

# Burley Bridge Hike

Route: Burley Bridge Hike      Distance: 21 miles 33 Km  
County: West Yorkshire  
Map: OS Explorer 297 - Lower Wharfedale & Washburn Valley  
Start: Burley in Wharfedale Railway Station GR. 164458 or at any point on circular route  
Finish Burley Railway Station  
Way marks: None  
Time Limit: 11 hours  
Route Sheet Available from: J Sparshatt, 30a Sandholme Drive, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 7RQ.  
A Badge and Certificate are available on completion of a short report to the Recorder J. Sparshatt at the above address. Together with cheque for £5.00 payable to **The Burley Bridge Association** and an A5 self addressed stamped envelope.

## Other Relevant Details

The walk is circular and may be started from any point on route. The favourite place with parking is the railway station at Burley. Shops and limited toilet facilities are available a short distance from the station. This is a varied route via moorland, canal banks and fields.

## Brief Description

The Burley Bridge Hike was devised in 1996 as a fundraiser with the eventual aim of putting a footbridge over the River Wharfe at Burley in Wharfedale. A small committee of interested parties from the local community and with representatives from national bodies formed in 1996 to promote the idea of the footbridge. The Burley Bridge Hike is run as an annual challenge event on the second Saturday in November each year and continues to be an open anytime challenge event with a badge and certificate available from the Recorder.

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4. They participate at their own risk.

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## Route Description

Leave the Railway Station and go southwards up Moor Lane, for 400 yards, to the drive at the south end of **Moor Lane Centre**. (Ignore first two entrances) Turn right, SP Ben Rhydding, into the drive and follow the drive for 150 yards, keeping left, then turn left up the footpath. Follow the path to the lane and turn right, pass the new houses and continue on this good track for 300 yards. Bear left on the footpath across the fields to reach a track at GR147459. Continue ahead on the track for 300 yards and then turn left on a path, to reach a road at GR. 143458. Cross the road and follow a path up the hill onto the moor. After 300 yards reach the path on the ridge (Dales Way) and turn right. Now follow the Dales Way for 1 mile in a westerly direction along the ridge to the **Cow & Calf Rocks**. Continue in a westerly direction for **2.5 miles** to the **Swastika Stone** GR. 097469 and eventually after a further **1.7 miles** reaching **Windgate Nick** at GR. 069471.

From **Windgate Nick** over the stile and follow the footpath initially on a bearing of **160 degrees** passing through a gate & '**Doubler Stones**' on left to reach the farm at GR. 073464. Down concrete track & through the farmyard turning left ('way marked') through a gate and now follow the footpath with wall on right in a southerly direction through the fields to reach **Far Ghyll Grange Farm** at GR. 073459. Continue to follow the footpath past the farm through 2 fields keeping wall on left bearing (**200 degrees**) At third field gate continue ahead on bearing (**220 degrees**) to reach a stile. Over stile turn right for 50 yards to footbridge at GR. 071454. Now up the hill on bearing (**230 degrees**) to reach a derelict building (**Out Laith**) at GR. 069454. Take the stile on the right of this barn to continue ahead over another stile. Cross the field ahead on a bearing of **250 degrees** aiming for the shed below **The Crag**. Through a gate and follow track, with wall on right below, keeping **The Crag** on your left. Through another gate and now with wall on left descend to **Holden Gate** GR. 067442 **9.4 miles**

Cross the road and take the track down the hill passing **Jaytail Farm** to reach **Alder Carr Wood** at GR. 059443 **9.9 miles**

Descend from the wood in a southerly direction keep wall on right to take ladder stile into golf course, through the golf course to reach the canal bridge (No **195**) & the towing path. Follow the towing path in a southeasterly direction for 3 miles to reach **Crossflatts Swing Bridge (No 199)** GR. 103407. **13.9 miles**

Turn left over the bridge towards **Mickethwaite**, and follow the road up the hill through the village to the road/footpath junction at **Whinn Cottage** GR.

104416. Turn right through a small gate next to a large gate and then immediately follow the footpath **sharp left** up the hill over the fields to reach the road at GR. 108420. Turn left on the road for 200 yards to reach the road junction at GR. 109422. Cross the road and join the track to head in a northerly direction. Follow this track and then footpath across the moor for 2 miles to **Ashlar Chair**, over the stile and continue northwards for a further 400 yards to reach **White Crag Moss** GR. 122453. **17.1 miles**

Turn right from **White Crag Moss** and follow the footpath towards **Lanshaw Lad** and then passing the **Twelve Apostles**, continue for 300 yards and then turn left from the main path across the moor and follow the path in an easterly direction to the old railway carriage at GR. 136448. From the railway carriage follow the good track downhill for 1.2 miles bearing 120 degrees to reach **Stocks Hill** at GR. 153440 **19.3 miles**

From the checkpoint follow the footpath downhill in a northeasterly direction to reach the walled lane. Follow the walled lane to the track at GR. 156443. Turn right down the track to the road, cross the road and down the drive to the footpath in front of the two houses next on the left. Follow the footpath downhill, over three stiles to reach the track at GR. 159445. Turn left on the track and follow for 300 yards to **Hag Farm**. Take the track in front of the farm heading down the hill towards Burley. Follow this good track for 1 mile to reach the road near **Burley Station**. **21 miles**