

Royds Hall & Judy Woods

3 miles/4.8km circular walk



Park Bottom

Start Point

Park Bottom, a side road off the A641 Woodside Road opposite St Mark's Church yard Low Moor, GR SE152 283 South Bradford.

Public Transport

Buses 622/623 Eldwick - Scholes service via Bradford Interchange. Stop at St Mark's church yard opposite the walk start point. Other buses are available, please contact Metroline for details on 0113 245 7676.

Parking

There are no public car parks nearby, therefore parking is on street. Please park with care and consideration.

The Route

Quite a level walk with just two prolonged inclines walking along tracks, field paths and through woodland on unsurfaced paths which are often wet and muddy. Strong waterproof footwear is essential along with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A light snack with drinks is advisable especially if walking with children. There are no shops or toilets on this walk.

This walk is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.

Walk Details

Leave the main Woodside Road and walk all the way up Park Bottom and between the two large gates stoops, here the road divides three ways. Our route is straight ahead through the gap at the left hand side of the field

gate, before starting a steady climb up the rough surfaced field track heading towards the large electricity pylon. Just beyond the pylon as you pass Park Dam on your right, continue to follow the track as it bears left still climbing until you reach the field gate at the top. Here go through the gap at the left hand side of the gate to join the wide rough surfaced road which crosses from left to right. Turn right here along the rough road continuing straight ahead where the surface changes to tarmac as you pass between the buildings of Royd Hall and Royds Hall Farm.

Follow the short section of surfaced road to where it ends at the T junction with another road which crosses from left to right. Turn right here for only a very short distance before turning left off the road to go through the narrow stile in the stone wall on your left. Once over and into the field the path divides, one path is straight ahead parallel to the buildings on your left, our route bears slightly to the right across the field heading for the stone wall which can be seen at the far end of the field. On nearing the wall the stile leading into the next field becomes obvious; go through to follow the path straight ahead now keeping close to the dry stone wall on your right. After approximately 150yds/137m the wall ends, here continue following the obvious path by crossing the foundations of an old wall to continue again straight ahead walking beneath the trees.

After approximately 200yds/183m near to an old stone gate stoop on the left, several well worn paths converge. Here avoid the temptation to turn off left or right but continue straight ahead following the well worn path as it starts its gentle descent the short distance down to a field and kissing gate to the rear of the houses which can be seen ahead. On reaching the gates turn sharp left to walk along the well defined path the short distance up the slight incline to the second field and kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and into Jagger Park Wood to follow the very wide level path straight ahead as it meanders all the way through the woodland beneath the trees for approx 1 mile, taking great care not to be tempted to deviate off the main path onto one of the many lesser paths which run parallel with or cross over our route, or to walk too near the edge where the path is along the top of the steep ravine. Eventually the path through the woodland bears left and continues again for quite a distance before reaching the top of a long flight of wooden steps which lead down to a footbridge at the bottom near to a stream.

Turn left across the footbridge and walk the short distance before climbing a few stone steps to the left hand side of the stone built bridge and out through a gap in the wall onto a rough surfaced road. Turn left for a short distance up the rough road to where it divides at the top

of the first steep incline. Here take the left turn to continue steadily uphill following the rough road between old Hanna Wood on your right and the farmland to your left. Eventually after quite a distance uphill our track joins another track which crosses from left to right, here turn right uphill for approximately 438yds/400m until you reach the first track leading off to the right which is partially blocked by a large stone. Here turn right avoiding the large stone to walk along the path towards the two mobile phone masts which can easily be seen ahead.

Just beyond the masts where the track starts to turn right our route leaves the track by turning left crossing a broken down stone wall and into a field. Cross the field straight ahead heading slightly to the right of the large metal electricity pylon which can be seen ahead, to find a stile through a stone wall. Go through the stile and down a few old stone steps then it's downhill across the field heading towards the pylon to rejoin the track you walked up earlier. On reaching the track turn right downhill to go through the gateways at the bottom and back along Park Bottom to where you started your walk.

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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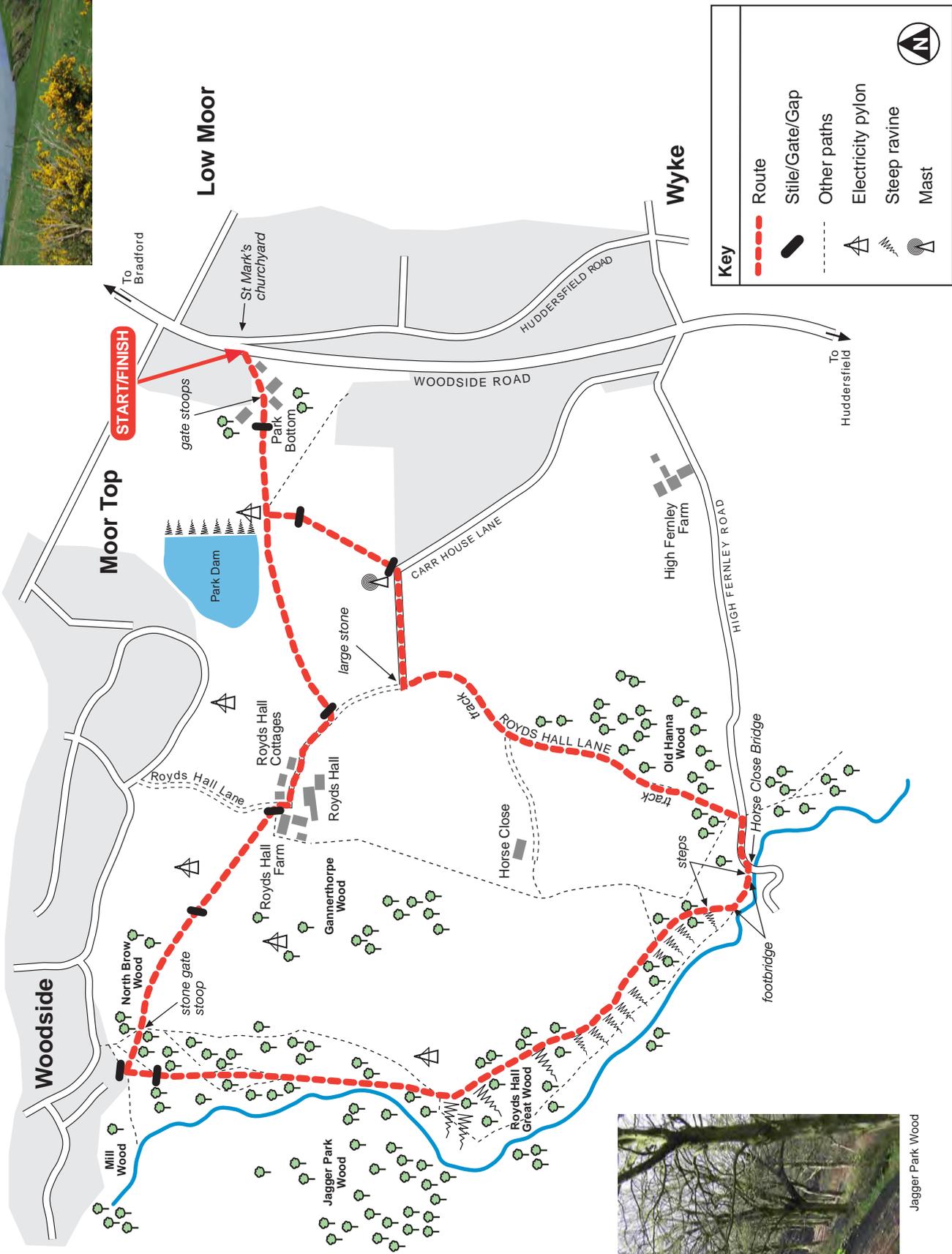
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