



# The Hebden Bridge Loop

## *on The Pennine Way*

### Directions South to North

**Please note** the route is waymarked in both directions.

#### **FROM STOODLEY PIKE TO THE START OF THE LOOP (2½km)**

1. From the Pike head gently down towards a wall. Go through the gap stile and after 10 metres take the waymarked path through the wall on the left. Head down hill until you meet a wide track. Go straight across on to a path which follows the wall
2. At the second stile turn right and follow path until comes out to the corner of a track, where you go ahead on the track past the farm on your right
3. After 1 km turn right on the waymarked Hebden Bridge Loop heading down towards a stream

#### **FROM START OF LOOP INTO HEBDEN BRIDGE (2km)**

4. Cross the bridge and bear left at the finger post along the track above the stream
5. The track runs at the top of a beech wood and after  $\frac{3}{4}$  Km you arrive at a gate, which takes you on to a cobbled road
6. Head down hill (the cobbles become tarmac) until you reach the town in the bottom (watch out for great views of Heptonstall ahead and Hebden Bridge on the way down)
7. At the junction at the bottom, turn left across the canal and immediately turn back away from the bridge along the towpath
8. After 300 metres, at the first lock gate, turn sharply left down on to a tarmac road (called Holme Street). Pass the Trades Club and the post Office until you reach a cross roads at some traffic lights
9. Go straight across (a bit to the left) passing a walkers information board in the car park on your left.
10. At the White Swan pub you have reached the 16th century bridge of after which the town was named. Time to wander.

#### **TO HEPTONSTALL FROM HEBDEN BRIDGE (2km)**

11. Cross the bridge and turn left along the street that follows the river (called Oldgate).
12. After 200 metres you reach the main road where you turn right past the Oldgate pub
13. Keep ahead until after the shops end and when the road bends to the right you take a path called Stoney Lane going off to the right (locals call it the cuckoo steps).
14. At the top of the steps you turn right up the road (Heptonstall Road).
15. After 100 metres, half way up the terrace you cross the road and take a wide path on the left.
16. The path climbs steadily upwards; ignore the small paths going off. There are some fine views from this path.
17. After about 1km you reach a grit-stone outcrop where the path bends to the right

- 18.** After 20 metres bear left up the steps (the rock face to your right is called Hell Hole rocks).
- 19.** At the top, where the paths cross, go straight ahead on a walled path
- 20.** The path heads through a housing estate, crossing an access road and you come to a finger post (and information point).
- 21.** Bear left; go straight across the estate road heading towards the church. Shortly after when you reach a junction take the lane bearing right, following the churchyard railings
- 22.** Follow this lane around for 250 metres, passing Chantry House until you come out at a park and a junction of roads, this is the centre of Heptonstall with the post Office, café and pubs nearby

### **FROM HEPTONSTALL TO THE PENNINE WAY (2km)**

- 23.** Turn left up the cobbled main street through Heptonstall until you go out of the village
- 24.** After ½ km, at the end of a line of trees, watch out for a waymarked path through a gap stile on your left
- 25.** Follow the causey stone path diagonally across the field to another gap stile
- 26.** Follow the path alongside the wall exiting at a small copse of trees where you turn left down the tarmac road
- 27.** After 250 metres, where the road curves left, take the wide track going straight ahead and gently climb up to a junction of paths and a bench
- 28.** Go through the gap stile to the right of the bench and take the causey paved path ahead
- 29.** At the end of the field, pass behind the house, keeping ahead on a tarmac road for 50 metres where you turn left on to a bridleway
- 30.** After 150 metres turn right along a path with the wall on your right
- 31.** After 250 metres the path becomes a causey paved field path with the wall on your right
- 32.** At the first waymark post keep ahead with the wall on your left. At the second waymark post do a kink to the left.
- 33.** The causey stone path crosses diagonally across the field ending up at a small gate on the edge of some woods
- 34.** Go through the gate, straight ahead following the causey stone path alongside a wall
- 35.** After 200 metres you reach a waymark post at the junction of the Pennine Way
- 36.** Here the loop ends and you turn right rejoining the Pennine Way. If you want a break, turn left and sit awhile by the old packhorse bridge. Or climb up the steps to the right on the far side of the stream, turn right along the track for 10 minutes and you will reach the New Delight pub – a Pennine Way institution



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