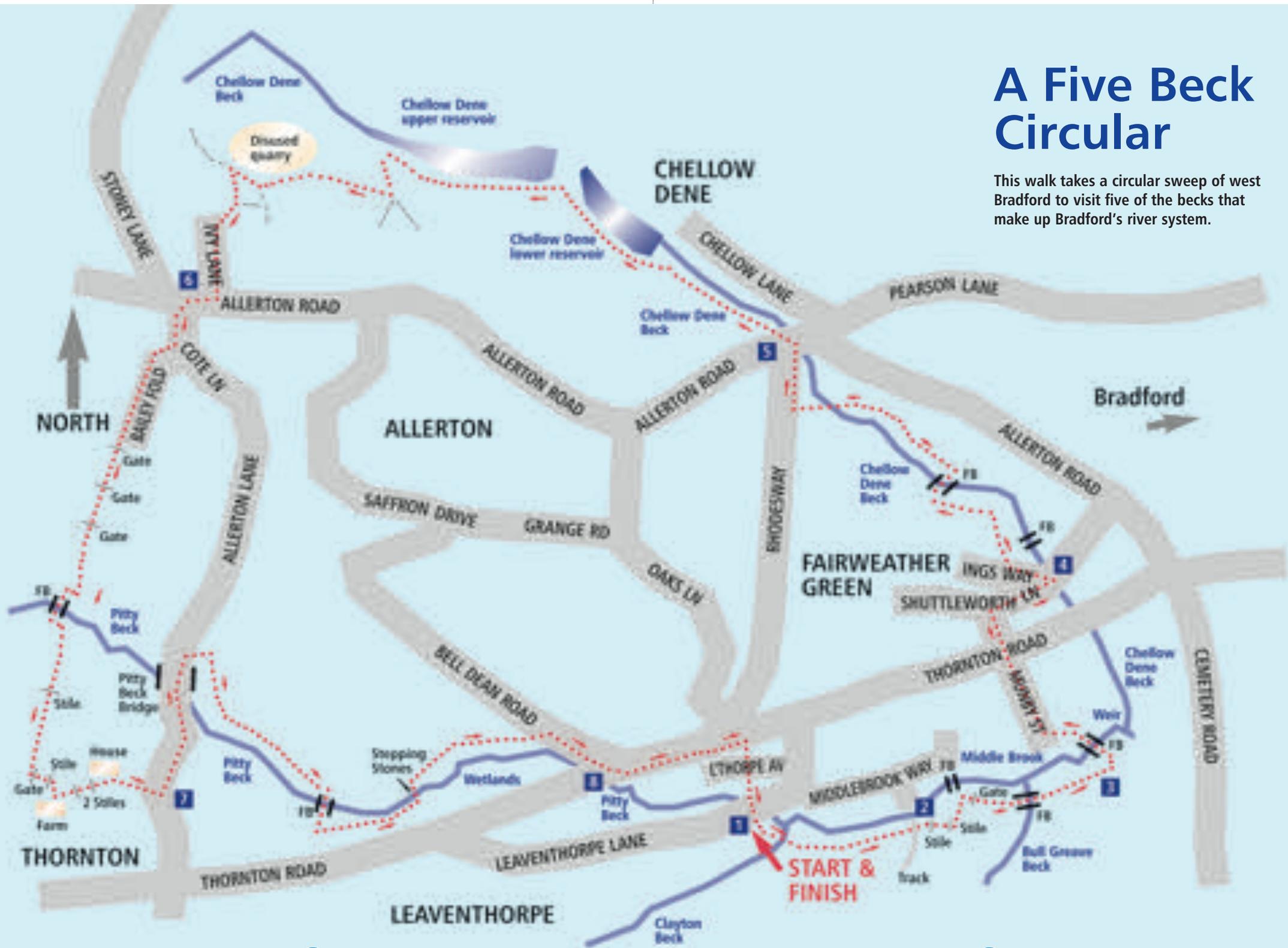


A Five Beck Circular

This walk takes a circular sweep of west Bradford to visit five of the becks that make up Bradford's river system.





Above left: Bull Greave Beck.

Above right: Chellow Dene wetlands.



Length: 9km.

Terrain: An easy walk mainly on semi-urban footpaths, with three short ascents and some road walking.

Starting point: The small bridge over Pitty Beck in Leaventhorpe Lane, BD8 OEG (near Blackburn Close). GR126329.

Parking: By the bridge in Leaventhorpe Lane.

Bus: Buses from Bradford city centre along Thornton Road (607, 615, 696, 697, 698). Get off at Rhodesway. Walk back for a short distance and take the snicket between 1055 Thornton Road and commercial buildings, cross the road and take the footpath opposite which emerges at the starting point of the walk.

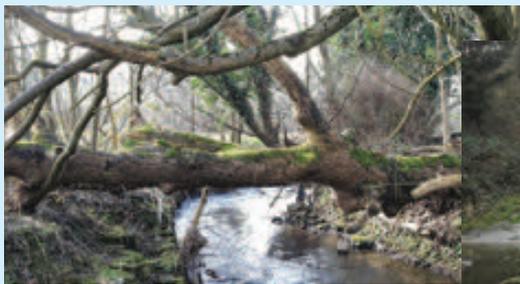
1. Take the path past the metal gate following the flow of Pitty Beck (**beck no. 1**). At the flat concrete bridge Clayton Beck (**beck no. 2**) comes from the right to join up with Pitty Beck, when it becomes Middle Brook (**beck no. 3**). Cross the bridge and turn left along a grassy path. Keep forward along this path as it rises slightly, and keep following it along the river bank to meet a metal barrier ahead. Pass by the barrier to join a track.
2. Cross the track and take a small indistinct path opposite which climbs up the bank. Go over the crude stile into a field. The path goes half right to exit the field by another crude stile. Turn left and follow the

path down. Before you reach the footbridge go right and through a metal kissing-gate. Go half right towards the right of the fenced paddock to a footbridge. This crosses Bull Greave Beck (**beck no. 4**) coming down to join Middle Brook.

3. Go over the footbridge and follow the track until you reach a weir on the left. Cross the footbridge next to the weir, and take the path half-left left across rough ground to emerge out on a road. Turn right and walk up to Thornton Road. Cross the road via the pedestrian crossing and walk up Shuttleworth Lane opposite. At the end, cross the road and turn right. At the next junction turn left into Ings Way and enter Chellow Dene Wetlands where the road bends to the left.

4. Follow the path with Chellow Dene Beck (**beck no. 5**) on your right. Ignore the first footbridge on the right, and keep forward to cross the beck 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 then carefully cross the road using the central refuge island.

5. Go over the stile by a gate and follow the path along the right side of the field, with the beck on your right. When you



Above left: Middle Brook.

Above right: Middle Brook weir.



reach the reservoir, go right through the stile and turn left to walk along the side of the reservoir. At the end of the first reservoir follow the main path left as it makes a short steep ascent to the second reservoir. Keep following the path along the side of the reservoir. After about 200 metres, at a right bend, look out for a yellow and black fishing sign on a tree. Take the broad path to the left just after the tree and follow this as it climbs and bends right and left, eventually emerging onto a track. Turn right and follow this track, ignoring turn offs, until you reach a junction of walled paths. Go right for approximately 10 metres and then take a small path which rises up on the left. Keep to the right of the field, following a wall, and into a walled path. At the end of this turn left and follow the track to the road.

6. Cross the road, turn right, and then turn left into Cote Lane, and right into Bailey Fold. Follow this road as it turns left and goes downhill. At the end of the road take a grassy path which goes half right. Go through the gate and keep forward, following the wall on your left through two fields. When you enter a third field (through a metal gate), keep forward down to the stream at the bottom. When you reach Pitty Beck, turn right and walk along until you find a stone slab across the beck (to the right of trees). Cross the beck and turn left

to find a stile in the wall on the right. Go through this and follow the wall through two fields. At the top go through a gateway and then over the stile at the next gate. Turn right towards the farmhouse, and shortly turn left to take a grassy walled path. At the end go through a stile to walk across the field, over another stile and go forward to join the track to the road.

7. At the road, turn left and walk carefully down the road to reach the pavement opposite. Walk down the road, cross Pitty Beck at the bridge and go right by the metal gate. Do not go uphill, go right to find a path beside Pitty Beck. Follow this path, with the beck on your right, to a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and keep following the left hand side of the field until you reach stepping stones. Go over the stepping stones and continue following the path until you emerge on to Bell Dean Road. (If the water is too high to cross the stepping stones, climb half right and follow the path across fields and through a silver birch copse to reach Thornton Road.)

8. Turn right to reach Thornton Road and cross this carefully. Turn left and walk along the road to a snicket between 1055 Thornton Road and commercial buildings. At the end, cross the road and take the footpath opposite. The path descends to go alongside Pitty Beck and emerges onto the starting point of the walk.