

# The source of Pitty Beck

**This walk takes you close to the point where Pitty Beck emerges from a swampy area to become a stream, although there is only a fleeting glimpse of the beck as it runs under a small footbridge. Pitty Beck is one of the main tributaries of Bradford Beck and there are also good views of the valley that it flows through.**

**Length:** 4.5km.

**Terrain:** Two short climbs, otherwise easy going.

**Starting point:** By the footpath sign to Egypt in Long Lane, off Allerton Road, BD15 8AH. GR100341.

**Parking:** There is space for two cars to park opposite the track at the beginning of the walk.

**Bus:** There are no bus routes near the start of this walk.

1. Go along the track signposted to Egypt. After about 100 metres go left over a stile beside a metal gate. Follow the path between a fence and a wall through two fields and at the end go through a metal gate. Cross the lane and go through the metal pedestrian gate opposite. After about 75 metres look for a gap in the fence on your right, go through this and follow the path forward and over a wooden footbridge (ignore a path to the left). Keep following the path until you cross a footbridge and stile over Pitty Beck.

2. Go half right to cross the field over the duckboarding which is clearly visible, and climb to the right of a large holly tree. Ignore a path going right and keep climbing up to go to the left of a small tree.

After passing the tree turn right and follow an indistinct path as it goes round to the left and climbs up to a wall at the top of the field. Follow this wall on your left, go through a metal gate beside a farmhouse, and continue forward with the wall on your left. Stay on this path, which becomes increasingly narrow and stony (and muddy!), and after it curves left by the back of some houses go through a small wooden gate next to a telegraph pole. Turn left to take a narrow walled path to a road in the hamlet of Egypt. Egypt is one of a number of places in the area with biblical names – you can also find Jericho, Jerusalem and World's End. These reflect the Puritan influence in the Thornton area.

3. Turn left for about 100 metres and take the signed footpath on the right. At the end go over the stile and follow the wall on your left through three more stiles to enter a gravelled yard at Upper Stream Head Farm. Go through a gate in the wall on the right, cross the drive and walk along the stone path opposite to enter the yard. Turn right and then go to the left of a grass island to go through a small wooden gate next to the building. Go forward along a track and through a gate into a field.

Go straight upwards for a short distance (approx 20m) and take a path which forks right to go gently downhill. Keep going in the same direction, through a gap in a wall, towards a walled path beside houses ahead. At the beginning of the walled path is a footbridge, and this marks the most westerly point you can see Pitty Beck from a public footpath.



*Near the source of Pitty Beck.*

4. You now need to return to Egypt. Retrace your steps to the road, turn left and walk down the hill to Egypt. Turn right into the footpath you arrived by, and after it turns left keep forward to go down a flagged path and emerge in front of houses. Take the footpath ahead to the right, signposted Long Lane. At the top go over the stile and go half left for about 3 metres, then go right to join a broad path. Follow this path forward until you reach a stile in the corner of a wall. Follow the path down beside a farmhouse to go over another stile and then walk forward to meet the farm track, which will take you back to the beginning of the walk.

