its junction with Roundwood Road. Turning left again downhill to the junction of the main Otley to Shipley road. Cross the road and walk down Buck Lane opposite, which is surfaced at first before coming a rough, narrow farm track as you make your way down to the River Aire.



War memorial

On reaching the river, continue straight ahead across the recently refurbished footbridge to follow the path as it climbs steeply uphill to join the towpath of the Leeds Liverpool canal near swing bridge 211. Turn right here and follow the towpath all the way back to your starting point at Saltaire.

#### Footnote






We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

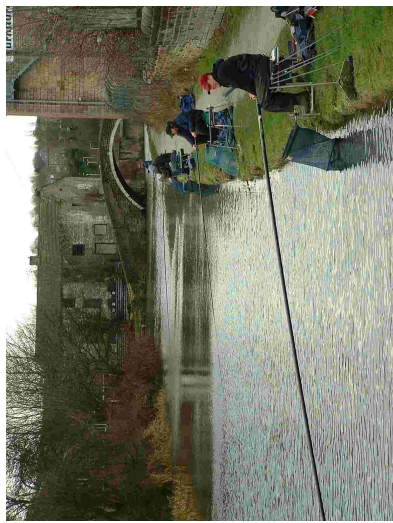
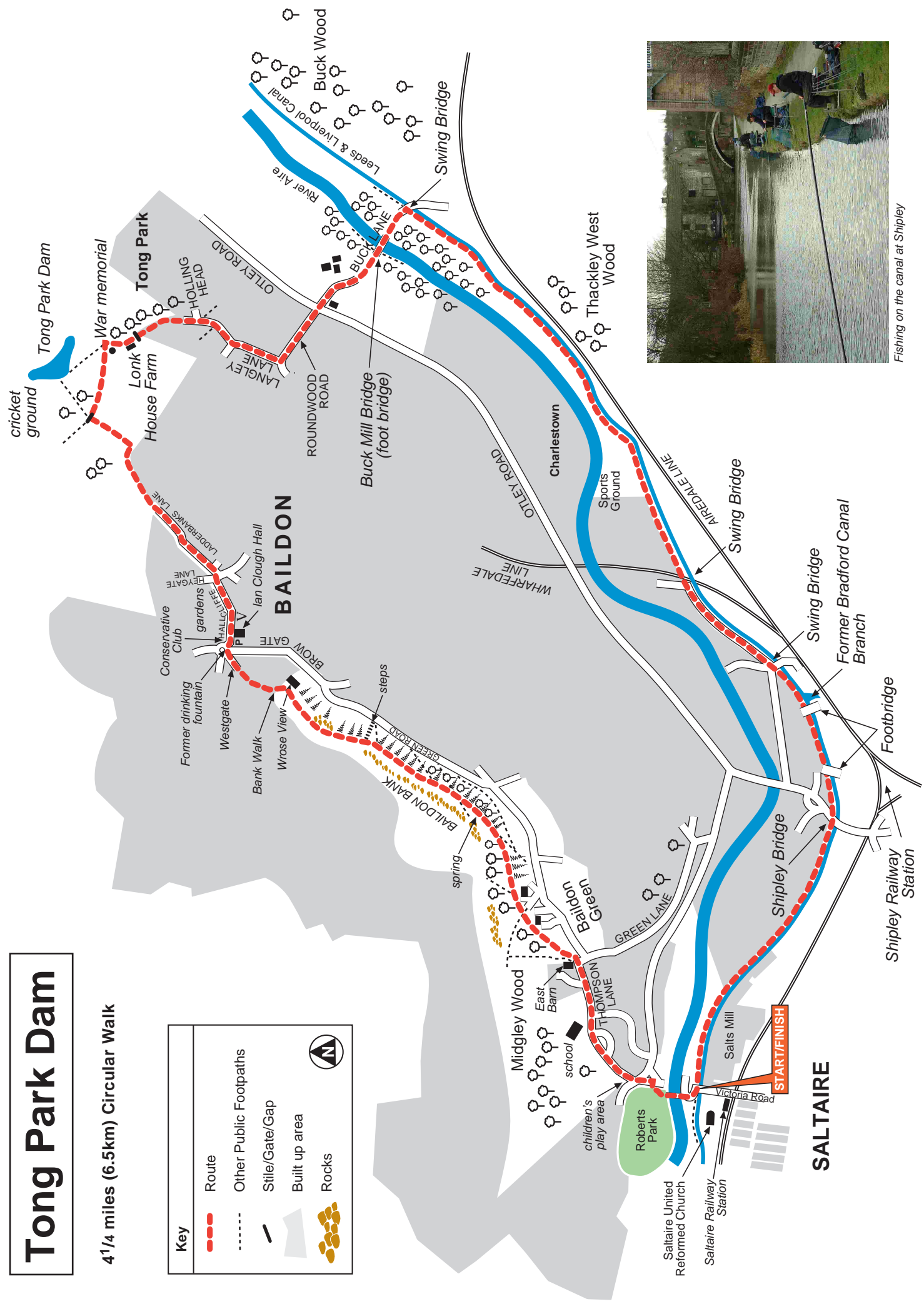
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# Tong Park Dam

4 1/4 miles (6.5km) Circular Walk

Key	
	Route
	Other Public Footpaths
	Stile/Gate/Gap
	Built up area
	Rocks



Fishing on the canal at Shipley