

## Towards Ben Rhydding

4 miles / 6.4km circular walk

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### Walk Start Point

Near to Burley in Wharfedale railway station on the Wharfedale Line GR 163 458.

### Public Transport

Frequent services on the Wharfedale Line with trains from Leeds, Bradford and Ilkley. There is also bus service X84 between Skipton and Leeds and from Bradford on a Sunday a limited service operates. For more information please contact Metroline on 0113 245 7676.

### Car Parking

There are no public car parks near to the walk start point, therefore parking is on street.

### Route Information

Quite an easy walk to the north west of Burley, crossing mainly field paths linked by tracks and roads in the shadow of Burley and Ilkley moors. Strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season essential. Light snack with drinks recommended. Although there are no steep hill climbs you will encounter stiles and gates which indicate that this walk is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and walkers with limited mobility.

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### The Route

Starting on Station Road near the entrance to Burley in Wharfedale railway station walk uphill under the railway bridge still following the main road as it changes its name to Moor Lane. Continue up Moor Lane for quite a distance, passing on your right the unusually named road William Fison Ride, the former entrance to Scalebor Park hospital, but now a housing complex. Just beyond William Fison Ride turn right, next right along the surfaced track passing Scalebor Park sports field on your right before going through a wide gateway along the now unsurfaced track, walking beneath the trees.

After approx 150yds (137m) the track divides near to the entrance to Scalbor Park Farm, here our route takes the narrower sandstone surfaced path off to the left between the two stone gate stoops. Continue to the top of the path to its junction with a surfaced access road, which crosses from left to right. Turn right along the



road to where the surfaced road changes to a rough track near to the housing complex on your right. From here follow the rough surfaced track straight ahead for approx 100yds (91m) to where the track divides again near the entrance to Low House Farm. Bear left here off the track crossing the grass verge to go through the wide metal gate to follow the well walked footpath to eventually go through a small gate at the side of a field gate and into a field. The path now follows the stone wall on your left, eventually turning sharp right and almost immediately sharp left to where the stone wall ends. Here the wall has been replaced by a wire stock fence, continue by following the wire fence to a gateway, where again we use the small gate at the right hand side of the field gate to gain access to the next field.

Once in the field our route is straight ahead passing a mature tree as you make your way up the slight incline heading for the wall corner near to the electricity pole number SS5065 Woodhead. From here the path follows the wall on your right the short distance to the next gateway to again go through the smaller of the two gates to walk straight ahead onto a surfaced road which crosses from left to right. Follow the road to the right as it changes to a rough track going up a slight incline towards the front of Dog Kennels Farm. On reaching the farm buildings turn right, rejoining a surfaced road up the slight incline as you walk between the farm buildings at Stead Hall Farm. On reaching the top of the incline it's now downhill for approx 100 yds (91m) before turning left off the road to go through a stile/gate in the wall on your left, to follow a narrow fenced short section of footpath, eventually going through a second stile/gate into a field. Cross the field by following the wire fence on your right, which will lead you to a narrow squeeze stile at the far end, through the stile it's just a short distance straight ahead across the next field to find the remains of a second squeeze stile. Here continue straight ahead following the wall on your left, which will

lead you to a small gate situated in the boundary fence at Mount Stead, the house which can be seen ahead.

Go through the gate, turning right between the hedge and the fence downhill, to a second gate leading in to a field.

From here the recently diverted footpath bears slightly to the left to go diagonally downhill across the field to skirt round the bottom side of the fenced off area of trees and bushes on your left, leading down to a small footbridge. Across the bridge it's a short gentle climb uphill following the trees on your right, where at the top of the incline the path turns right downhill into the trees crossing another small stream before going through an old metal kissing gate to follow the path uphill through a second gate out onto a surfaced road. Turn right down the road for a good 1/4 mile (0.4km) or so, eventually turning right as the road levels out near Wharfedale Grange Farm, before turning left after only a short distance as you pass the large metal gates on your right at the entrance to Clevedon Hall conference centre. Continue down the road a further 250yds (228m) passing a few detached houses on the left, to where our road is joined on the left by two driveways. Here, opposite the entrance to Uplands a large house on your left, leave the road and go through the field gate on your right and into the field. The path across the field is straight ahead between the widely spaced rusty metal railings which are soon replaced by a wire stock fence, where the stock fence ends turn left through the field gate to follow the obvious vehicle tracks downhill. After a short distance the track divides, here ignore the track which bears off to the left and continue steeply down the now more grassy track following the wire fence on your left.

Where the fence ends as you near the railway line continue following the track as it bears right walking parallel to the railway on your left until you reach the field gate on your left. Go through the gate and under the railway bridge following the now wide limestone track as it turns right. After only a very short distance look out on your left to find the footpath leading off the



track to go steeply down the hillside following a stream on your right, eventually reaching the main Ilkley road at the bottom. Turn right in front of the indian restaurant and follow the footway for approx 350 yds (320m). Opposite the speed camera on the left hand side of the road climb the stile into the field. The path across the field is very obvious as you make your way straight ahead to an often wet and muddy gateway at the far end. Through the gateway bear left to follow the trees on your left, which will lead you to a gate near to a small stream crossing, here if the gate still has a rusty padlock on go through the hole in the fence on the right hand side which has been made to gain access into the next field. Cross the field straight ahead following more or less the line of the fence on your left, to cross a second small stream before climbing

a stile at the side of a field gate into an enclosed track, Sun Lane. Follow Sun Lane for quite a distance passing on your right Sun Lane Nature Reserve, until you eventually reach a housing estate at Greenhow Park.

Here ignore the bridleway off to the right and continue straight ahead along the now surfaced continuation of Sun Lane for approx 100yds (91m) to the next road junction. Cross straight ahead to go along the narrow snicket opposite walking between the houses and crossing two minor roads before eventually emerging onto West View Avenue, a wide estate road. Turn right up West View Avenue, turning left at the top to walk quite a distance along Langford Road to its junction at the far end with Station Road. Turn right up Station Road to your walk start point at Burley in Wharfedale station.

#### 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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