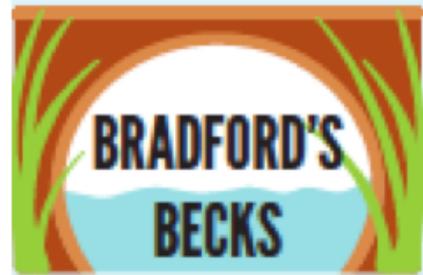


Help us to get our directions right!

Below are the instructions for one of the walks which we plan to include in our booklet of walks around Bradford's Becks. You can help us by following the instructions and letting us know of any errors or any improvements that can be made. We haven't yet done any mapping, but the walk can be found on OS Explorer 288 (Bradford & Huddersfield). However, we hope that the directions are good enough not to need to check the map.



Please send any comments to rose@walkout.demon.co.uk Thank you.

Chellow Dene Beck and Reservoirs

This walk starts at Chellow Dene wetlands, which were constructed in 2005. They consist of a series of ponds and reed beds that act together to remove sediment and impurities from the water before returning it to the beck further downstream. The walk then circles the Chellow Dene reservoirs, which were built in the mid-19th century to provide a stable water supply for the people of Bradford. They were acquired by Bradford Council in 1974 and are now maintained for recreational purposes.

Length: 5km

Terrain Easy, with one short steep descent and climb.

Starting point Entrance to Chellow Dene Wetlands at the bend in Ings Way. GR134336

Parking Park courteously in Ings way.

Bus Buses from Bradford along Thornton Road (e.g. 696, 697). Get off at Olive Grove. Cross the road, walk up Olive Grove and at the top cross over into Ings Way.

1. After entering the wetlands follow the path with Chellow Dene Beck on your right. Ignore the first footbridge on the right, and keep forward to cross the river at a second footbridge. Turn left and follow the path with the Beck on your left. Eventually, cross the Beck by stepping stones and follow the path as it rises uphill and emerges onto a road. Turn right and walk up to Allerton Road. Turn right and carefully cross the road using the pedestrian central refuge island.
2. Go over the stile in the wall and follow the path which runs along the right side of the field, with the Beck on your right. *When you reach the lower reservoir you have the option of going through the stile and taking an easy, almost level route around the edge of both reservoirs.* However, this route takes us on the higher ground above the reservoirs, so keep forward through a stile and follow the path as it rises slightly and bends right. Go straight forward, over the remains of a broken wall, heading for the trees ahead. When you reach the woodland, go through the stile near a set of steps and follow the path beside the wood as it rises towards three upright stones on the horizon.
3. When you reach the stones, continue forward, going steeply down and steeply up, and keep forward to meet a broad track coming from the left. Follow this track until you reach a footpath sign on the right. Turn

right here and follow the path as it curves round the edge of the field, passing an old quarry on the left. Where the field opens out, do not take the path straight ahead but turn right and keep following the edge of the field to reach a rocky path going downhill. Take this path until it joins a path coming from the left to go along the back of houses and eventually descend by a set of stone steps.

4. If you want to take a short cut, you can go up the steps opposite, but otherwise turn left and follow the broad path to a wooden signpost, where you turn right. From here you follow this path through woodland all the way above both reservoirs, keeping as close as possible to the golf course on the left. Sometimes the path divides but it always meets up again. When you reach the steps down to the path between the reservoirs, ignore these and keep forward. Eventually the path comes down near the end of the lower reservoir. Turn left onto the path and at the end turn right to cross the edge of the reservoir. At the end, go through the stile, turn left, and retrace your steps to the beginning.