

A CIRCULAR STROLL AROUND MYTHOLMROYD

This walk takes you round the back of Mytholmroyd, mainly through woodland.

Length and time

A little under 2 miles, taking a little more than an hour.

Gradients – how strenuous

Mainly flat, with one gentle incline

Terrain – how uneven

All on tracks or good paths, but one short stretch is a little uneven. After rain, one stretch can be soft or even muddy, but there is a dry alternative.

Obstacles – stiles, steps etc.

There are a couple of easy path gates and one place where you have to do a short detour around a barrier (described below)

Facilities

There are pubs and cafes in Mytholmroyd

Points of interest

The great thing about this walk is that you are in the country, yet only a few yards from the town.

DIRECTIONS

1. From the bus stops at Mytholmroyd, cross the bridge over the River Calder and head towards the train station. Just past the railway bridge you take the sloping path (with red painted railings) that leads up to the station platform.
2. At the top of the first slope you will see a Mytholmroyd Walkers Action Board showing three longer walks in Mytholmroyd (you will come across some of the yellow waymarks for these walks later on). Take the path to the right of our board.
3. After a short time, you come to a clear fork with the cycleway going to the left and a path going to the right, we suggest that you stick to the cycle track as the other path can get quite muddy.



The path through woodland

4. After about half a mile the cycle track turns to the left and becomes a bit wider with a wall on the left. At this point if you look to your right you will see a path running alongside a wall doubling back to your right towards Mytholmroyd



The path back to Mytholmroyd

5. This path is a very old walled cart track that zigzags up the hillside probably towards the village of Sowerby. The first section that you will be doing has quite a gentle incline.
6. After passing through a metal gate the track leaves the wall, passes a fine stand of trees and heads towards the end of a house. You pass through a gate (with a waymark indicating a right of way) and walk past the front of the house Watch out for peacocks).
7. This leads you on to a lovely tarmac lane which you follow straight ahead (watch out for a pond and some very old hedgerow plants).
8. After a few hundred yards you should now watch out for a waymark post on your right which (it is easy to miss when the cow parsley is in flower).



Spot the waymark post! – it's on the right near the bottom of the photo

9. Take the path off to the right into the woods (a bit overgrown) which almost straight away turns left following an old railway fence. The path follows the fence on your right, it then crosses below a newly built house (can be muddy after rain) and then some garden hedges on your left. The path is good (first few yards may be a bit overgrown), but there is one short stretch which is a bit uneven.

10. Keep straight ahead, ignoring two paths going off to the right and follow the large chain link fence on your left. Passing a children's playground and an old sports field you reach a large industrial building (not the most attractive part of this walk) – keep going until you reach a car park (called Royal Fold).
11. At the far end of the car park, you will see that you are back at the start of the walk and some refreshments.

If you've enjoyed this Gentle Walk around Mytholmroyd, why not try Mytholmroyd Walkers Action walks for children called **Making Tracks**, great for adults too!

Or you could try some slightly longer routes that take you up onto the hillsides.

Mytholmroyd Walkers' Action have produced leaflets with maps, photographs and clear guidance for three waymarked trails. These are:

- *Wood Top (easy, 2.5 miles)*
- *Scout Rock (moderate, 2.5 miles)*
- *Churn Milk Joan (more strenuous, 5 miles)*
- *A Riverside Walk Between Cragg Vale and Mytholmroyd along the river (moderate 3.5 miles)*

All these leaflets can be found in at the Tourist Information Centre in Hebden Bridge or from the [Heart of the Pennines on-line shop](#).

