

Countryside & Rights of Way

North & West of Oakworth

4 1/2 miles (7.2km) Circular Walk

Quite a level walk with only a few minor inclines, suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers. A good mix of fields, tracks and surfaced country lanes offering long distance views of the upper Worth Valley. Visiting the tiny hamlet of Newsholme along the way.

Comfortable strong waterproof boots are essential with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A packed lunch is advisable.

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

Public transport: Bus service 717 from Keighley bus station to Oakworth bus terminus. Contact Metroline on: 0113 245 7676 for further details.

Car parking: There are no public car parks near the start of the walk, therefore you have to use on street parking. Please park with care and consideration.

Walk start point

Oakworth bus terminus - Low Bank

The Route

Start by walking uphill from the bus terminus to the junction at the top with Wide Lane, here turn left along Wide Lane passing Oakworth cricket club on the right and Oakworth Crematorium to your left, to the T-junction with Slack Lane. At the junction cross the road and go over the stile in the dry stone wall opposite the main gates of Oakworth Crematorium. Once over the stile follow the footpath downhill as it bears left across the field towards the stile near the bottom of the dry stone wall on your far left.

Climb over the stile and across the bridge, which can be seen ahead, then go through another stile on the opposite side of the bridge and follow the path uphill keeping the dry stone wall on your right. As the field levels out continue straight ahead towards the houses in front of you. On nearing the garden wall of the houses look out for the stile in the dry stone wall on your right. Go through the stile and turn left along the double walled field track down the side of a house to the junction with

a narrow surfaced road. Turn left along the narrow road, turning right uphill where it joins the main road opposite Green End Farm.

After only a short distance the surfaced road turns left here leave the road and climb the stone steps ahead, which are between the post box and the entrance to Cliffe Farm. Follow the stone made path alongside the house and through the back yard, out onto the rough surfaced road, turn left then first right up the narrow unsurfaced road between the houses. Bear left behind the houses along the grass track following the track as it eventually turns left uphill to the crossroads near Fieldhead Barn Farm. Here cross straight ahead onto Broadhead Lane, following the lane for quite a distance you eventually pass Broad Head Farm on your left. 150yds (137m) beyond the farm complex and just before the bungalow, which can be seen ahead on the left, turn left along the narrow surfaced driveway, following it to where the surfaced road turns sharp left. Here leave the surfaced road and continue straight ahead through the gateway to follow the now grassy track up the slight incline, keeping the dry stone wall on your left. At the top of the incline near the two field gates our route is to the right, either over the ladder stile or through the gate. Once in the field turn left and follow the dry stone wall on your left up the field to a stile in the top left hand corner. Once through the stile bear right across the next field, cutting the corner across to the wall, which can be seen ahead on your right.

On reaching the wall turn left downhill following the line of the wall, on your right, all the way to the bottom right hand corner of the field. Here climb the stile in the wall on your right, turning left on the opposite side to follow a grassy track downhill, now walking with the wall on your left. Continue downhill through a gap in the broken down wall and through a stile next to an old farm gate, before eventually climbing another stile out onto Colne Road. Turn left here and walk along Colne Road, passing The Grouse public house on your right.

Approximately 250yds (227m) beyond the pub turn right off the road, through a gate and into a field, here follow the path, keeping near to the dry stone wall on your left, all the way down to a second gate and out onto Oldfield Lane.

Turn left along Oldfield Lane for a short distance before turning sharp right down Street Lane (the track leading down to Street Head Farm). Nearing the farm, where the track divides our route bears to the left, to eventually climb over a stile next to the gate at the side of the house. Once over, continue down the now grassy lane to follow the well-defined path under the trees, walking

next to a small stream on your right and eventually crossing a second stream and over a stile. Once over the stile walk on for a short distance, passing the top end of Lumb Woods, the path divides here and our route is straight ahead crossing another small stream and over a stile.

Here the path divides again, our route bears left through the gap in the broken down stone wall, into a field. Continue in a straight line heading across the field towards the two stone stoops at the wall corner, directly in front of the white painted gable end of the cottages which can be seen ahead. On reaching the stoops bear right to follow the wall on your right the short distance to a stile in the wall corner, at what appears to be a walled up gateway.

The path now follows the garden hedge on your left as it turns left into a wide surfaced drive. Here turn right to walk in front of the cottages and through the large elaborate gates at the end of the driveway into a field. From here bear slightly uphill to your left, ignoring the grassy track which leads uphill to a gateway, to walk straight ahead between the mature trees and the post and wire fence, which will eventually lead you to a stile. Go over the stile and continue in a straight line across the next field to a wide gap, a few yards to the right of the field gate in the dry stone wall which can be seen ahead.

Go through the gap and turn sharp right to cross the next field to another stile into a recently planted small woodland (Covey Wood), following the path through the newly planted trees as it bears left uphill towards a wooden memorial seat. Continue in front of the seat and over the next stile to follow the well-worn path across the field towards Green Well Farm, which can be seen ahead to your right. On nearing the farm climb the stile over the dry stone wall onto the rough farm track, here turn left uphill for a short distance to just beyond the small stone building on your right.

Turn right here off the track by climbing the stile over the wall on your right into the field. Follow the wall on your right straight ahead towards the white painted building, eventually going through a gap at the left hand side of an old metal gate at the far end of the field onto the access track. Turn left following the access track along the side of the building before turning right, then left for a short distance up the farm track before turning right again at the junction with another track on your right and through the wide gap in the wall. Once through the gap turn right down a third track for a short distance before turning left across the rough grass just before the gateway to the recently renovated house. Continue across the rough grassy area, following as close as possible to the wall on your right, which will eventually lead you to a stile in the corner of the field.

Once over the stile continue again straight ahead following the wall on your right to another stile over the next wall. Go over the stile onto a track crossing straight ahead to climb the stile opposite to continue following the wall on your right as you pick your way carefully

through the disguardered farm debris to eventually go through a gateway into the farmyard at Oakworth Farm. Turn right here and follow the access road as it bears left to walk beneath the mature trees and out onto Tim Lane. Turn right along Tim Lane for a short distance before climbing the stile over the stone wall on your left to walk down the narrow walled path between the houses, emerging onto a rough access road. Here continue straight ahead walking behind the houses to follow the path as it twists and turns downhill and eventually down a steep flight of stone steps onto Mill Lane. Turn left up Mill Lane to its junction with the main road, Commercial Street. Cross the main road and turn right up the road until you reach the Golden Fleece public house. Here at the road junction turn left up Low Bank Lane to the next main road junction to turn left again uphill 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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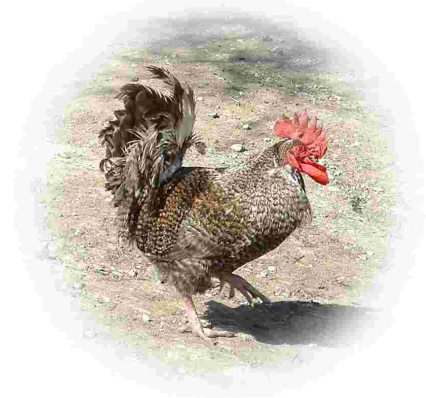
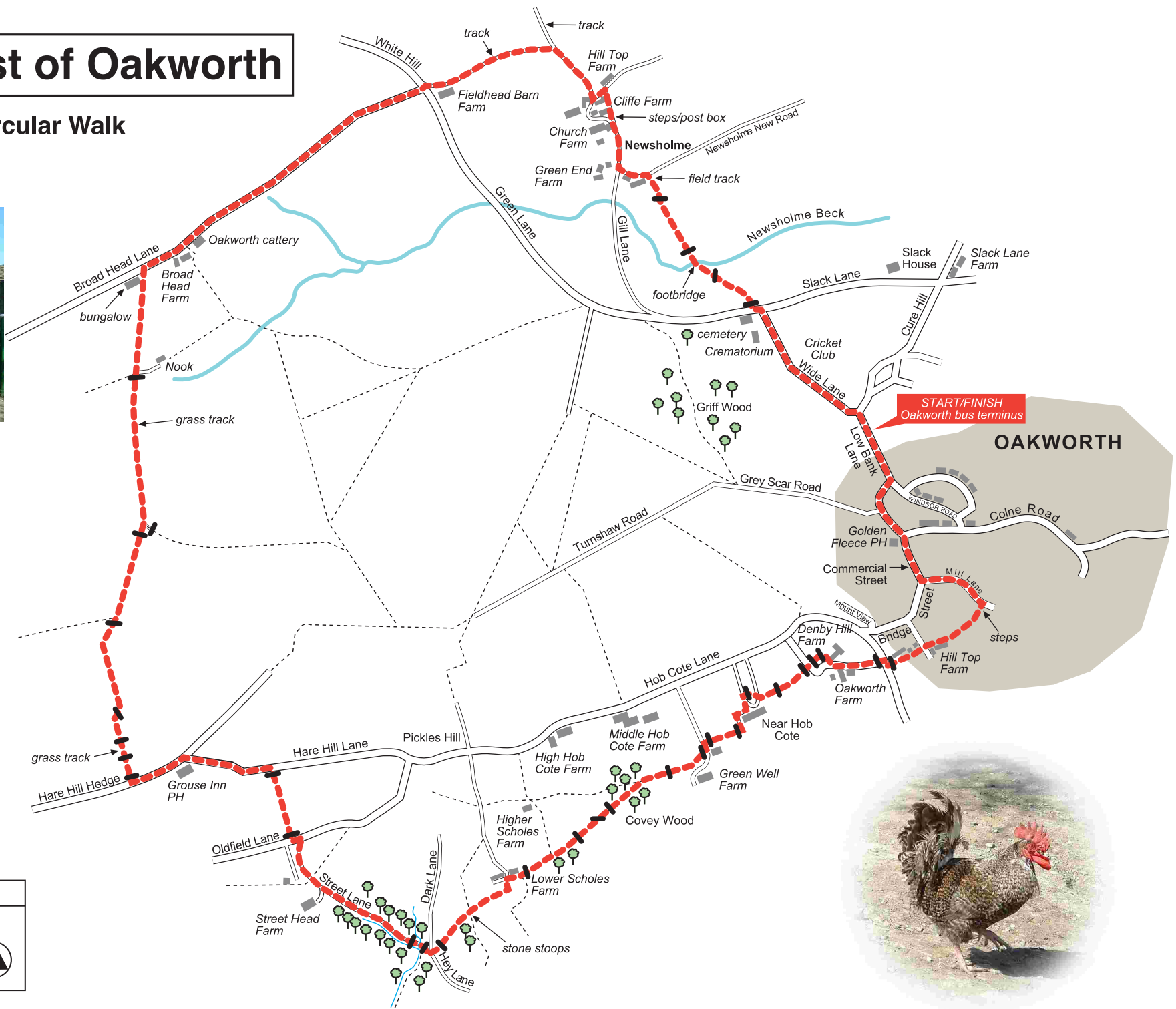
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At Broad Head Farm



Grouse Inn Public House



Key (map not to scale)

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