

# **The Great Northern Railway Trail**

Two sections of the Great Northern Railway Trail run along the 5 mile (8 km) long Cullingworth to Queensbury disused railway track. Built in the second half of the 19th century, the railway was used to carry freight and passengers through the rolling Pennine landscape across the three famous viaducts of Thornton, Hewenden and Cullingworth.

The line connected small but important mill towns in the Halifax. Bradford and Keighlev triangle, and became known as the Alpine route because of its stunning scenery and the sequence of tunnels and viaducts.

The natural beauty of the area can easily be enjoyed and appreciated from the route, especially from the viaducts. The Trail is of local importance for nature conservation and many birds, butterflies and other wildlife make their home along the route.

The route also provides an opportunity to explore countryside important to the Brontë heritage. The Brontë sisters were born in Thornton and lived in nearby Haworth, both very close to the Trail.

Until the route is fully complete, the map shows interim links between the sections plus other footpaths and bridleways connecting to the Trail.



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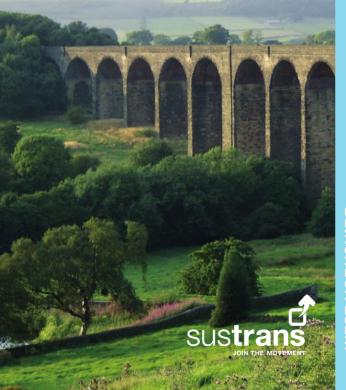


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**Cullingworth to Queensbury** 



# Attractions along the route

- 1 Cullingworth Viaduct historically important to the character of Cullingworth, the nine-arched stone viaduct 137 metres long dates from 1882. It spans Manywells Beck, Haworth Road (B6144) and Manywells Brow (B6429).
- 2 Hewenden Viaduct a Grade II listed viaduct crossing Hewenden Beck on 16 masonry piers. Approximately 312 metres long, the viaduct provides magnificent views over the surrounding countryside from its location 270 metres above sea level.
- 3 Thornton Viaduct also Grade II listed dating from 1878. Has a rare S-shaped curve stretching for 275 metres and offers spectacular views over the Pinch Beck Valley.
- 4 Goit Stock Waterfalls reached via the Calder Aire Link Bridleway and various footpaths.
- 5 Doe Park Reservoir and Water Sports **Centre -** located on the outskirts of Denholme. The GNT will eventually encircle the 20 acre reservoir currently used for fishing and other watersports including boating and wind surfing.
- **6 The Bronte Birthplace -** No. 74 Market Street in the village of Thornton, was the birthplace of Emily, Charlotte, Anne and Branwell Brontë and was the family home for five years.

# Additional Cycling and Walking **Opportunities**

The 17 mile (27km) Calder Aire bridleway link, running east to west between Bingley and Hebden Bridge, crosses the Great Northern Railway Trail between the Cullingworth and Hewenden Viaducts. Suitable for mountain bikina.

The Brontë Way, a 43 mile (69km) public footpath trail, runs east to west over Thornton Moor and beyond, crossing the Great Northern Railway Trail to the west of Thornton.

Visit www.bronte-country.com Visit www.sustrans.org.uk for more details.



The trail provides an excellent opportunity for pupils walking or cycling to school in the Thornton and Cullingworth areas. The route runs directly adjacent to Cullingworth Primary, Thornton Primary, and close to Parkside School, Cullingworth.

Travel to/from the route

Cullingworth, Denholme and Queensbury are all served by buses from major towns nearby including Bradford, Halifax and also from Haworth.

## **Further information**

For more information on places to stay and things to do in the area visit

### www.visitbradford.com

For more information on the Great Northern Trail visit www.thegreatnortherntrail.co.uk



Goit Stock falls, near Cullingworth

