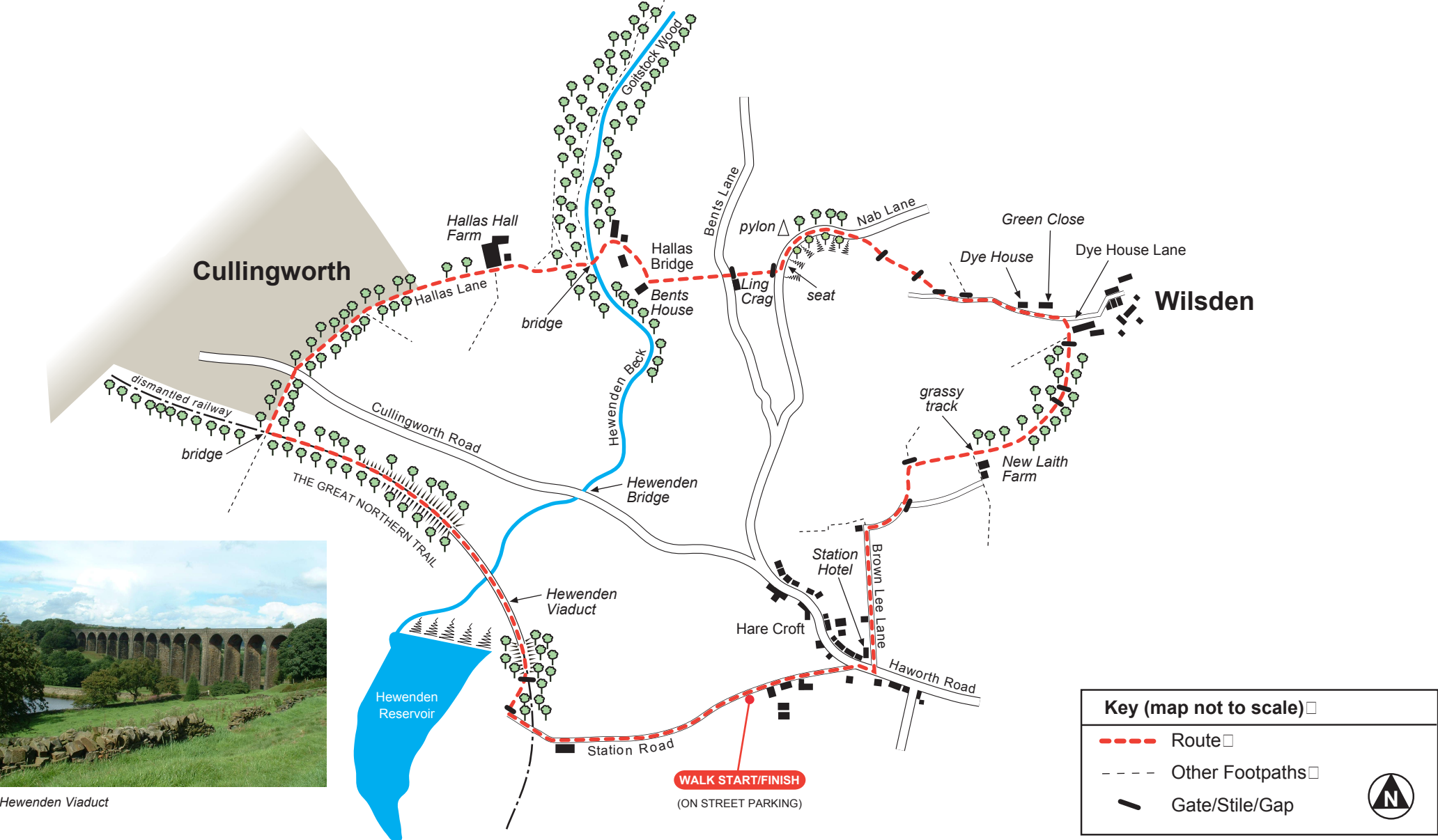


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Key (map not to scale)

- Route
- - - Other Footpaths
- Gate/Stile/Gap



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The walk start point is Station Road Harecroft, off the B6144 road between Wilsden and Cullingworth.

Public Transport

A regular hourly bus service, 727 operates Monday to Saturday from Keighley Bus Station via Morton, Bingley and Wilsden. There is no Sunday service. For further details contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking

There is good on street car parking along Station Road Harecroft. Please park with care and consideration.

Walk Information

An easy walk suitable for all the family across a mix of farmland, quiet country lanes and other surfaced paths, taking in the Great Northern Trail, across Hewenden Viaduct. Good views across Hewenden Reservoir and across to Harden towards the St Ives Estate above Bingley. There are two inclines along the route, but nothing too strenuous. You will require strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season. A light snack with a drink is also recommended but unfortunately this walk is not suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Walk Route

Start your walk at the top of Station Road in the centre of the hamlet of Harecroft. Here cross over the main road and turn right to walk in front of the Station Hotel public house and continue uphill for a short distance before turning first left along Brown Lee Lane. Follow Brown Lee Lane all the way down as it changes from a surfaced road to a rough track until you reach the right hand bend. Continue following the lane for approximately 150yds (136m) to a wide gateway. Here the track divides, our route is to the left along the now grassy track.

After only a short distance bear right in front of a second gateway and continue down the grass track following the dry stone wall on your right. After approximately 100yds (91m) turn right in front of a third gate, to continue down the obvious track now walking between the dry stone walls and eventually passing the buildings of New laithe Farm on your right. Continue along the track, now with the dry stone wall on your right as it starts to bear

to the left downhill, eventually walking beneath the trees. Where the tree lined path ends, climb the stile into a field and continue straight ahead across the field to a second stile under the tall poplar trees, which can be seen ahead.

Climb the stile and rejoin the lane, again walking beneath the trees. After only a short distance climb a third stile over a dry stone wall out onto a farm track. Walk downhill along the track and join the surfaced country lane, Dye House Lane. Turn left uphill here, to walk along Dye House Lane, passing a house on your right (Green Close) and the cottages at Dye House. Just beyond the cottages the surfaced lane becomes a rough grassed track. Continue to follow the now grassy track for approximately 250yds (227m), ignoring the first stile on your right in the stone wall, but continue to just beyond the two farm gates on your left and go through a second stile on the right in the same wall.

Once over the second stile, follow the well-defined path across the field diagonally to the left, to climb another stile into the next field, and again cross the field diagonally to the left in a straight line following the defined path on the ground. Once across the second field climb a third stile onto a grassy track, turning right to follow the dry stone wall on your right along the track as it bears to the left, go in between the gate stoops to join another path which crosses from left to right. Here turn left following the well worn path around the hillside for approximately 250yds (227m), passing along the way the electricity pylon PBB6 in the field below on your right. After a further 100yds (91m) beyond the pylon leave the well-worn path by turning right opposite a seat, to go through the stile in the dry stone wall on your right downhill, keeping close to the wall on your left to go through a stile at the bottom of the field emerging onto the surfaced road (Bent Lane). Cross the lane straight ahead to walk down the dead end lane opposite (Hallas Lane). At the bottom of the incline at Hallas Bridge follow the road as it turns right, passing Hallas Grange on your left and the old mill cottages on your right, before bearing left downhill, past the garages on your right. Nearing the bottom of the hill, the now narrow path splits; our route is to the right downhill and across the bridge in the valley bottom. Once across the bridge you can either climb the concrete steps or walk up the rough, semi tarmaced lane (Hallas Lane), for quite a way to its junction with the main Haworth Road, passing on the right the houses on the fringe of Cullingworth.

On reaching the junction with the main Haworth Road cross over, bearing slightly to your left to continue uphill, following the narrow rough bridleway track opposite. After approximately 200yds (182m) the rough bridleway track crosses over a former stone built railway bridge,

here on the top left hand corner of the bridge turn left to go down a narrow surfaced path, where at the bottom turn right joining the recently opened Great Northern Trail cycle path.

Follow the cycle path over negotiating the several barriers and across Hewenden Viaduct. At the end of the viaduct the path narrows down under the trees and bears to the right uphill to a farm gate. Here go through the gate turning left to walk down the rough road, passing a row of cottages on your right, before joining the surfaced road (Station Road), to follow it all the way back to your starting point at the top end of Station Road.

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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