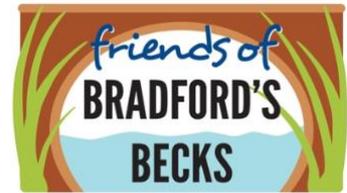


CIRCULAR WALK, GILL BECK AND SPRING WOODS, BAILDON



Length: 4.7 km, 100 m ascent

Start: Hollin Head, Baildon, BD17 7LJ

Parking: on-street parking, please don't block driveways.

Train: 8 minutes walk from Baildon Station

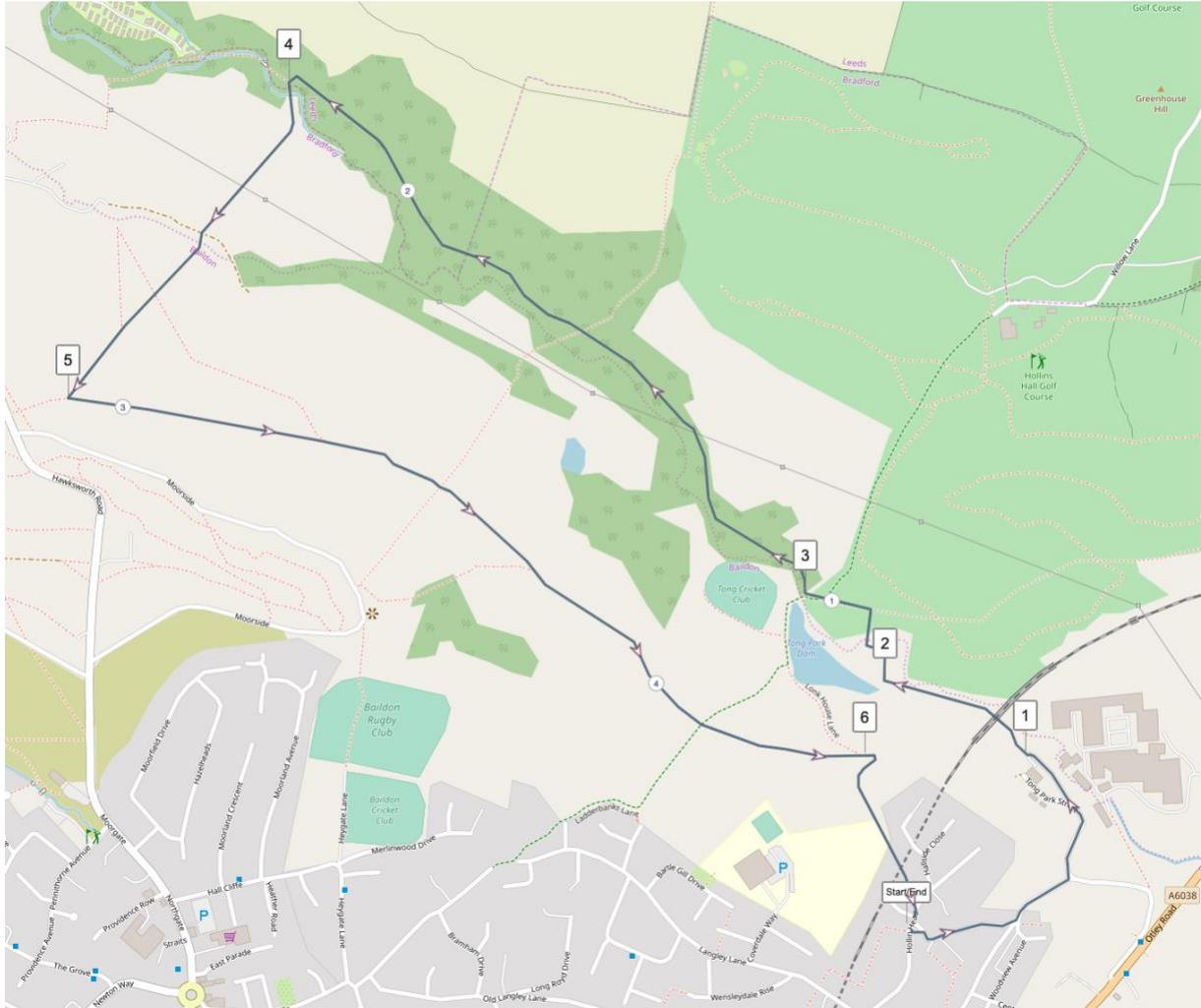
Bus: Airport Express 737 along Otley Rd, get off at Roundwood Rd, 8 minute walk.

Map: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1153138?units=km>

Set off east and downhill on Oak Place, a cobbled street and track. After 300m, turn left. Ignore left fork (Tong Park St) and continue to end of vehicle access.

1. Take the path that drops down a short slope then runs on and beside a wall towards and under the railway viaduct. You can hear and see the Beck running on your right. Continue along the route of the wall and occasionally visible pipeline that used to carry water to the Tong Park dye works. Ignore paths to the left, cross a ditch using the pipe as a bridge at 2.
2. Turn right over a defunct cobbled weir, past a large beech tree with a memorial on it, follow path to bank of beck, and upstream to rough stepping stones. Cross over, go forward a few metres and turn left onto the main path to a junction of paths by a footbridge on your left. *Note:* After the pipe bridge, you can scramble up a slope on the left to a path alongside Tong Park dam to the footbridge at 3. *Or,* at the stepping stones you can continue along the beck and arrive at the footbridge.
3. Take the path northwest into Springs Woods, through a gate, over two stiles to eventually arrive at a footbridge at 4. The path divides and recombines several places. There are several springs and areas of groundwater seepage which make it muddy in places.
4. Cross footbridge, take the uphill path under the pylon line, across a stone slab bridge over a stream, on up the hill beside a fence, then between a wall and a fence towards the White House.
5. Just before the White House, turn left and take the path with the fence on your left, through several stiles and gates to Tong Park War Memorial overlooking Tong Park Dam and cricket club.
6. Follow the track (Lonk House Lane) round the memorial, over a stile and back the start.

Look out for: A bird box shaped like a church. The springs in the woods. Tong Park dam which used to supply the dyeworks with water; nowadays the water is often dyed green by anglers to suppress the weeds. Birdlife, especially on the dam! The white House was a pub until about 2000. Tong Cricket club – what an amazing location! Esholt railway viaduct; there are two viaducts and three tunnels on the short stretch between Baildon and Guiseley. Hollins Hall golf course. Tong Park hamlet. The beech wood.



Screenshot of the route from poltaroute.com.

