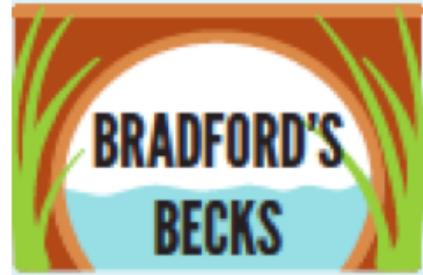


Help us to get our directions right!

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.

Middle Brook and Bull Greave Beck

A short walk on the rough open land between the residential areas of Fairweather Green and Clayton, visiting a secluded valley and an old quarry.

Length: 2.5km

Terrain Easy going, some rough ground, 1 short climb at Bull Greave Beck

Starting point The small bridge over Pitty Beck in Leaventhorpe Lane. GR126329.

Parking By the bridge in Leaventhorpe Lane

Bus Buses from Bradford city centre along Thornton Road (505, 607, 615, 696, 697, 698). Get off at Rhodesway. Walk back towards the city centre for a short distance and turn right down the snicket between 1055 Thornton Road and the commercial buildings. At the end, cross Leaventhorpe Avenue and take the footpath opposite. The path descends to go alongside Pitty Beck and emerges onto the starting point of the walk in Leaventhorpe Lane.

1. Go through the metal gate onto the path beside Pitty Beck. Follow the path, with Pitty Beck on your left. At the flat concrete bridge Clayton Beck comes from the right to join up with Pitty Beck, when it becomes Middle Brook.
2. Cross the concrete bridge and turn left along the grassy path. The Beck swings round in arc on your left, but keep forward along the path. This rises slightly to follow a line above the Beck. Where the path forks, take the smaller path on the left to keep close to the Beck. Follow this path towards a metal gate ahead. Pass by the gate to join a track.
3. Cross the track and take the small path opposite which climbs up. Go over a crude stile into a field. The path goes half right to exit the field by another crude stile – beware of barbed wire. *If you are not visiting Bull Greave Beck, turn right here and follow the path as it gradually climbs and rejoins the main route – go to No. 7.*
7. Go over the stile on the opposite side of the path to enter another field. Walk ahead and just before a metal kissing gate go right through the gap in the wall.

4. Walk across the field, go through a squeeze stile in the next wall, cross the next field and go through another stile in the next wall. Keep forward and after a slight climb, follow the path round to the left and climb up over a stile. Walk towards the cemetery wall ahead. When you reach the wall, turn right and follow the path. Unfortunately, this area suffers from fly-tipping, and this path tends to be rubbish strewn.

5. Make your way along the path as best you can, until you emerge onto a broad track. Do an acute right turn and follow the track which eventually curves left and brings you down to Bull Greave Beck. Look left to see the brick arch where the Beck goes under the hill.

6. Although Bull Greave Beck is quite hidden away, it has also suffered from the blight of fly tipping, including burned out cars. Nevertheless, it retains the feel of a quiet backwater, and deer have been spotted here. Walk up the Beck as far as you like, enjoying the silence and sound of the water. When you are ready to leave, retrace your steps and look for a track on the left shortly after the track curves right. Follow this path down to meet a broad track between the quarry on the left and a fence on the right. There are extensive views of Bradford here, with the Lister's Mill chimney dominating the skyline. Keep on this track, following the edge of the quarry until eventually you meet a track coming in from the right, where you turn left.

7. This track is called Deep Lane. *If you are doing the shorter walk, you will join the main route here.* At a crossing path into the quarry, keep straight ahead. There are now good views over the valley to Thornton. The path climbs gradually, with the quarry on the left and fields to the right. Ignore all paths off to the right until you come to a clear path running straight downhill to the right of a wire fence. Follow this path to the concrete bridge and retrace your steps back to the beginning.