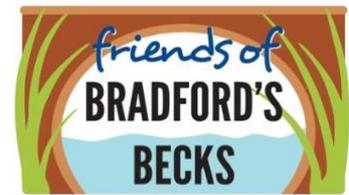


MORTON BECK HAS LOTS OF MILL PONDS



Length: 5.7 km, 135 m ascent (all in the first half!)

Start: Morton Lane, Crossflatts, Bingley BD16 2EP

Parking: on-street parking south of the canal.

Train: 13 minutes walk from Crossflatts Station

Bus: 60, 662, 821 along Keighley Rd from Bingley, 5 minute walk up Morton Lane.

Map: www.plotaroute.com/route/1183768

A. Set off north on Morton Lane, over canal, turn right through gap in wall at footpath sign. After 100 m fork right, cross the beck and follow the uphill path parallel with the beck through several stiles and gaps in walls. At the bridge, turn left to cross the beck again.

B. Emerge onto Cliffe Mill Fold. Turn left, then right after 25 m onto cobbled drive. This turns into a path between walls, goes through a couple of houses (there are pedestrian gates), becomes Little Lane and comes out on the busy Otley Rd through East Morton. Cross with care, up the steps just to the left onto Green End Rd. Fork right at junctions with Upwood Lane and Lakeside.

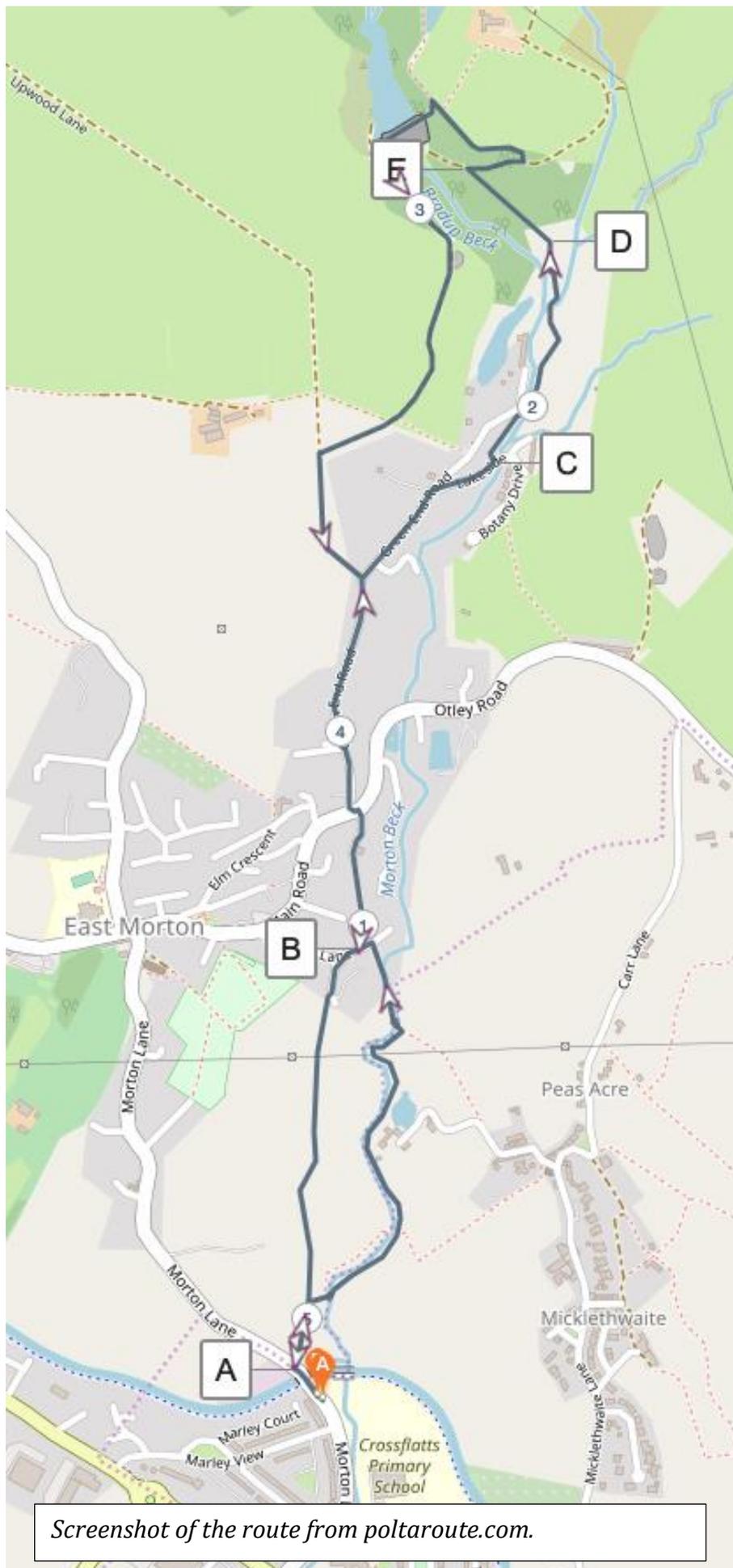
C. Just before the bridge over the beck, take the gap in the wall on the left, it isn't very obvious (photo). Before the next gap in the wall (goes back onto Green End Rd), veer right and cross the stream on



stones (photo). The path continues uphill with several splits and rejoinings through gorse and rough pasture mangled by cattle.

D. At a dry stone wall go left along the wall to a metal gate (this area was boggy on my visit; a route closer to the beck through a gap in the gorse to the left arrives at the same place). Go through the gate and follow the path past the ruins of Sunnydale Mill to meet a track.

E. Turn sharp right. After 100 m, before the track bends to the left, take the informal path on the left which runs along the top of a slope on the edge of the woods. This is the highest point on the walk. Turn left down some steep wooden steps to the dam of Sunnyvale reservoir. Cross the dam, turn left and take the track downhill to meet Upwood Lane. Turn left, then right onto Green End Rd and retrace your route back to point B on Cliffe Mill Fold. Turn right, then first left onto Hawthorne Way. After 70 m take the obvious stile into a field and follow this path back to the starting point.



Screenshot of the route from poltaroute.com.