

Around Reva Hill

5 miles (8km)

Start Point

At the crossroads in the centre of Menston, junction of Main Street, Derry Hill and Burley Lane.

Public Transport

For bus and rail information please contact Metroline 0113 245 7676

Car Parking

There are no public car parks; therefore car parking is limited to on street parking. Please park with care and consideration.

Walk Information

The walk is suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers, with the initial level start soon giving way to a much more strenuous section of 1 mile (1.6km) uphill onto the eastern fringe of Hawkesworth Moor. Before starting a steady descent onto pasture land with the occasional short section of narrow busy country roads, as you pass the landmarks of Reva Reservoir the quarried landscape of Odda Hill and the clock tower of the former High Royds Hospital.

Strong footwear along with outdoor clothing to suit the season is essential, a packed lunch is recommended. This walk is not suitable for people with wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with limited mobility.

The Route

Start with your back to the former school building (now the premises of Parmley Graham Ltd) facing Menston Arms public house. Turn right to walk along the Main Street for a short distance to its junction at the corner with Moor Lane. Here leave the end of Main Street by bearing right along Bleach Mill Lane, following the now dirt track as it bears left between the houses. Where the houses finish continue following the track quite a distance as you meander along the valley, eventually passing a small mill dam on your left until you reach the large stone gateposts at the entrance to Bleach Mill (now a private residence).

Here in front of the gateway leave the wide dirt track by turning left along the much narrower but obvious path along the side of Bleach Mill, continue following the obvious footpath over the stile turning left along the path for approximately 100yds (91m) beyond the building until you come to a stile in the dry stone wall on your right. Here the path divides into three our route is left, steeply uphill beneath trees following Jumb Beck on your left upstream eventually reaching a stile in a dry stone wall. Go through the stile keeping close to the wall/fence on your left into a field and continue uphill as the path eventually starts to bear to the left to a second stile. Once through the second stile follow the obvious path again keeping close to the fence to a third stile, to gain access to a small footbridge over the beck onto a short length of surfaced path. Climb the steps at the end of the path and through a gate out onto a surface driveway between the houses at Jumb Beck Farm, bearing right uphill to emerge onto a narrow but very busy road (Moor Road). Here take great care and cross over the road to walk up the rough track opposite. Follow the track uphill, again with Jumb Beck on your left for a short distance before turning left off the track to cross the beck via the stepping stones. Clamber up a few rocks on the opposite side to follow the very obvious path uphill through the trees, passing on your right a small pond before emerging out from the trees into open country.

Continue uphill following the very obvious path between the dry stone walls and through the gateway at the top. Once through the gateway turn right uphill following the obvious grassy path up the field. At the top of the incline the path is less obvious; here continue straight ahead bearing slightly to your left walking between the grass

Start point of walk in the centre of Menston village



mounds until you reach a farm track which crosses from left to right. On reaching the track crossover bearing slightly to your left across the rough moorland grasses via a stream crossing and a broken down wall. Once across the stream and wall continue straight ahead to the stile in the dry stone wall which can be seen in the far distance, following the faint but obvious path across the moorland grasses.

Once over the stile follow the faint path across the open access land straight ahead to meet the dry stone wall on your left at the skyline up ahead. On reaching the dry stone wall continue straight ahead keeping the wall on your left all the way along the edge of Hawkesworth Moor following an obvious but often wet and boggy path negotiating the stile and two gates before exiting down the side of the building at Intake Gate Farm on the busy country road (Bingley Road). Turn left here walking along the road in front of the building before taking the first safe opportunity to cross over Bingley Road to the right. On the opposite side of Bingley Road turn left to walk uphill on the wide grass verge facing the oncoming traffic for approximately 400yds/366m before turning right along the rough surfaced track and over the stile on the left hand side of the gate marked 'Wharfedale Scout Sailing Centre'.

After walking along the track for only a short distance the main track turns right downhill to the Reva Reservoir Sailing Club, here our route is straight ahead over the stile to the left of the second gate, to follow the obvious path with the fence on your right. After a short distance as you walk between the gorse bushes the fence bears to the right, here the path bears to the left to cut across the corner of the field towards the dry stone wall. On nearing the wall the path is parallel to the line of the wall but a short distance away as it meanders over the boggy fields to a stile. Once over the stile the path turns sharp right to a second stile where once over that the path now follows the dry stone wall on your right all the way down the field to a third stile which will take you out onto a driveway/ parking area at East View Stables. Turn left here, along the rough driveway and over the stile at the bottom end onto the busy country road (Hillings Lane). Turn right along the grass verge along the roadside to the main entrance of the stables, here turn left and cross over Hillings Lane to climb the stile next to the field gate and through the small kissing gate on the opposite side of the wall into a field.

From here the path is straight ahead following the dry stone wall on your left along an obvious grass track for quite a distance going over two stiles at the side of gateways before reaching a derelict building. On nearing the building turn sharp left along another track and straight ahead through the left of the two gates. Follow the obvious vehicle tracks across a field and over a stile at the side of another field gate to continue following the track now going uphill passing the stone built pump house and High

Royds farm house on your right. On reaching the farm go through the kissing gate at the side of the field gate and continue straight ahead along the surfaced farm access road between the farmyard on your right and the gas installation to your left. After approximately 227m (250yds) and just before the first house you come to on your right lookout for a stile over the fence into a field on your left. Here leave the surfaced road and go over the stile into the field. Once in the field the path bears to your right heading for the stile in the dry stone wall to the left of the farmhouse (New House Farm), which can be seen ahead on the far side of the field. Once over the stile and onto Bingley Road turn left uphill for a short distance before turning right off Bingley Road over the stile next to the field gate.

In the field the path bears left uphill passing the electricity pole to the stile under the trees on the top of Derry Hill, here climb the stile to follow the obvious line of the path for a short distance along the dry stone wall on your right to a second stile. Once over the second stile an obvious path will lead you diagonally to your left across the field to a third stile and out onto the narrow busy road (Derry Hill). Here turn right downhill to your walk start point at the crossroads in the centre of Menston.

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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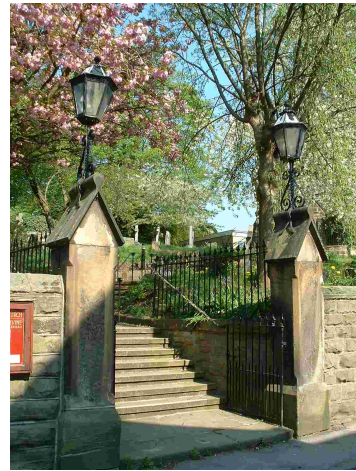
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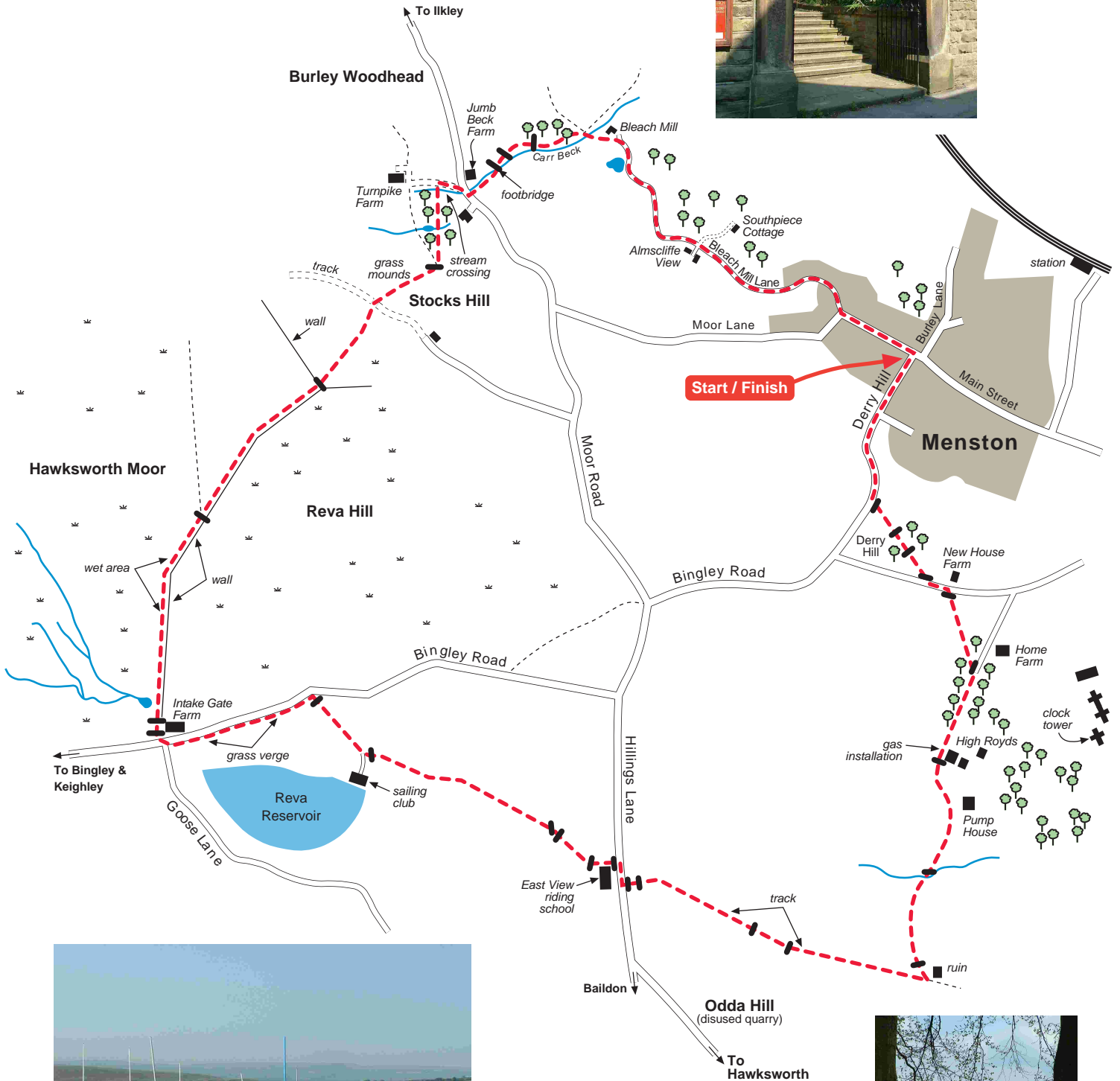
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Around Reva Hill

5 miles/8km circular walk



Entrance to the Parish Church of St. John, Menston.



Reva Reservoir sailing club



Clock tower of the former Menston Hospital

Key	
	Route
	Stile/Gate
	Footpaths