

# Welcome

# Your guide to one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the whole country.

Bradford is a city steeped in heritage and brimming with culture. It has one of the youngest populations of any city in Europe and is bidding to become UK City of Culture for 2025.

A city made famous by its wool trade, Bradford now leads the way as a UNESCO City of Film, is home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site and boasts a number of world class visitor attractions.

It's a city of contrast, with beautiful moorlands, and picturesque towns and villages such as Haworth, Saltaire and Ilkley sitting alongside a modern, multicultural city centre.

Visit Bradford and enjoy the perfect combination of incredible architecture, stunning scenery, magical museums, art and culture.











Welcome to Yorkshire



#### **Useful Resources**

#### Visit Bradford

Up to date information on where to visit and what to do, what's on and where to stay. Find all the information you need to plan your visit.

visitbradford.com

#### AccessAble

Use AccessAble to find wheelchair friendly venues or check out disabled access and facilities.

accessable.co.uk

#### Eat Drink Guides

An online directory of the best places to eat and drink in the Bradford District.

#### eatdrinkguides.co.uk

#### **Cycle Bradford**

A useful site for information on all types of cycling related activity in the district

cyclebradford.org.uk

#### City of Film

Information about film activities, history and locations in Bradford.

bradfordfilmheritage.com

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# 10 Things to Love About Bradford



#### Amazing Architecture

Bradford is home to one of the finest collections of Victorian buildings in the UK. City Hall and the Wool Exchange are superb examples of Gothic exuberance, while the commercial district of Little Germany contains no less than 55 listed buildings. Elsewhere Cartwright Hall, St George's Hall and the Alhambra are all wonderfully unique.



Perhaps the most famous literary family the country has produced, the Brontës were born in Thornton and spent most of their lives in Haworth. Their life and work are celebrated in Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum, which is a short walk away from the unspoiled area of south Pennine hills that inspired works including Wuthering Heights.

#### Britain's Best Bookshop

Named by The Independent and The Guardian as one of Britain's best bookshops, the Bradford branch of Waterstones is rather special. Based in the Lockwood and Mawson designed former Wool Exchange building, you can browse the latest crime thrillers or grab a coffee in a vast Gothic-revivalist hall that was once the beating heart of Bradford's wool trade.

#### Loads of ace parks

Thanks to our philanthropic forefathers you're never far from a park in Bradford. The Bradford District has thirty six public parks, totalling an area of over two hundred and seventy hectares. Ten of the parks are on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England.



#### The Alhambra

Opened in 1914, Bradford's 1400 capacity Alhambra Theatre is regarded as a 'jewel in the crown' of northern theatre. The venue hosts a range of major touring companies including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and has staged major West End shows including The Lion King, War Horse and Mary Poppins. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.



#### **Literature Festivals**

The Bradford Literature Festival began in 2014 and has quickly established itself as one of the most popular and diverse literature Festivals in the UK. While Ilkley's Literature Festival has been bringing the biggest names in literature to the district for over 40 years.

#### **UNESCO City of Film**

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#### **David Hockney**

David Hockney was born on July 9th, 1937, in Bradford and studied at Bradford School of Art in the 1950s before going on to become one of the most influential and best-loved artists of the 20th century. His ties to Bradford are still strong with large collections of his work on display at Salts Mill 1853 Gallery and The David Hockney Gallery at Cartwright Hall.

#### **Incredible scenery**

Perhaps the best thing of all about Bradford is its stunning natural beauty. With a fine mixture of deep valleys, rolling hills and rugged moorland it is full of character and places to explore. Special mentions go to llkley Moor and Brontë Country, but you're never too far from beauty in Bradford.



#### Britain's Curry Capital

Bradford remains the undisputed champion of curry having being crowned 'Curry Capital of Britain' six years in a row. With a vibrant community and a large number of historic and contemporary curry houses, it's no wonder foodies come from far and wide to experience an authentic Bradford curry.

# The Bradford District

Bradford is one of the largest metropolitan districts in the UK, with a wide range of stunning scenery, tourist hotspots and public attractions. Wherever you base yourself during your visit it's definitely worth exploring as much of the district as you can – taking in the splendid city centre architecture, the model village of Saltaire, Ilkley's rolling hills and the famous Brontë Country around Keighley and Haworth.

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#### <u>TOP TIP</u>

There's so much to do in Bradford you might also need to think about booking a second or third trip!

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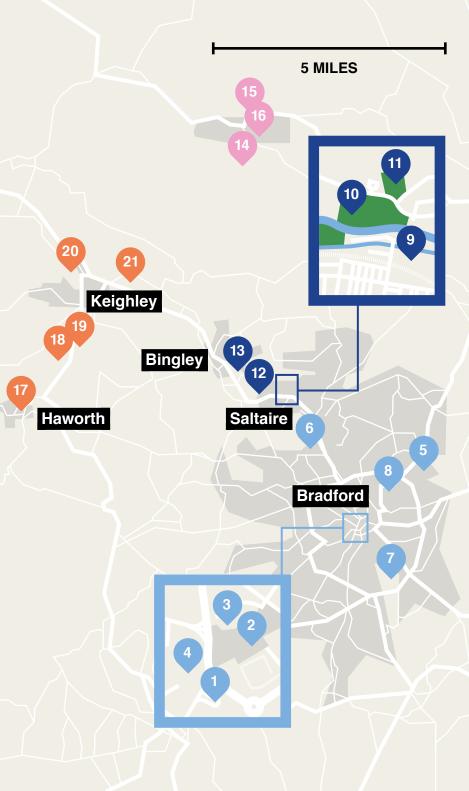
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#### Shopping

Whether you are looking for high street brands or quirky independents, there are some fantastic shopping experiences to be had across the Bradford district. Visitors to the city centre can shop till they drop in

the impressive Broadway shopping centre, or seek out a bargain in the Oastler Centre. In search of a unique gift? Stop off in Saltaire, likley or **Haworth** and enjoy some quality independent shops in a beautiful setting.

# Walking

Bradford is a walkers paradise, with a fabulous mixture of scenery and terrain ranging from steady strolls on the canal to hiking over the moors. Walkers visiting Haworth and **Keighlev** can follow in the footsteps of the Brontë sisters and visit the moorlands that inspired their famous novels. Visitors to Saltaire and **Bingley** are spoiled for choice with great walks around Shipley Glen. St lves and the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Whilst Ilkley is famous for the stunning Cow and Calf Rocks and the historic trails around **likley Moor**.





Bradford is guite rightly famous for its curry and wherever you are in the district you can seek out some top guality South Asian cuisine nearby. If it's choice you're after then curry hot spots include Leeds Road, Great Horton Road, Shipley and Keighley. If curry is not your thing then there are concentrations of amazing restaurants and bars to suit all tastes in Saltaire, Bingley, Haworth and likley. The wider district also has plenty of top notch country pubs offering great food and local brews to try on your travels.



Bradford is a city steeped in culture with a rich heritage, fantastic events and some world class cultural venues. The Alhambra, St George's Hall and King's Hall likley attract world class performers in music, theatre and dance while Kala Sangam is one of the UK's leading South Asian community arts centres. This year, look out for Summer Unlocked. a district wide programme of events for 2021. Other major events include Bradford Literature Festival, Bingley Weekender and likley Literature Festival.

QUICK GUIDE

place for...

to help you start planning your stay.

Bradford, a great

Bradford district is full of surprises with a fantastic mix of established

#### Brontë Parsonage Museum, Haworth

Set between the unique village of Haworth, and the wild moorland beyond, this homely Georgian house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time. The rooms they once used are filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions. Displays are changed annually, so you can always be sure of seeing something new.

Church Street, Haworth, BD22 8DR tel:01535 642323 www.Brontë.org.uk





#### Brontë Birthplace, Thornton

Situated on Market Street in the village of Thornton is the Brontë Birthplace. Look for the plaque marking the building where the Brontë Sisters (along with their brother, Branwell) were born and lived before moving to Haworth.

Thornton, Bradford, BD13 3HF

#### Top Withens, Haworth

Take a walk onto the unspoiled moorland and experience the inspirational spots where the sisters wrote. Discover the Brontë Bridge, the ruins of Top Withens (said to be the inspiration for Wuthering Heights), and the Bronte Falls.

Hebden Bridge, HX7 7AX



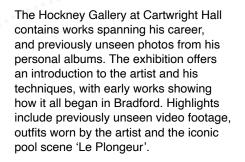
www.visitbradford.com

# **The Brontës**

The Brontës moved to Haworth from Thornton in 1820 where the Reverend Patrick Brontë was appointed Curate of Haworth. They lived at Haworth Parsonage from 1820 to 1861 which is now the Brontë Parsonage Museum. Between them they published some of the most celebrated fiction works of the 19th century including Charlotte's Jane Eyre (1847), Emily's Wuthering Heights (1847), and Anne's The Tenant of Wildfell Hall (1848). Their literature was inspired by the Yorkshire moorland surrounding Haworth and is still revered today with a number of adaptations of their work for film and TV.



#### **The Hockney Gallery** at Cartwright Hall



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Lister Park, Bradford, BD9 4NS tel: 01274 431212 www.bradfordmuseums.org



(Sat Nav Code BD17 7EF) tel: 01274 531163

#### TOP TIP

Don't miss the giant portrait of David Hockney, made up of 250,000 nails by Marcus Levine in Little Germany, Bradford



#### Salts Mill

Salts Mill is home to one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art. The 1853 Gallery located on the ground floor, houses a permanent exhibition of over 300 works by Hockney, demonstrating his range of styles and techniques. On the second floor, David Hockney's Birthday Show includes a selection of David's work for and around the opera, plus exquisite etchings and lithographs from the 1970s and 80s. The third floor gallery houses Hockney's 'The Arrival of Spring' collection, a 49-part study of the changing seasons painted near his Bridlington home.

Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire, West Yorkshire, BD18 3LA www.saltsmill.org.uk

#### **ITINERARIES**

## **Discover Hockney**

David Hockney is perhaps Bradford's most celebrated icon and one of the nation's best-loved artists. In 2011 he was voted the most influential British artist of all time and in 2018 his Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures) sold for £70 million, becoming the most expensive work by a living artist sold at auction.

Born in Bradford on July 9, 1937, he attended Bradford Grammar school before studying fine art at the Bradford College of Art from 1953 to 1957. Despite spending most of his working life away from the city, Bradford has always had a huge influence on Hockney and his life and work is celebrated at Cartwright Hall and Salts Mill.

ITINERARIES

# **Bradford for Foodies**

The choice of food throughout Bradford and the district is amazingly varied, with everything from street food to Michelin-recognised restaurants and over 200 Asian restaurants. Bradford has a fantastic reputation for curry, with restaurants across the district specialising in curries from Kashmir, Pakistan and India. Bradford also has a fine real ale offer and is home to many breweries including the famous Timothy Taylor's and Saltaire Brewery. There are many great real ale pubs dotted across the district so you can enjoy a fine local tipple wherever you are based.



#### Curry Capital

Bradford is famous for curry and rightly so, with over 200 Asian restaurants serving our favourite cuisine, Bradford has been named the 'Curry Capital of Britain' on no less than seven occasions. There is a huge variety of experiences available from trendy street food style diners to luxury restaurant dining. You can seek out your perfect Bradford curry experience with Visit Bradford's online curry guide, available at: www.visitbradford.com/curry



#### Foodie Experiences

From artisan bakeries to traditional breweries, there's loads of good stuff made right here in Bradford. There are also some superb food and drink experiences across the district including brewery tours at Saltaire Brewery, wine tasting at Martinez in Ilkley and exploring the varied and thriving markets across the district.



#### World Class Restaurants

If you are on the hunt for truly worldclass cuisine then Bradford won't disappoint. Ilkley's famous Box Tree Restaurant is a mainstay of the Michelin Guide whilst just around the corner, the amazing Host has also been added to the guide. Tucked away in Shipley, The Waterside restaurant has received praise from both Jay Rayner and Giles Coren and in the city centre, Cona has won many admirers for their top notch nosh.

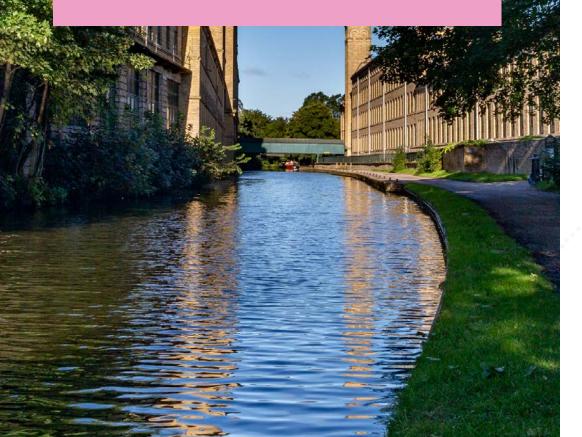


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# Exploring the Outdoors

Renowned for our rolling hills and rugged moorland, Bradford district is a paradise for walkers and cyclists. You'll find routes across the district, with three towns – Bingley, Baildon and Burley in Wharfedale – holding Walkers are Welcome status.

Depending when you visit the countryside can be either tranquil and inviting or wild and windswept. The rugged and beautiful Pennine countryside and open spaces that make Bradford district so picturesque and inviting are home to many fantastic walks taking in spectacular views. So whether you want to grab your walking boots and binoculars, or jump on your bike, the decision is yours but Bradford district is the obvious choice!



#### Leeds Liverpool Canal

The Leeds - Liverpool Canal is one of the longest canal routes in the UK and the perfect place to take a stroll or cycle. Its route through the Bradford district takes in some magnificent countryside, industrial heritage and iconic feats of engineering such as the Five Rise Locks.





#### Moorland

Bradford is surrounded by stunning moorlands, all of which offer great views and an intriguing history, making the district incredibly popular with walkers. Head to www.visitbradford.com to find out more about walking routes around Ilkley Moor, Harden Moor, Haworth Moor and Baildon Moor.

# Hewenden Reservoir and Viaduct

This circular walk in Cullingworth takes you to Hewenden Reservoir and Viaduct. Following the route of a dismantled railway line, you will cross the impressive Hewenden Viaduct, which stands at a height of 123 feet and spans 527m with 17 arches. You can also chose to continue your walk north to visit the lovely Goit Stock Waterfall.



#### Official Secrets

#### TOP TIP

To learn more about movies and television filmed in Bradford, visit Bradford City of Film: bradfordfilmheritage.com

#### **ITINERARIES**

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#### Filmed in Bradford

Bradford has been a film location since the beginning of cinema, with its indigenous film industry being traced back to the years around the First World War. Since those early days many classic films have been shot in and around Bradford – from *Billy Liar* and *Room at the Top* in the city centre and *The Dresser* at the Alhambra, to *Peaky Blinders, Official Secrets* and *Downton Abbey*.







#### **Filmed in Keighley**

The most famous motion picture filmed in Keighley is undoubtedly *The Railway Children* (1970). The film uses the iconic Oakworth station, found on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, as the main location of the film. Fans of the movie can visit the station or enjoy a ride on the steam train that still runs through the station today. Haworth is also a popular film location, featuring in *Rita Sue & Bob Too* and *Wuthering Heights*.

#### Filmed in Saltaire

The historic streets of Saltaire are very popular with filmmakers, and have been the backdrop to a wide variety of dramas, including *Downton Abbey* (2010–2015), *The ABC Murders* (2018), *The English Game* (2020), and more.



#### VISIT FOR

Stunning Victorian
 architecture
 International cuisine
 Superb museums
 and galleries

# **Bradford**

Bradford is a diverse and historic city blessed with stunning architecture and a thriving cultural scene. The city centre is home to a wonderful concentration of heritage buildings, the stunning City Park water feature and some superb museums including the National Science & Media Museum. A compact city centre that's easy to cover on foot, Bradford also has plenty of choice when it comes to shopping, food & drink and cultural attractions



#### History

The City of Bradford has a fascinating history, growing from a small rural settlement to an industrial powerhouse dubbed the 'Wool Capital of the World' in the Victorian era. Lavish Victorian architecture from that period is still much in evidence today.





#### A Welcoming City

Bradford is one of the UK's most diverse and youthful cities and prides itself on its warm and friendly character. With a compact, easy to explore city centre, it is perfect for anyone looking for a mixture of heritage, culture and character. The city has a thriving cultural scene with venues such as Kala Sangam, Bradford Playhouse, The Alhambra Theatre and St George's Hall offering a fantastic programme of live events.

Bradford is bidding to become the UK City of Culture 2025. Bradford district, which as the UK's 6th largest city is twice the size of Hull which hosted the title in 2017, is one of the youngest cities in Europe (29% of its population under 20 and nearly a quarter under 16) and one of the most diverse in the UK.

#### BRADFORD 2025 UK CITY OF CULTURE BID

Keep an eye out for special events and updates at: bradford2025.co.uk



#### The National Science and Media Museum

The National Science and Media Museum explores the science and culture of light and sound technologies and their impact on our lives. With the aim of inspiring the scientists and innovators of the future, it invites visitors to see more, hear more, think more and do more. Its galleries and exhibition spaces help illuminate worldfamous collections in photography, film and television. The interactive gallery Wonderlab, explores the science of light, sound and perception through handson activities and breath-taking shows. The museum also houses three cinema screens including an IMAX theatre.

The National Science and Media Museum, Bradford, BD1 1NQ tel: 01274 202030



www.science and media museum.org.uk



#### **Pictureville Cinema**

Pictureville at **The National Science and Media Museum** showcases a truly diverse programme of world cinema, classic films, and independent pictures. It is one of just three venues in the world which has the ability to screen Cinerama to the public.

The National Science and Media Museum, Bradford, BD1 1NQ tel: 01274 202030 www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk

#### Grabbing a Coffee

Bradford has loads of great coffee shops, including **Bread+Roses** on North Parade for vegan treats, or down the hill **Smorgasbord Coffee Bar**. Tucked around Hustlergate look out for Tiffin **Coffee, Café W** in the wonderful Waterstones and Lefteris Coffee and Tearoom.



#### **City Park**

City Park is Bradford's brilliant multi-award winning public space and home to the largest urban water feature in the UK. The Mirror Pool feature has over 20 water fountains, the largest of which can blast water up to 100ft in the air. The feature is lit up at night to stunning effect making your trip through the city centre a memorable one. A great place to meet up, relax and enjoy one of the best views of Bradford.

Next to Bradford City Hall, BD1 1HY





#### **Impressions Gallery**

Established in 1972, Impressions has grown to become one of the UK's leading venues for photography, showing significant work by regional, national and international artists. Situated in the heart of Bradford and overlooking the multi-award winning City Park, the gallery presents an inspiring programme of free exhibitions and a rich mix of events and creative workshops.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD tel: 01274 737843 www.impressions-gallery.com BRADFORD 2025 CULTURE BID Keep an eye out for special events and updates at: bradford2025.co.uk

#### The Bradford Police Museum

The Police Museum provides a unique insight into the history and heritage of policing, criminal justice, civic enforcement and the development of crime and punishment in Bradford from the early 19th century onwards.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY tel: 01274 510245 www.bradfordpolicemuseum.com





#### Alhambra Theatre

Opened in 1914, Bradford's 1400 capacity Alhambra Theatre is regarded as a 'jewel in the crown' of northern theatre. The venue hosts a range of major touring companies including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and has staged major West End shows including The Lion King, War Horse and Mary Poppins. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1AJ tel: 01274 432000 www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



#### St. George's Hall

Renowned for exceptional acoustics and intimate atmosphere, St George's Hall, opened in 1853, is one of the UK's oldest concert halls. The venue hosts a packed schedule of live comedy, music and entertainment.

Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JT tel: 01274 432000 www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



#### **Bradford Industrial Museum**

Bradford's Industrial Museum has permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering, printing machinery and motor vehicles, along with an exciting exhibitions programme. You can enjoy the splendour of Moorside House where the Mill Manager lived, or visit the Mill-workers' terraced houses dressed to reflect three different time periods.

Moorside Road, Bradford BD2 3HP tel: 01274 435900 www.bradfordmuseums.org



#### Where to Stay?

Staying in the city centre is perfect if you want to be close to major attractions, nightlife and shopping. It also offers great transport links for visiting the wider district. There are several grand hotels in the heart of the city centre, along with a number of modern budget hotels.

Green Flag Award

Peel Park

Spacious Peel Park includes a lake, parkland and terrace, all perfect for informal recreation and guiet contemplation, with the children's play area and skate area ensuring there is something for everyone.

Bolton Road, Bradford, BD2 4BX www.bradforddistrictparks.org



#### The Peace Museum

The Peace Museum highlights the stories of the countless number of people who have worked to bring an end to extremism, conflict, violence and inequality and who have attempted to create understanding, peace and cohesion.

10 Piece Hall Yard, Bradford, BD1 1PJ tel: 01274 780241 www.peacemuseum.org.uk

#### **Bradford Cathedral**

Explore the treasures of this historical gem in the city centre. Look out for William Morris stained glass and sculptures by Flaxman and John Shaw. The cathedral also hosts a busy programme of events throughout the year.

1 Stott Hill, Bradford BD1 4EH tel: 01274 777720 www.bradfordcathedral.org



#### Shopping

If you're in the city centre to shop, then The Broadway Shopping Centre is definitely the best place to start. The city's main shopping centre offers a range of high street brands including Superdry. Marks and Spencer, Next, H&M, Khaadi, HMV and many more.

More high street names can be found at Forster Square Retail Park, near the railway station and at the Kirkgate Centre on Darley Street.

The city centre is also home to a number of quality independents. **An-X** and **Threads** are definitely worth a visit if you're looking for quality men's clothing, while the guirky outlets in Sunbridgewells are ideal for gifts and unique items.

#### Kala Sangam

Kala Sangam is an intercultural arts hub dedicated to bringing high-quality local, national and international artists from a variety of cultural heritages to Bradford city centre. Kala Sangam is the home of music and dance in Bradford, bringing some of the world's best choreographers and composers to the city. The Ganges Theatre also presents performances by local amateur groups and dance schools throughout the year.

St Peter's House, Bradford, BD1 4TY tel: 01274 303340 www.kalasangam.org







#### **Bradford Playhouse**

The Bradford Playhouse is an independent theatre in Bradford offering a diverse programme of theatre, cinema, cabaret and much more.

4-12 Chapel St, Bradford, BD1 5DL tel: 01274 800415 www.bradfordplayhouse.org.uk



#### **Cartwright Hall Art Gallery**

Cartwright Hall is Bradford's civic art gallery and offers an exciting programme of contemporary exhibitions, with four permanent galleries displaying works from Bradford Council's art collections. The collections consist mainly of 19th and 20th century British art, with strong collections of international contemporary prints and contemporary South Asian art and crafts. In 2017 The Hockney Gallery opened, showcasing Bradford's unrivalled public collection of his works. This permanent exhibition includes early work and provides an introduction to his life and art with a particular focus on Yorkshire and Bradford.

Lister Park, Bradford BD9 4NS tel: 01274 431212 www.bradfordmuseums.org

#### **Lister Park**

#### **Green Flag Award**

One of Bradford's largest parks, is situated in the Manningham area of the city. In 2006 it was given the prestigious award of Britain's Best Park, and was also nominated for Best Park in Europe. Visit the Mughal Water Garden, or wander into the lovely Cartwright Hall.

North Park Road, BD9 4NR www.bradforddistrictparks.org





#### Bolling Hall Museum

Bolling Hall is one of Bradford's oldest buildings and was for many years the home of two important landowning families, the Bollings and the Tempests. During the Civil War the household supported the Royalist cause and Bolling Hall was a stronghold during the 'Siege of Bradford'. Nowadays it is a heritage museum with rooms furnished and decorated to give a taste of life at different periods of the house's 500 year history.

Bolling Hall Road, Bradford, BD4 7LP tel: 01274 431826 www.bradfordmuseums.org



TOP TIP

Plan ahead: museums and galleries may require you to book your visit in advance this year



#### **Undercliffe Cemetery**

Undercliffe Cemetery has been described as one of the most striking achievements of Victorian funerary design with grand nineteenth-century monuments, elaborate tombs, finely decorated obelisks and extravagant mausoleums, along with sweeping views over the city. The listed monuments, amongst others, have QR codes so that you can find out more about who they commemorate with a click of your smart phone.

127 Undercliffe Lane, Bradford , BD3 0DW tel: 01274 642276 www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk



#### South Square Centre

South Square Centre is an attractive courtyard of stonemasons' cottages, listed for their historical interest, and now a thriving arts and resource centre. There is a monthly programme of quality contemporary visual art in the main gallery and entry is free.

Thornton Road, Bradford, BD13 3LD tel: 01274 834747 www.southsquarecentre.co.uk

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#### **HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE**

# City Centre Heritage Trail

Bradford boomed during the industrial revolution becoming the wool capital of the world and one of the most important trading centres in the UK. Its industrial and cultural heritage can still be admired today with a fine collection of heritage buildings dotted around the city centre.



#### The Midland Hotel Built: 1885 – 1890

A bold and lavish terminus hotel that is best seen from a distance where the roof detailing can be appreciated. The many famous names who have stayed here include Laurel and Hardy, The Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

Forster Square, Cheapside, Bradford, BD1 4HU



#### Bradford Cathedral Built: 1400 – 1965

The cathedral dates largely from the 15th century, incorporating a 14th century nave arcade. The parish church was given cathedral status in 1919 and the east end remodelled and extended in 1954-63 by Sir Edward Maufe. It contains some fine stained glass from the William Morris workshop (1862) and other valuable monuments and fittings.

1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH



#### St. George's Hall Built: 1851 – 1853

Built in 1851-53 and the first major public building by Lockwood and Mawson. It is a truly grand building, designed as a classical temple on a podium. Its large concert and meeting hall could seat 4000, some of the notable people to appear here were Ruskin, Palmerston, Jenny Lind, Captain Webb and Charles Dickens. The building underwent major refurbishment works in 2019.

Bridge St, Bradford, BD1 1JT



Bradford City Hall Built: 1873 – 1908

One of Bradford's most distinctive buildings, designed to rival the new town halls of Leeds and Halifax. The original building, with its 'Italianate' clock tower, was opened in 1873 and was designed by Bradford architects Lockwood and Mawson. The upper parts of the elevations contain 35 statues of Kings and Queens of England.

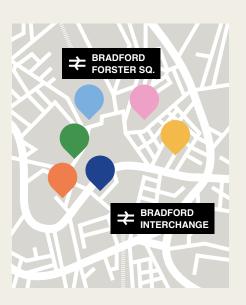
Bridge St, Bradford, BD1 1JT



#### Wool Exchange Built: 1864 – 1867

The Wool Exchange symbolises the great wealth and importance which Bradford had gained from the wool trade by the mid-19th century. It was completed in 1867 to the design of Lockwood and Mawson. It is ornate 'Venetian Gothic' in style with very decorative roof parapets and pinnacles.

#### Hustlergate, Bradford BD1 1BL



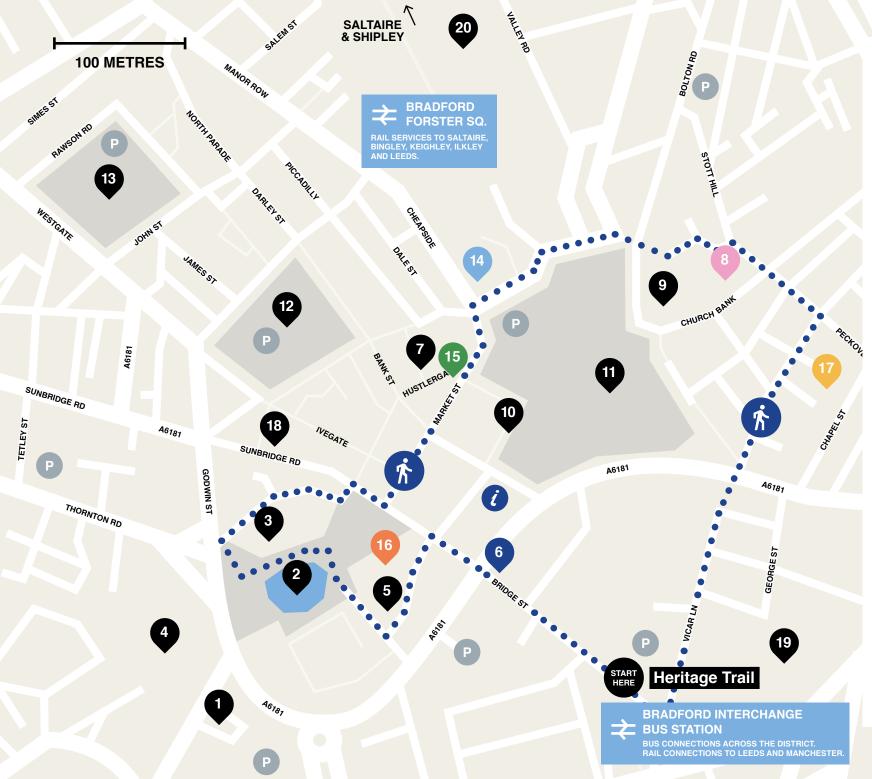


A compact area of late Victorian warehouses and offices built on a steep slope with a highly distinctive character. Here merchants could store and sell their goods in their own private premises, rather than through the exchanges. This vast area was developed between 1855 and 1890 and is full of tall, high quality buildings, producing some fine streetscapes.

Bradford, BD1

Little Germany

Built: 1855 – 1890



#### **Bradford City Centre**

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#### **ITINERARY**

# A Day in Bradford

With so much to explore in the city centre it helps to have a little structure, so we've put together a guide to help you plan a perfect day in Bradford.



Take the heritage trail around the city centre; the short walk will help you get your bearings and allow you to take in some of Bradford's superb architecture including City Hall, Little Germany and Bradford Cathedral. The trail finishes at the Wool Exchange, giving you the perfect excuse to head into Waterstones for some coffee and cake. Alternatively you could pop over the road to Broadway for some retail therapy.





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Lunch

Curry for lunch? Why not? Head up Leeds Road or Great Horton Road to sample a huge range of Asian restaurants, diners and cafés. If curry is not your thing then you will find a number of great places to grab lunch around Broadway, Market Street, Hustlergate and Bank Street. If you are in that part of town pay a visit to the **Peace Museum**. an anti-war museum, with exhibits on peace and social reform.



No trip to Bradford would be complete without a visit to the **National Science and Media Museum** (NSMM). With permanent and temporary exhibitions spread across several galleries, there's enough variety to appeal to all ages and interests. Not to mention the IMAX and Pictureville cinemas. Alternatively travel out of town to Cartwright Hall to explore the Mughal Garden and see the David Hockney Gallery.



#### Checklist

Explore the Wonderlab maze at NSMM Follow the Pelican Trail at Bradford Ca Admire the Wool Exchange Take in City Hall at dusk

Find the grandad's clock in Little Germany



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Evening

Check out the fantastic bars and restaurants around Bradford's Top of Town including North Parade. Take a stroll around City Park and see the colourful water fountains before heading into Sunbridgewells to explore Bradford's 'Underground Quarter'. The complex is just a stone's throw from The Alhambra theatre and St George's Hall where you can take in a high class show or live music and comedy from international touring acts. Alternatively pay a visit to the Light Cinema on Broadway to watch the latest blockbuster movie in comfort and style.

1	Go underground at Sunbridgewells
thedral	See the water fountain at City Park
	Whizz around the Bradford Ice Rink
	Spot the Giant Boar on Ivegate

#### History

Sir Titus Salt rose from modest beginnings to become one of the country's most successful industrialists, leaving this fine village as his legacy. Lockwood and Mawson designed the entire village in a classical style, inspired by the Italian Renaissance.





#### UNESCO World Heritage Site

Saltaire is celebrating 20 years as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a period that has seen it blossom into a renowned cultural destination. Events including The Saltaire Arts Trail and Living Advent Calendar contribute to a thriving arts scene while the annual Saltaire Festival attracts thousands of visitors every September.

#### CLOSE BY

#### Shipley & Baildon

Saltaire is within walking distance of both Shipley and Baildon, where you will find plenty of places to eat, drink, shop and stay. Shipley sits right next to Saltaire and offers fantastic transport links, an open market and various attractions including a swimming pool and bowling alley. Up the hill, Baildon has a small town centre that includes a number of pubs, restaurants and cafés. It also leads onto Baildon Moor, which is great for walking with some fantastic view points.

## VISIT FOR

Amazing arts
 Heritage buildings
 Wonderful scenery
 Independent traders

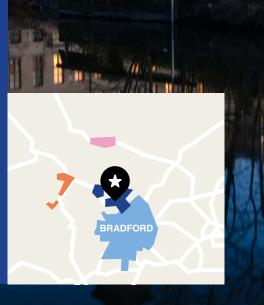
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#### ABOUT

# Saltaire

Saltaire takes it name from its founder, Sir Titus Salt and the River Aire, which runs through the village. Thanks to its preservation as a model village, Saltaire was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001.

Visit for spectacular architecture independent shops and restaurants. There is world class art on display at Salts Mill with one of the largest collections of David Hockney's, and all surrounded by countryside and moors.





#### Salts Mill and 1853 Gallery

Salts Mill is home to one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art. The 1853 Gallery located on the ground floor, houses a permanent exhibition of over 300 works by Hockney, demonstrating the large range of styles and techniques used by the Bradford-born artist . Continue through the mill onto the second and third floors where you will find 'The Arrival of Spring' by David Hockney - a 49-part detailed study of the changing seasons in Woldgate, near Bridlington, East Yorkshire and People & Process where objects and images take visitors through the history of Salts.

Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire, West Yorkshire BD18 3LA (Sat Nav Code BD17 7EF) tel: 01274 531163 www.saltsmill.org.uk

#### Where to Stay?

Staying in Saltaire or Shipley is perfect for anyone looking for a mix of restaurants, good transport links and enjoyable walks. There are a couple of hotels within walking distance and a range of B&B's and self-catering accommodation.





#### Grabbing a coffee

Café culture is thriving in Saltaire, head to Bingley Road where you'll find, **The Quaffery** and **Tambourine Coffee** and more, or take a stroll down Victoria Road towards **Nordish** and the iconic **Salts Diner**.

#### Roberts Park Green Flag Award Yorkshire in Bloom Gold

Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire, Roberts Park has a brilliant play area and skate park, as well as a beautiful bandstand where concerts are staged throughout the summer months. Come down for a stroll or relax on the grass and soak up the atmosphere.



Higher Coach Road, BD17 7LU www.bradforddistrictparks.org





#### Shipley Glen Tramway

The Shipley Glen Cable Tramway is the oldest working cable tramway in Great Britain. The quarter of a mile long ride through gentle woodland provides a pleasant alternative to the steep path. Passengers can also visit the museum and sweet shop at either end.

Prod Lane, Baildon, Shipley, BD17 5BN www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk





#### Shipley Glen

Shipley Glen is a lovely sloped area of woodland, rocks and heather that connects Saltaire with Baildon Moor, and makes for a great afternoon of exploration for the whole family.

Glen Road, Shipley, BD17 5EA

#### Food & Drink

At the end of the day, why not relax with a nice drink at one of Saltaire and Shipley's highly regarded and multi-award winning pubs, ale houses, and bars, including gems such as **Caroline Street Social Club**, **Fanny's Ale House**, **Cap and Collar**, **Beehive**, **Saltaire Brewery** and many, many more!

If you're looking to eat out, why not try Salt Bar & Kitchen, Waterside, Don't Tell Titus, The Terrace, or The Boathouse. If you're staying locally, there are many great takeaways, like Jinnah Bistro or Shimla Spice, amongst others.



# Saltaire United Reformed Church

A Grade-I listed building in the heart of Saltaire, the United Reformed Church is a site to behold. Completed in 1859 the church is an outstanding example of Italianate religious architecture. Sir Titus Salt is interred in the mausoleum.

Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LF www.saltaireurc.org.uk

#### TOP TIP

Looking for live music? Check out the The Live Room at Caroline Social Club to get your feet tapping.





#### Saltaire Cricket Club

Saltaire Cricket Club dates back to 1869, and still play their games at Robert's Park to this day. Take part in history and the support the club during the local cricket season, which runs from April to September – a lovely way to spend a day soaking up the sun!

Higher Coach Road, Baildon, BD17 7LU tel: 01274 787908 www.saltaire.play-cricket.com

#### **Northcliffe Woods**

The woods were given to the public for recreation in 1920, and have been a well maintained green space, that can be enjoyed by the whole family, ever since. The area changes with the seasons so well worth more than one visit a year.

Northcliffe Park, Shipley, BD18 3DB www.bradforddistrictparks.org









#### Leeds Liverpool Canal

Saltaire makes for the perfect entrance point to the Leeds Liverpool Canal, a stretch of waterway surrounded by wonderful scenery, wildlife and cute places to visit.

If you're confident on a bike it opens up even more possibilities, putting you in reach of places like Skipton and Leeds. Just be sure to bring some repair kits just in case!

#### Shopping

Saltaire has a surprisingly varied retail offering for such a small place, with a number of specialist outlets and boutique shops.

This is thanks largely to the impressive **Salts Mill** building which houses a number of excellent retailers including **Early Music Shop**, and **All Terrain Cycles**.

Elsewhere in Saltaire visit Victoria Road for some fabulous vintage and homeware stores including Radstudio, Giddy Arts and the Saltaire Vintage Shop.

Further up the hill you will find a range of independent shops on **Bingley Road** selling quality fashion, jewellery and unusual gifts.



#### Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre, located on the edge of Baildon Moor, was established in 1981. Visitors are encouraged to investigate, explore and relate to the local natural history, archaeology, and social history through displays, themed activities and a wildlife garden.



Glen Road, Baildon, BD17 5EA www.baildontowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre



#### **Bingley Five Rise Locks**

Bingley Five Rise Locks are one of the most spectacular features on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. They are the steepest staircase locks in the country and feature in the seven wonders of the waterways. The locks boast stunning views of the Aire Valley and there is a cafe and a private mooring site for boats waiting for you at the top. A little further down the towpath are the Three Rise Locks. Together they form a very popular spot to ride your bike, take a walk or enjoy a spot of fishing.

Beck Lane, Bingley BD16 4DS www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



#### Myrtle Park Parkrun

Myrtle Park is home to some of Bradford's most popular events, including the Bingley Show. There is also a host of leisure facilities including fishing, bowls, tennis and a play area.

Myrtle Grove, Bingley, BD16 2LQ www.bradforddistrictparks.org

#### **Bingley Arts Centre**

Bingley Arts Centre is a flexible community-run event space in the centre of Bingley. The centre hosts variety of live music, theatre, beer festivals and seasonal events and is home to Bingley Little Theatre.

Main Street, Bingley, BD16 2LZ www.bingleyartscentre.co.uk





#### St. Ives Estate

The St. Ives Estate is a wonderful country park with woodlands and paths throughout. The Adventure Playground is a fantastic feature for the children, and Coppice Pond offers both fishing opportunities, and a chance to feed the ducks.

St Ives Estate, Harden, BD16 1AT www.bradforddistrictparks.org



#### WALKING AROUND

# Saltaire

Saltaire is a gateway to lots of fabulous walks and green spaces, including Shipley Glen, Baildon Moor, Roberts Parks, and Leeds Liverpool Canal – just to name a few. If you're looking to get out and about, these walks and cycle routes will get you off on the right foot.

#### Landmarks

- 1 Roberts Park
- 5 Victoria Hall

6 Shipley Glen

Tramway

7 The Old Glen House

Countryside Centre

Bracken Hall

- 2 Bradford Amateur Rowing Club
- 3 Saltaire United Reformed Church
- 4 Salts Mill

#### Routes



A gentle walk suitable for all ages. Can be done on foot or on bike, and is a great way to take in Saltaire and a stretch of the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

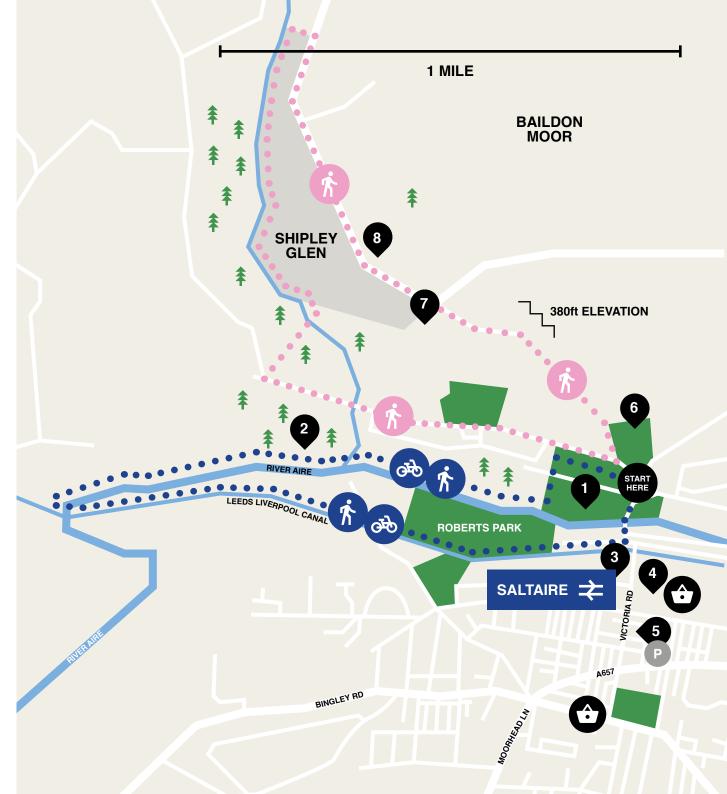
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Distance: 2.4 miles Time: 1 hour



A scenic walk with some rough terrain and an initial climb up to Shipley Glen from Saltaire.

Distance: 3.8 miles Time: 2 hours

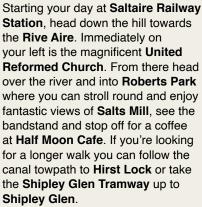


#### **ITINERARY**

# A Day in Saltaire

Make the most of your time in Saltaire and take in everything the area has to offer with our handy itinerary guide.







#### Lunch

Heading back up Victoria Road there are a number of bars. cafés and coffee shops to grab some lunch in the heart of Saltaire. Many of them offer fantastic views of Victoria Hall and Salts Mill. If you are in the area make sure you explore the boutique shops along Victoria Road and up onto Bingley Road for some unique finds.



#### Afternoon

You can't visit Saltaire without a look around Salts Mill and it's worth giving yourself a good few hours as there's plenty to see! The Mill houses three separate gallery spaces including the **1853 Gallery**, displaying a large number of David Hockney's paintings, etchings, and drawings. There's also a large bookshop, a diner, restaurant and several specialist shops within the mill.



Head up to Bingley Road where you will find several high quality restaurants and bistros including The Terrace. Jinnah Bistro and La Rue. Any of these would be a great choice for an evening meal and there are several bars close by if you want to enjoy a few drinks afterwards. Craft beer fans should pay a visit to Salt Beer Factory where you can sample a range of top quality beers brewed on the premises. If you're in the mood for some live music be sure to look out for The Live Room shows at Caroline Street Social Club.



#### Checklist



#### History

Ilkley rose to fame as a Spa town in the nineteenth-century when thousands – including Charles Darwin – visited for fresh air, good food and the lively social scene. The town is characterised by Victorian architecture with wide streets and floral displays. Grand hydro hotels were developed and wealthy visitors arrived by coach to 'take the waters' at White Wells.





#### Walking and Cycling

Ilkley is incredibly popular with walkers and cyclists thanks to its stunning scenery and challenging terrain. The climb to the famous Cow and Calf Rocks is one of the most popular climbs in the district and has featured in countless races over the years including the Tour de Yorkshire in 2015 and 2018. The town is famous for its moor and you'll find fantastic countryside and walks for all abilities on your doorstep including the picturesque riverside and park.

#### **CLOSE BY**

#### The Yorkshire Dales

Ilkley is a fantastic base for anyone heading up to the Yorkshire Dales, with popular destinations including Buckden, Malham, and Grassington all within a short drive or cycle away. It is also the official starting point of the Dales Way trial, an 84 mile walking trail which runs all the way up to Bowness-on-Windermere. The impressive Bolton Abbey estate is just six miles away.

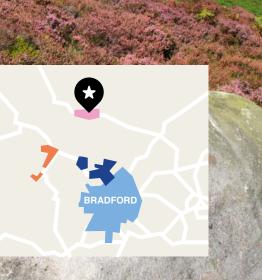
#### VISIT FOR

Elegant streets
 Shopping and dining
 Exhilarating outdoors
 Spectacular views

#### ABOUT

# Ilkley

The picturesque town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself. There are excellent restaurants and independent shops selling everything from gifts to vintage clothes and books. Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Bettys Cafe and Tea Rooms, relaxing strolls along the riverbank and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland.





#### Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf

On Ilkley Moor there are carvings thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC. There are 400 known 'cup and ring' carved stones across the moors, and their purpose remains a mystery to this day. Features like this make the moor a fascinating place, and a wonderful walk at all times of the year. From **White Wells** to the **Cow and Calf**, there's plenty to see – particularly in late July when the heathers bloom.

High on Ilkley Moor the Cow and Calf Rocks are a large rock formation consisting of an outcrop and boulder, also known as Hangingstone Rocks.

According to local legend, the Calf was split from the Cow when the giant Rombald was fleeing an enemy, and stamped on the rock as he leapt across the valley. The enemy, it is rumoured, was his angry wife. She dropped the stones held in her skirt to form the local rock formation The Skirtful of Stones.

The rocks are a great place to climb and the moor offers spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RF www.ilkleymoor.org

#### White Wells

Originally built around 1700 as an open air spa on the moor, and still operates today for those that would like to take the plunge. For those that want to stay dry, the cottage, café and museum display make for a lovely stop on a trip around the moor.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RF



#### **Ilkley** Lido

If you don't mind the chill then take the plunge at one of the country's few remaining outdoor pools. With plenty of space for sunbathing and picnics, there's a real seaside atmosphere in summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0BZ tel: 01943 436201 www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities

#### TOP TIP

There are lots of places to take a paddle around Ilkley, so bring a swimsuit and towel with you just in case you take a dip!





#### **Ilkley Playhouse**

Ilkley Playhouse is and independent theatre hosting a range of live amateur theatre and other arts activities. It also hosts community arts events such as the Ilkley Film Society and the Ilkley Literature Festival.

Weston Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DW tel: 01943 609539 www.ilkleyplayhouse.co.uk

#### Where to Stay?



#### Ilkley Manor House

Ilkley Manor House is one of Ilkley's oldest buildings, with parts dating back to the mid-14th century. It is now used as a museum, arts and heritage centre. Self-guided tours of the historic building are available, along with an interpretation panel of the Roman fort.

Castle Yard, Ilkley, LS29 9DT tel: 07480 064142 www.ilkleymanorhouse.org





#### King's Hall & Winter Garden

King's Hall boasts a traditional theatre and an adjacent glass roofed spa Winter Garden. With a packed schedule for all the family, it is a wonderful location to enjoy must-see music concerts, inspiring talks and local amateur groups.

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB tel: 01274 432000 www.bradford-theatres.co.uk

#### **Ilkley Toy Museum**

TOP TIP

Electric vehicle charging

points are located across the

district, find out more at

www.ev.engie.co.uk

(free until 29 Oct 2021)

Ilkley Toy Museum is a small independent museum containing one of the finest private collections of toys in the North of England. The many exhibits feature dolls, dolls houses, teddy bears, tin plate toys, lead figures and a selection of games together with wooden and paper toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley, LS29 9HR tel: 01943 603855 www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk





#### **Riverside Gardens**

Ilkley Riverside Gardens sits adjacent to the River Wharfe which runs through Ilkley town centre. The gardens are an ideal place to relax, walk along the river, go fishing, feed the ducks or play with the kids on the fantastic play equipment.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU





#### Ilkley Cinema

Ilkley Cinema is a boutique indie cinema with luxurious sofa seating and a fully licensed bar. The cinema shows a mixture of indie films, special screenings and arts cinema alongside the latest blockbusters. Enjoy hot food delivered to your seat in the auditorium and a wide selection of alcoholic and soft drinks.

46A Leeds Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DP tel: 01943 660007 www.ilkleycinema.co.uk



#### Shopping

Ilkley is also a shopper's paradise with a lovely mix of independent shops and favourite high street names.

Spend an afternoon exploring the shops which can be found between **The Grove** and **Brook Street**.

Ilkley has some beautiful shops ranging from elegant gifts, cards and home accessories to designer clothes and shoes. Famous for its pretty tree-lined streets and traditional shop fronts, shopping in Ilkley is always a fantastic experience with plenty of superb cafés and restaurants close by where you can stop for a break.

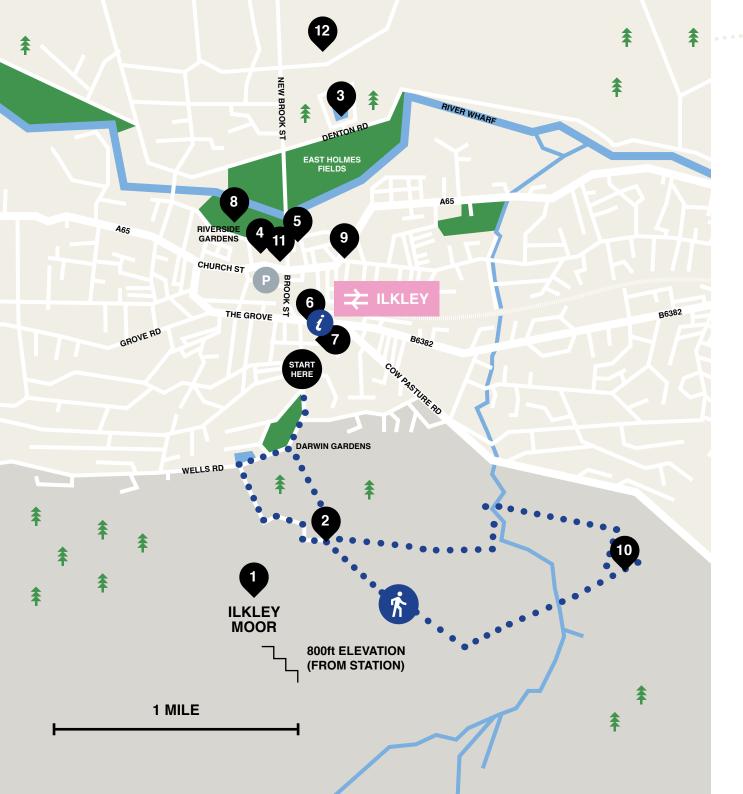
#### Food & Drink

With Michelin standard restaurants, artisan bakeries and everything in between spread around a compact town centre, Ilkley is well established as a Yorkshire foodie hotspot.

Established favourite's **Bettys** and **The Box Tree** are perfect for special occasions and remain as popular as ever. While the town now has a growing international restaurant scene including American, Italian, Spanish and Turkish restaurants amongst others.

Given its location on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, Ilkley also delivers up some fantastic local fayre with a range of British restaurants, bistros and gastropubs. Ilkley is also a great place to go out for a drink with a variety of quality pubs and bars serving up local ales, craft beers, wines and cocktails.





#### WALKING AROUND

# Ilkley

Ilkley is a popular haven for walkers thanks to the attractive moorland and wonderful views over the surrounding countryside. It's a beautiful place with pretty heather and a myriad of different footpaths to follow.

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1	Ilkley Moor	7	The Toy Museum
2	White Wells	8	Riverside Gardens
3	llkley Lido	9	Ilkley Cinema
4	Ilkley Manor House	10	Cow and Calf
5	Ilkley Playhouse	11	All Saints' Parish Church
6	King's Hall and Winter Garden	12	Middleton Woods



A walk that takes in the iconic White Wells, the moor, and Cow and Calf rock formation, giving you a great overview of what Ilkley has to offer in amazing scenery. This walk is quite steep and includes some rough terrain, so is suitable for walkers without access requirements.

Distance: 4 miles

Time: 2 – 3 hours



There is a regular rail service to llkley from Leeds and Bradford. Bus services connect llkley with local towns and villages. For more details go to: **www.wymetro.com** 

#### ITINERARY

# A Day in Ilkley

Ilkley offers a fantastic day out with scenic walks, fabulous food & drink and some superb shopping all accessible from this pretty former spa town.



Beat the crowds and head off early to climb the mighty **Cow and Calf Rocks**. The rocks offer spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond and are easily accessible by footpath. It is possible to walk to the rocks from Ilkley but most visitors will drive and use the adjacent car park. There's a café next to the car park and a pub over the road if you need refreshments. Alternatively go for a morning dip at **Ilkley Lido**, one of the UK's best outdoor pools.





Lunch

You are spoilt for choice for lunch options in Ilkley with several top quality cafés and bistros all within a five minute walk of the town centre. The likley Café Company, Toast House and Daniel's Café & Bistro are all ideal for a tasty lunch while there's always afternoon tea at The Little Teahouse for the traditional spa town experience. Walk it off or enjoy a picnic in **Darwin Gardens** where vou will find the Millennium Maze. The gardens are only a few minutes' walk from the town centre and have fine views of the famous **Ilkley Moor**, which directly overlooks the site.

#### Afternoon

Head down the hill from **Darwin Gardens** and you will stumble across **Ilkley Toy Museum**, perfect for a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Afterwards enjoy some quality shopping on the elegant tree lined streets of The Grove and Brook Street where you will discover a fantastic mix of quality independents and upmarket boutiques.

At the foot of **Brook Street** is **Ilkley Manor House**, a medieval Grade 1 listed building that is open to the public as an attractive arts and heritage centre. Directly behind the Manor House is **Ilkley Riverside Gardens**. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the park and along the river to the Riverside pub.



Enjoy a memorable evening meal in one of Yorkshire's most renowned and iconic restaurants. the Box Tree. Alternatively, take your pick from several top restaurants and food pubs in the town centre. Make sure you make a reservation in advance as llkley is a popular destination with diners! For evening entertainment King's Hall & Winter Gardens host a wide range of events including family shows, must-see music concerts, inspiring talks and performing arts. If that doesn't take your fancy enjoy the latest films in style at **Ilkley Cinema**, a luxury picture house kitted out with comfy sofas and a bar.

#### Checklist



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#### VISIT FOR

Brontë connections
Iconic Main Street
Inspiring landscapes
Quirky museums

#### ABOUT Haworth & Brontë Country

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Home of the famous Brontë sisters, Haworth attracts visitors from all around the world to take in the sites that inspired their famous works. With its historic cobbled Main Street, historic parsonage and epic rolling moors, the picturesque village of Haworth has a very special vintage charm that has made it a popular visitor attraction for many years. As well as its literary significance, Haworth is also making a name for itself as a haven for independent businesses.



#### History

On the edge of the Pennines, the Haworth known by the Brontës was a working village, producing worsted yarn and cloth. However the village was soon to become a site of literary pilgrimage, the Brontë Society was founded in 1893 and visitors have made their way to this iconic location ever since.





#### Literary Landscape

Haworth is a popular destination for walkers with some stunning scenery and historic walks. Away from the village itself you have the rugged and breathtaking Pennine countryside. You can undertake the Brontë Way, a way marked trail linking the key locations associated with the Brontë family, or try some of the shorter walks starting out from Haworth. Take time to explore the quiet network of country roads and paths across the brooding moorland.

#### **CLOSE BY**

#### Keighley

Nearby Keighley has a plenty of attractions and is well worth a stop off on your visit to Haworth. Look out for the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, Cliffe Castle Museum and Park, National Trust property East Riddlesden Hall and Rail Story at Ingrow. There are also plenty of opportunities to shop in Keighley and the popular Cavendish Street is a good place to start for local independent shops. The Airedale Shopping Centre also has lots to offer with its high street names.



#### Brontë Parsonage Museum

Set between the unique village of Haworth, and the wild moorland beyond, this elegant Georgian house was home to Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë from 1820 to 1861. The house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time with the rooms they once used filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions.

Church Street, Haworth BD22 8DR tel: 01535 642323 www.bronte.org.uk



#### Where to Stay?

Staying in Haworth is perfect if you're looking to enjoy some stunning scenery, walks on the moors and feeling like you've gone back in time on the historic cobbled streets. Whether it's a friendly B&B or a cosy cottage, you'll find lots of choice in and around Haworth for a short stay.

#### Food & Drink

Haworth has a large selection of food and drink venues that cater to all kinds of visitors, including Haworth Steam Brewing Co., The Hawthorn, Haworth Old Hall, Hunters of Haworth, The King's Arms, Mill Hey Brew House, Cobbles and Clay, and The Fleece Inn, amongst others.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Haworth is the world's first Fairtrade Village and Bradford district is now a Fairtrade Zone.

#### **Haworth Main Street**

No visit to Haworth is complete without a stroll up the iconic cobbled Main Street. The street is lined with an eclectic and inviting range of shops, cafés and pubs in a beautiful setting, just remember the hill is steep so take it steady.

Main Street, Haworth, BD22 8DP

#### Shopping

Haworth offers a memorable shopping experience with a fine array of independent shops lining the steeply cobbled **Main Street**. There you can pick up everything from vintage clothing and jewellery, specialist books, heritage souvenirs, original art and traditional sweets.

Be sure to also check out the Cabinet of Curiosities, Hawksbys Gallery and Modo & Co.

In Keighley, **The Airedale Shopping Centre** is home to a number of high street retailers while **Cavendish Street** and **The Royal Arcade** are the place to go for boutique businesses including the excellent **Aire Valley Guitars** and **Blue Ginger Boutique**.





#### **Top Withens**

Top Withens is a ruined farmhouse near Haworth, which is said to have been the inspiration for Wuthering Heights, the novel by Emily Brontë. The ruin lies on the Pennine Way and is a popular walking destination from Haworth and Stanbury. Such is the attraction to Japanese literary tourists that some footpath signs in the area include directions in Japanese.

#### Hebden Bridge, HX7 7AX



Haworth to Top Withens is a 9 mile circular walk, so it's best enjoyed as a full day's activity in some comfortable boots!



#### Central Park

Haworth's Central Park is the perfect place to relax or go for a stroll. It's pretty flower garden, play area and bowls are popular with locals and visitors, while the recently refurbished bandstand hosts occasional live performances. The park has held the coveted Green Flag award since 2006.

Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8RA www.bradforddistrictparks.org



#### **Rail Story**

Located at Ingrow Station, explore The Carriage Works and their collection of beautifully restored railway carriages, many of which have been used in TV and film productions. Next door, The Engine Shed provides an insight into the history of steam locomotives.

South Street, Ingrow, Keighley, BD21 5AV www.railstory.co.uk

#### Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

The KWVR heritage railway runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë Country. Board a vintage steam train and enjoy a five mile journey steeped in industrial heritage and the beautiful countryside immortalised by the Brontë sisters.

The Railway Station, Station Road, Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8NJ tel: 01535 645214 www.kwvr.co.uk



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#### **Cliffe Castle Museum**

Set within a grand public park, this former mansion house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays These include Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings and decorative art. Special galleries deal with natural history, archaeology and social history.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH tel: 01535 618231 www.bradfordmuseums.org



Green Flag Award Yorkshire in Bloom Platinum Site Accreditation



The recently restored Cliffe Castle Park is well worth exploring with plenty to see including marble fountains, a pond, ornamental Victorian rockwork, glasshouses and terraces and a very popular children's play area. A number of original park features have been recreated including the glasshouse and vineries. There's also a new aviary and small animal house.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH www.bradforddistrictparks.org



#### The Picture House

Opened in 1912, The Picture House in Keighley offers a more vintage experience with a main downstairs auditorium seating about 300 and a smaller upstairs auditorium that seats about 90.

132 North St, Keighley, BD21 3AF tel: 01535 602561 www.keighley.nm-cinemas.co.uk

#### East Riddlesden Hall

A National Trust owned 17th century manor house containing a mixture of 17th - 19th century furniture. The intimate gardens include lots of natural play areas for families to enjoy.

Bradford Road, Riddlesden, Keighley, BD20 5EL tel: 01535 607075 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

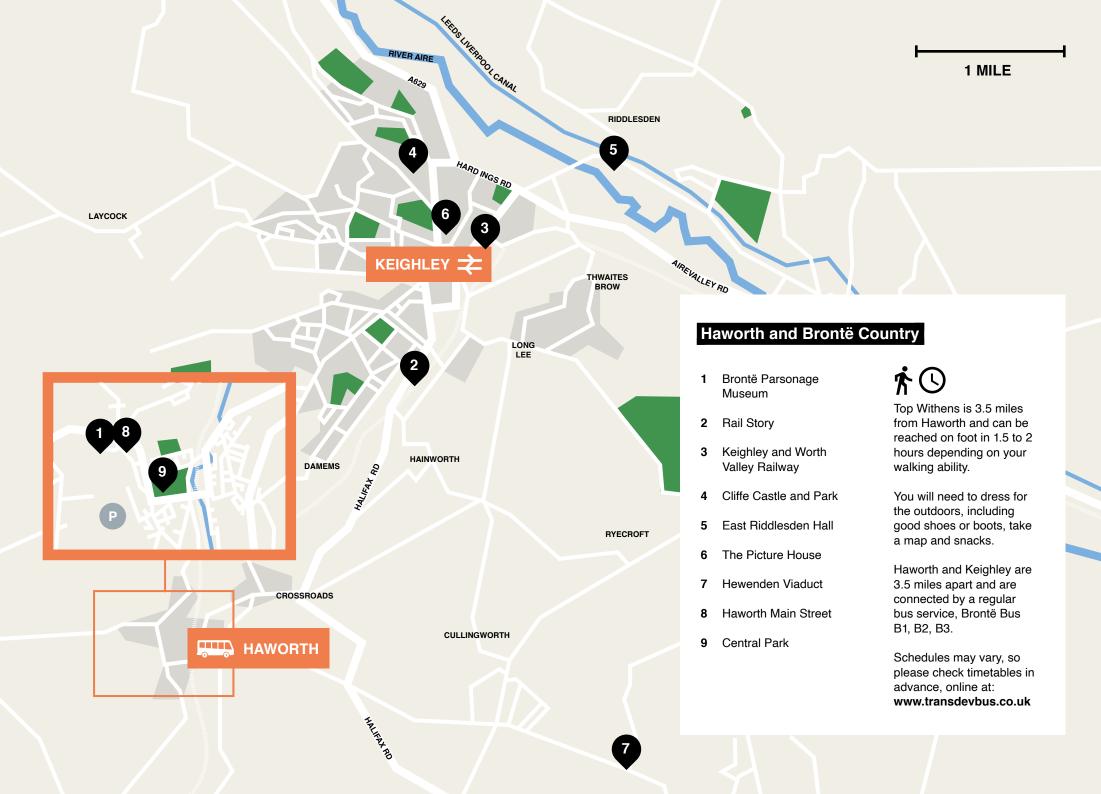


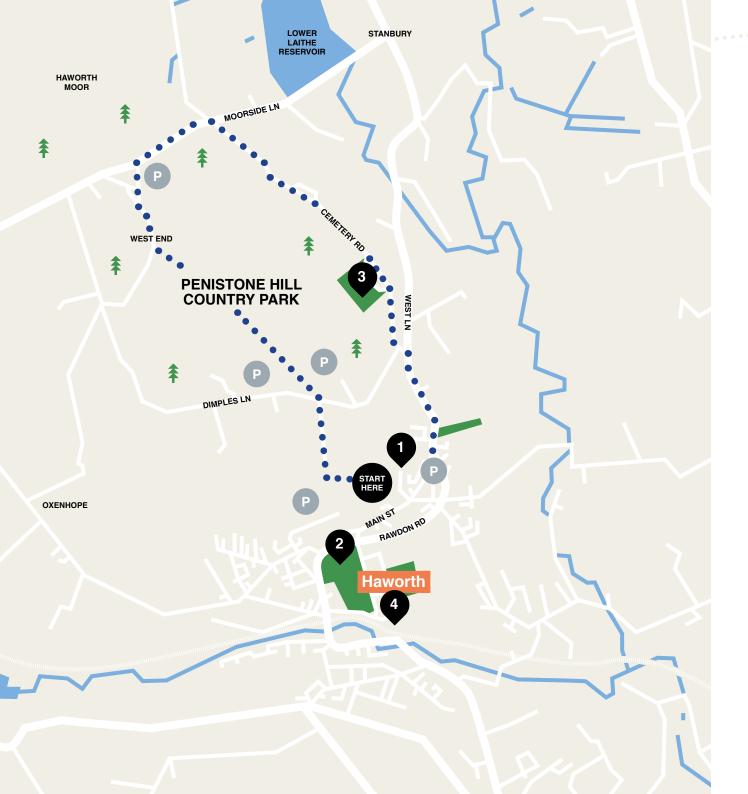


#### **Hewenden Viaduct**

The viaduct is found on part of the Great Northern Railway Trail (Route 69) walking route, and makes for a great day out walking – especially when combined with the nearby reservoir.

Hewenden Viaduct, Cullingworth, Bradford, BD13 5BP





#### WALKING AROUND

## Brontë Country

Brontë Country covers the area of moors south of Keighley and Haworth. It is an area of vast moors, deep valleys and big open skies, with plenty of routes for keen ramblers and less experienced walkers to enjoy.

#### Landmarks

- 1 Brontë Parsonage Museum
- 2 Central Park
- 3 Haworth Cemetery
- 4 Haworth Station, Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

#### Routes



An easy 1.5 mile walk through the Penistone Hill Country Park suitable for all the family. Set amongst the rolling hills of the Upper Worth Valley this walk offers fantastic views of Haworth Moor and across Lower Laithe Reservoir. This former quarry has lots to discover and gives a hint to the areas industrial past. Please take care while exploring and keep children supervised.

Distance: 1.5 miles Time: 2 hours



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#### ITINERARY

## A Day in Haworth and Keighley

Spend an eventful day in Haworth and Keighley, following the footsteps of the Brontë's, exploring historic sites and enjoying some fantastic food and shopping.



#### Morning

Arrive in Haworth in style by taking the **KWVR Steam Train** from Keighley. The heritage railway passes through beautiful Worth Valley countryside and offers a rare chance to experience history. From the railway station you can take a short cut through **Central Park** to reach **Haworth Main Street**. Head to the top of the street, where you will find **The Brontë Parsonage**, the Brontës former home which is now an excellent museum.



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Lunch

Heading back down the Main Street there are plenty of places to pick up a quirky souvenir or handmade gift, with dozens of quality independent shops including **Hawksbys**, **Wave of Nostalgia** and **Pretty Penny**. Pick from one of the many fantastic cafés, bistros and cosy pubs on **Haworth Main Street** and enjoy a laid back lunch whilst admiring the view down the cobbles and across the valley. Perhaps even try your hand at a Brontë inspired poem or revisit their classic literature in the surroundings that inspired them.



#### Afternoon

Give yourself a good 2 -3 hours to explore the landscapes that inspired the Brontës. Beginning near **St. Michael and All Angels' church**, walk up to the Brontë waterfalls then further up the moorlands to **Top Withens**, the supposed setting of Wuthering Heights. Head back towards **Keighley**, and pay a visit to the historic **East Riddlesden Hall** and **Cliffe Castle Museum** and gardens.



There are lots of places to enjoy on an evening out in **Keighley**. Pay a visit to **The Lord Rodney**, one of Keighley's oldest pubs, where you can enjoy a pint of local brew Timothy Taylor's Landlord. For fans of curry the award-winning **Shimla Spice** is one of the best restaurants in the district or alternatively give **Amici Ristorante** or **Santoni Osteria** a try for top Italian food.



#### Checklist



**OUT & ABOUT** 

## Cycle City

Having staged the Tour de France, Tour de Yorkshire and the UCI World Championships over the past five years, Bradford is rightly recognised as a superb destination for cycling enthusiasts. It's also fantastic for families and casual cyclists with a fine mix of hills, flat routes, towpaths, off-road trails and dedicated cycle paths.





#### Cycle Paths

Running from Shipley to Bradford city centre, the 3.2 mile Canal Road Greenway is a great traffic free commuter route into Bradford as well as offering leisure access to the Leeds-Liverpool Canal.

Heading out of the city centre the 2 mile City Park to Bowling Park route provides traffic free cycle paths and over the busy Manchester Road using the iconic red bridge which was commissioned by Sustrans, using funding from the BIG lottery.

#### Family Friendly

The Aire Valley Greenway Towpath Route connecting Keighley, Bingley, Saltaire and Shipley along the Leeds-Liverpool Canal offers flat, traffic free cycling suitable for families.

Join the Great Northern Railway Trail at Cullingworth for a short family friendly ride across the impressive Grade II listed Hewenden Viaduct.



#### Long Routes

If you're up for a challenge, why not try re-tracing the Tour de Yorkshire route? After the phenomenal reception that greeted the Tour de France Grand Depart in 2014. Bradford has since hosted stages of the Tour de Yorkshire and 2019 UCI World Championships. You can recreate the experience by following the challenging route through Oxenhope to the top of Haworth Main Street then on through Silsden, Addingham and Ilkley.

#### Off Road

One of the oldies but goodies in the Bradford area is the Bingley Bash. It's quick, varied and gives you the chance to see some great Yorkshire countryside, taking in views of St Ives, Harden Moor, Cullingworth, and Wilsden. If you've got 2 - 3 hrs to spare you can bomb around here with a big smile on your face! The route (which has lots of variations) uses some public bridleways which are also popular with horse riders and walkers so ride responsibly and legally, giving walkers priority.

#### USEFUL INFORMATION

## Where to Stay

There are so many different places to stay in and around Bradford, which offer you the chance to fully explore everything on offer. You can escape the hustle and bustle and simply enjoy the peaceful countryside of llkley and Brontë Country, take in the rich heritage in the cosmopolitan city of Bradford or have the unique experience of staying in a World Heritage Site. Not only do we have a variety of locations to suit all tastes we also have a fantastic array of places to stay. From luxury serviced apartments and five star log cabins to comfortable B&B's and cosy cottages.



#### **Brontë Connections**

Try Ponden Hall, this historic hall is said to be the inspiration for Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights, or enjoy a luxurious stay at Ashmount Country House - this elegant Victorian house was built by the Brontë's family doctor, Dr Ingham. Over in Thornton, birthplace of the Brontës, book in at welcoming Ashtree House Bed and Breakfast and pay a visit to the Brontë Birthplace – now a cafe.



#### **Great for Families**

Relax and enjoy family time together. With space for all the family, Hewenden Mill Cottages, Cullingworth have everything you need to enjoy a family break together. With interconnecting family suites, the Midland Hotel, Bradford is in the perfect location to get out and explore the city. If you're on a budget look no further than YHA Haworth. The Victorian home of a local mill owner, this friendly Youth Hostel now welcomes travellers from all over the world.



#### Step Outside

Leave your car behind and head straight out into the fresh air. Beautiful Bracken Hall House is located on Shipley Glen, start your day with a hearty breakfast before heading out on one of the many walks and cycle routes on your doorstep. Weavers Guest House on Haworth Main Street is just a short step from the inspirational Brontë moors. Other options include the welcoming Pickersgill Manor Farm at Silsden or for a unique experience, book a Mongolian Yurt at Upwood Holiday Park just outside Haworth.





#### Characterful Inns and Pubs

From historic to contemporary there is a wealth of choice across the district. In the centre of Haworth, Haworth Old Hall is a Tudor manor house, with open fires and stone mullion windows. In contrast The Black Hat, Ilkley has seven boutique rooms to complement the gastropub downstairs. Other gems to look out for include, the historic Fleece in Haworth, the Busfeild Arms at East Morton and the stylish Wheatley Arms in Ben Rhydding.

#### GALLERY

## Lockdown Discoveries

With all of us staying local for much of 2020 many people have rediscovered their local neighbourhoods, capturing what they have found on camera.

In early 2021 through our Sparkling Bradford campaign we asked our Instagram followers to share some of their lockdown discoveries. These are some of our favourites, we hope they inspire you to discover more too...



















From top left: Silsden, Nikie Arthurs; Salts Mill, Anna Dyson-Clarke; Lister Park, Sarah Jones; Baildon Moor, Shak Amini; Haworth Moor, Faye Kenny-Broom; Wool Exchange, Catherine Simes; Brackenhill Park, Kristine Slisane; Bradford Cathedral, Lee Edwards; City Centre, Jason Feather; Cow & Calf, Chris Patton ; Hirst Wood, Faye Kenny-Broom.



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#### USEFUL INFORMATION

## Visitor Information

Our district is waiting to welcome you safely, however things may be a bit different this year. Please consider, you may need to book your visits to attractions in advance – even the free ones! Cafés, bars and restaurants may also have reduced capacity, so please consider this when planning your visit. Some popular outdoor spots may be congested at peak times, please be considerate of others and follow the countryside code, Respect Protect Enjoy

Look out for the 'We're Good to Go' mark. This signals that a tourism and hospitality business has adapted their operations in line with respective Government and public health guidance and has a COVID-19 risk assessment in place to aid staff training, social distancing and cleanliness.



#### Bradford Visitor Information Centre

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#### Ilkley Visitor Information Centre

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#### USEFUL INFORMATION

## Travelling in the Bradford District





**Car:** Bradford district is well served by motorways. The M606 brings you within 1.5 miles of the city centre. There are links from the M1, A1 and M6 via the M62.

**Bus and coach:** Bradford Interchange is situated in the city centre and is served by National Express (**www.nationalexpress.com**). It also services West Yorkshire and there are regular buses to key towns in the area.

Approx. off-peak journey times:

London:	4 hours
Leeds:	30 minutes
Manchester:	1 hour
York:	1 hour

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Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) is seven miles from Bradford. The airport serves a wide range of direct and connecting destinations around the world and is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the UK. TOP TIP

Join Enterprise Car Club to hire a car – collection points in Bradford and Saltaire.

Bradford has excellent rail links with two central train stations; Bradford Forster Square and Bradford Interchange. Both stations have excellent links to Leeds, Manchester and further afield, plus a direct service to London from Bradford Interchange.

Approx.	off-pea	k journey	times:
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London:	3 hours
Leeds:	20 minutes
Manchester:	1 hour
York:	1 hour



Many of the district's rail stations offer secure cycle parking lockers and there are dedicated cycle parking locations at most major tourist destinations. Information about taking your bike on the train can be found on the West Yorkshire Metro website.

#### Explore More

Our website **www.visitbradford.com** is full of ideas and inspiration for your next trip. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram **@VisitBradford** to share your ideas and suggestions with fellow travellers.

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#### Bradford Cathedral: A Treasure Worth Discovering

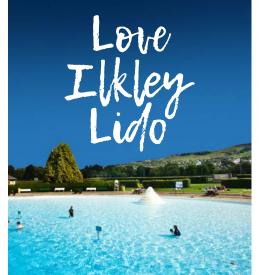


A holy site for over 1300 years, the Cathedral has a vibrant history and is a beautiful and tranquil place to explore with a lively arts and music programme. The current building dates from 1458 and is the oldest in Bradford.

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#### Brontë Parsonage MUSEUM

Set against the stunning Yorkshire moors in the picturesque village of Haworth, the Brontë Parsonage Museum was the home of the Brontë family and the place where Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights and The Tenant of Wildfell Hall were written. Today it houses the world's largest collection of Brontë manuscripts, furniture and personal possessions, including the famous 'little books'.



Admission is currently by pre-booked ticket only. Please book online via www.bronte.org.uk/visit-us

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