

**in Mytholmroyd**

<p><b>Woodland Walk</b></p>	<p><b>Silver Birch Walk</b></p>	<p><b>Gnome House Walk</b></p>
<p><b>Meadow Walk</b></p>	<p><b>Nature Walk</b></p>	<p><b>Bee Boles Walk</b></p>

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

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**Making Tracks in Mytholmroyd** is for every child (and mum and dad!) in Mytholmroyd. There are six easy walks, three of which are suitable for buggies and toddlers.

Mytholmroyd hills are sometimes quite steep so if you are 5 or 6 years old, you might find some parts of the longer walks quite tiring - but that is how your legs grow stronger!

**What to do**

For each walk, follow the instructions and paw prints. Watch out for the different waymark signs for each walk which show the way - just like these pictures below:

Pack a picnic or a snack and a bottle of water in your rucksack.

Wear something sensible. Wellington boots are a good idea when it is muddy. Gloves and a warm hat are needed when it is cold.

Take along a notepad and pencil if you want to make notes.

**REMEMBER THE COUNTRY CODE**

Keep to the path Take your litter home Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone Leave gates how you found them

**ENJOY** and help to look after the wonderful Mytholmroyd countryside.

**MOST IMPORTANT** - have fun!

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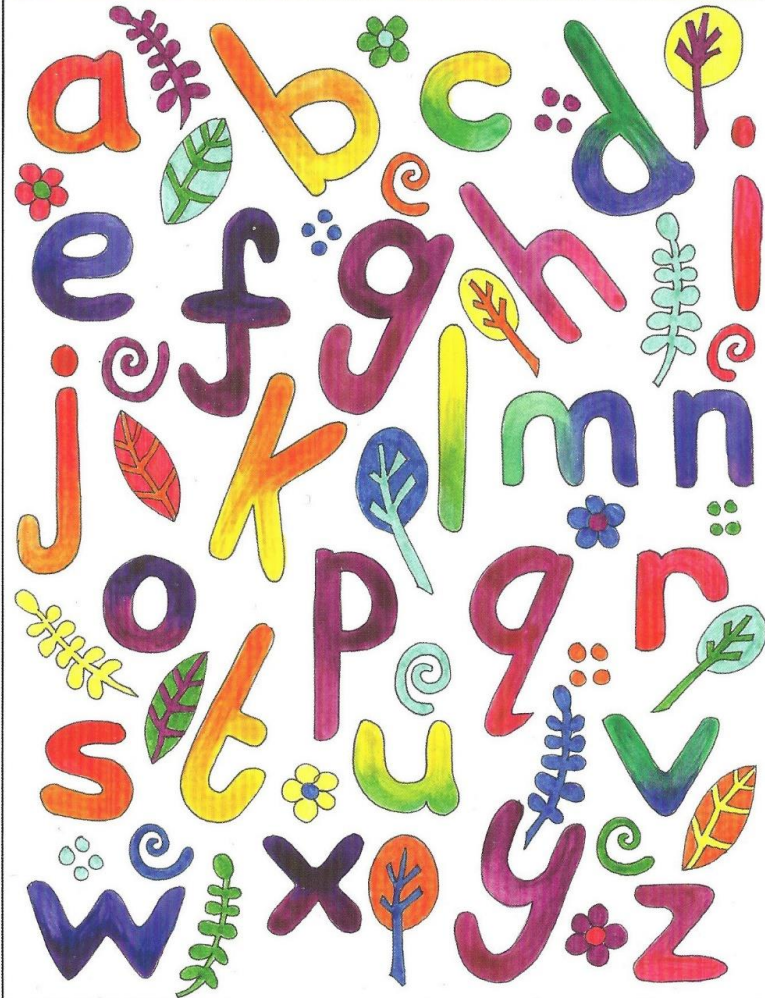
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**DID YOU KNOW**  
THE WORD DANDELION TRANSLATED MEANS LION'S TOOTH

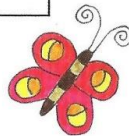
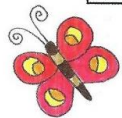
## ALPHABET QUIZ

As you do each walk see how many things you can spot beginning with each letter of the alphabet



DID YOU KNOW

IN THE UK WE HAVE 58 MAIN TYPES OF BUTTERFLY



Why not have a go at making a

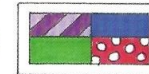
## KITE BOOKMARK

What  
you  
need

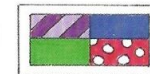
- Piece of A4 white paper
- 4 squares of lovely coloured patterned paper
- PVA glue
- Sellotape
- Thin piece of ribbon
- Pencil
- Scissors

What  
to do

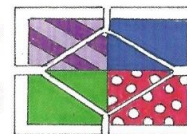
1 Glue the 4 squares  
of paper onto the  
white paper



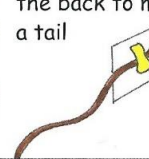
2 Draw a kite in the  
middle of the  
coloured paper



3 Cut out the kite



4 Tape the ribbon on  
the back to make  
a tail



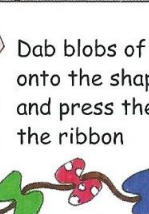
5 Using a scrap of  
coloured paper  
left from step 2  
fold it in half and  
draw triangles



6 Cut the triangles  
out



7 Dab blobs of glue  
onto the shapes  
and press them on  
the ribbon

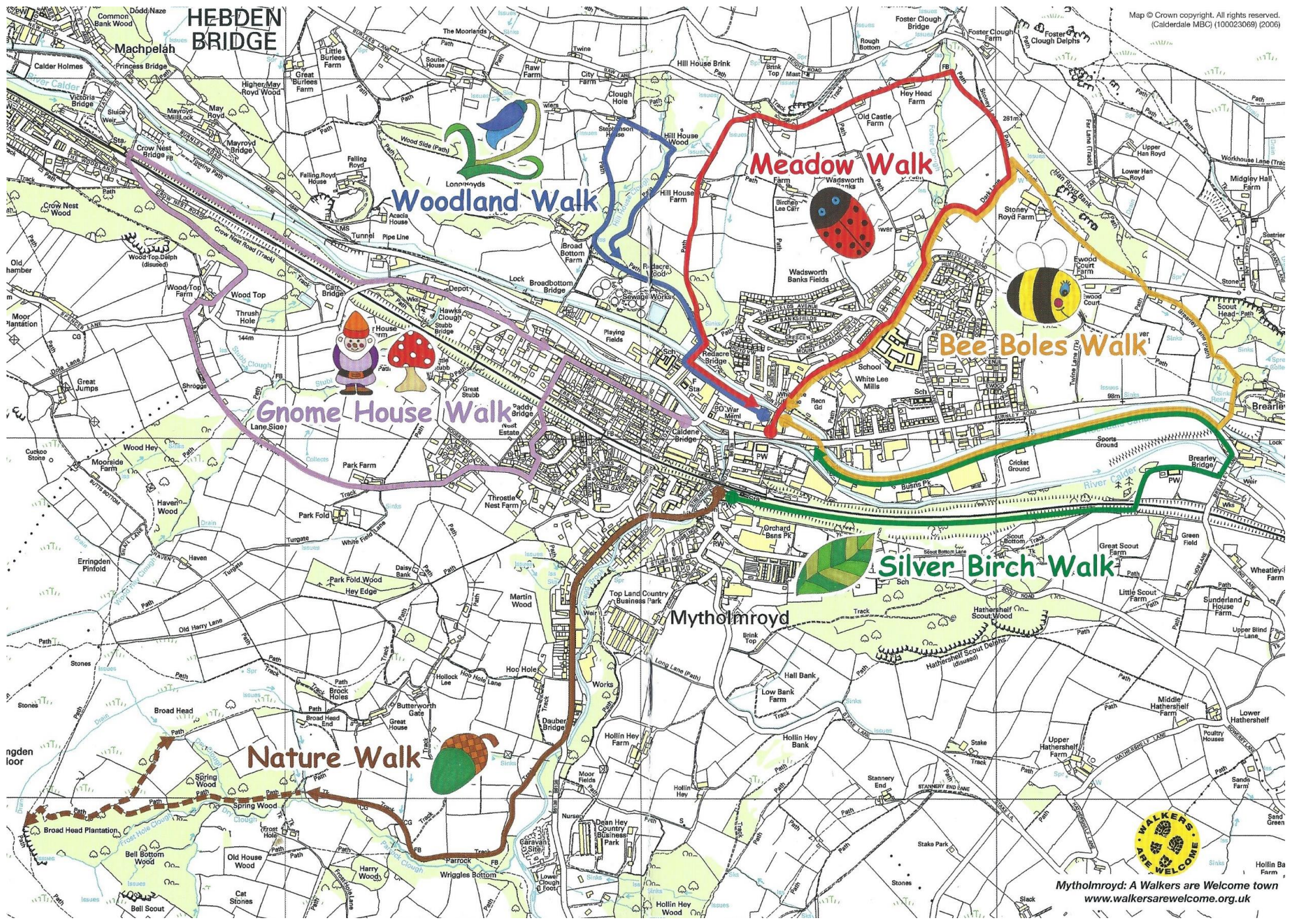


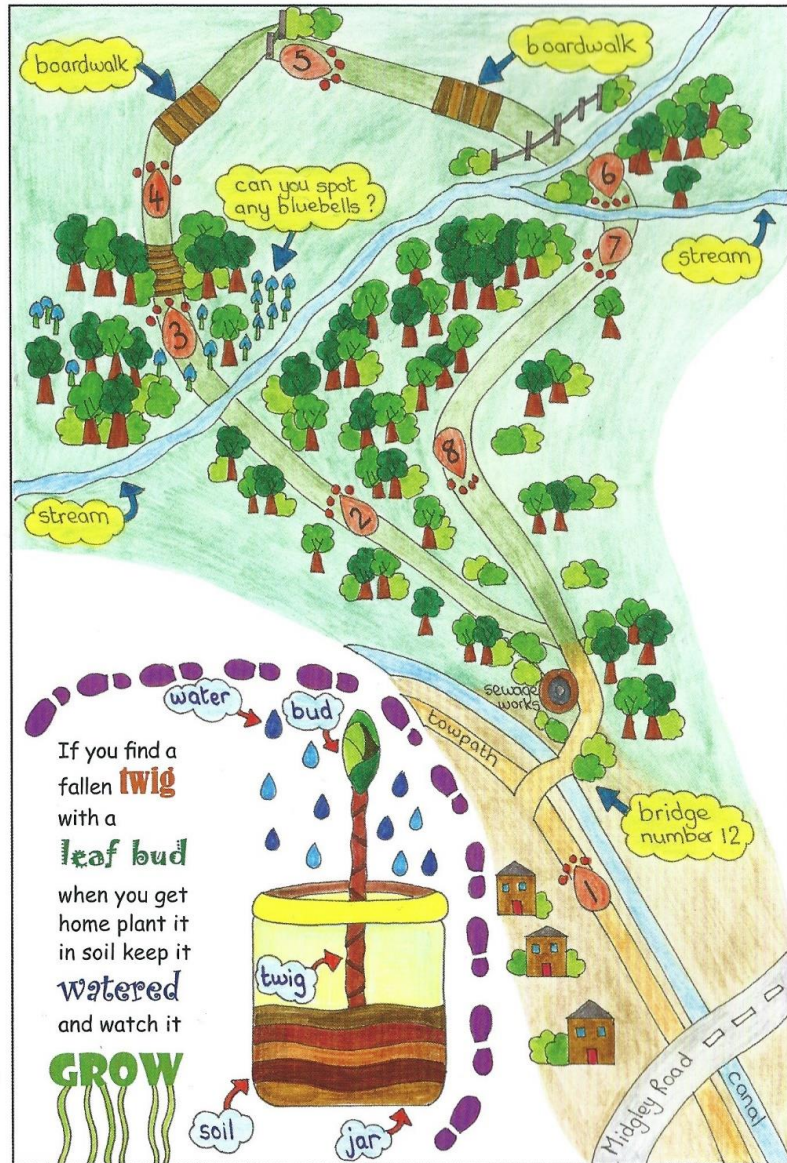
WHEN YOUR  
BOOKMARK IS DRY  
USE IT TO MARK  
THE PAGE OF YOUR  
FAVOURITE WALK

DID YOU KNOW

A FOX CAN RUN UP TO 40 MILES AN HOUR







If you find a fallen **twig** with a **leaf bud** when you get home plant it in soil keep it **watered** and watch it

**GROW**

**DID YOU KNOW**  
SOME BLUEBELLS CAN BE WHITE

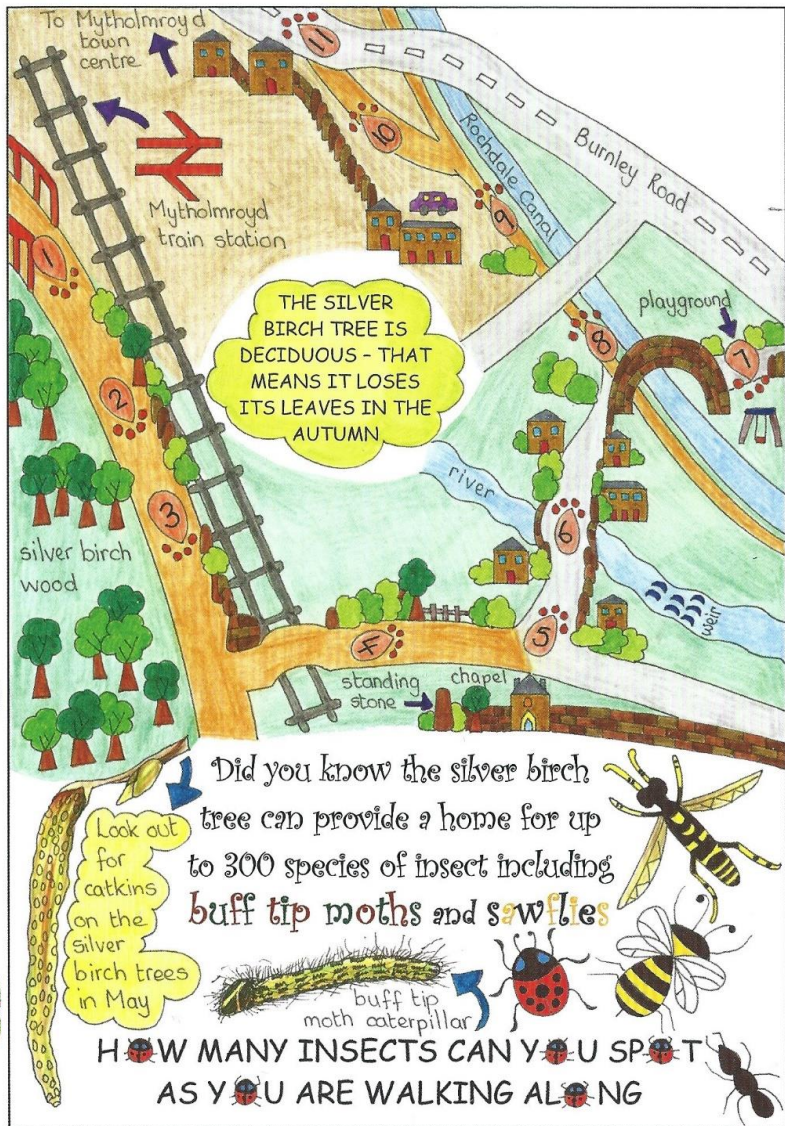
## The **WOODLAND** walk 1.5 miles

- 1 Start on Midgley Road taking the canal towpath to the left at the bridge. Walk along the towpath to the next bridge (no. 12) at Redacre, cross over the bridge and follow the track to the left into and along the bottom of the woods.
- 2 Fork right onto a higher path just after a seat.
- 3 Follow this path as it winds along, ignoring side paths to left and right, then down to a stream - cross the stream and start climbing up through the bluebell woods and then up lots of steps.
- 4 Leave the woods and walk uphill through the field following the yellow-topped posts, crossing the boardwalk and up some more steps.
- 5 Take the first right turn at the top and climb over a stile into a field.
- 6 Head down the hill through the field, walk over another two boardwalks, then over a stile and a stream at the bottom of the hill and into the woods again.
- 7 Cross over another stream.
- 8 Follow the path back along the top of Redacre Wood, then down to the bridge and rejoin the canal towpath.

As you walk along, collect items from the woodland floor such as twigs, petals and leaves.

When you get home find an old container, fill it with soil and create your own woodland garden with the things you picked up.

**DID YOU KNOW**  
OAK TREES CAN LIVE FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS



THE SILVER BIRCH TREE IS DECIDUOUS - THAT MEANS IT LOSES ITS LEAVES IN THE AUTUMN

Did you know the silver birch tree can provide a home for up to 300 species of insect including buff tip moths and sawflies

Look out for catkins on the silver birch trees in May

buff tip moth caterpillar

HOW MANY INSECTS CAN YOU SPOT AS YOU ARE WALKING ALONG

**DID YOU KNOW**  
BUFF TIP MOTHS HOLD THEIR WINGS AGAINST THEIR BODY AND LOOK LIKE TWIGS

# The SILVER BIRCH walk

## 1.9 miles

- This walk is suitable for taking buggies
- Begin your walk at Mytholmroyd train station (Manchester side) by the 'Mytholmroyd for Walking' display board.
- Walk along the cycle track through the silver birch wood.
- Keep to the main track nearest the railway line, follow this alongside a mossy stone wall on your left.
- Walk along the iron bridge to cross the railway. Look for the carved standing stone on your right - what can you see carved on its side?
- Follow the lane past an old chapel - can you find the date stone which shows how old the chapel is? Then turn left at the end when you reach Brearley.
- Walk over the bridge across the river and keep left. Can you see the old stone cobbles of a weir downstream as you cross the bridge?
- Just before you join the canal towpath there is a small park and playground on the right beside the main road - a good place to stop for a snack or have fun on the see-saw!
- Go down on to the canal towpath by the bridge (no. 9) and walk back towards Mytholmroyd.
- Walk back to Mytholmroyd along the canal towpath past the industrial estate.
- Just before you pass under the next bridge (no. 10), leave the towpath and turn right (walkers on foot with no buggies can stay on the towpath until the next bridge).
- Walk back to the main road and turn left back to the centre of Mytholmroyd - take care on the busy road!

**DID YOU KNOW**  
A SILVER BIRCH TREE CAN GROW UP TO 30 METRES HIGH AND IT IS SOMETIMES CALLED THE QUEEN OF THE FOREST!



This row of cottages is called Shroggs. How old are they?

What did the gnome say at the end of the party?

It's time to go gnome!

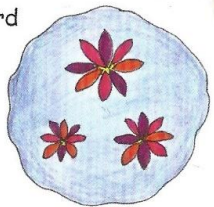
HAVE A GO AT MAKING YOUR OWN WATERLILY POND WHEN YOU GET HOME

All you need to do is stick tissue paper

**PETALS** and **LILYPADS**

onto a blue circle of card

Can you see the well opposite the cottage?



**DID YOU KNOW**

WOODPECKERS ARE ABLE TO DRILL HOLES IN THE BARK AND WOOD OF TREES IN SEARCH OF INSECTS





**The GNOME HOUSE walk**

**2.9 miles**

- 1 From Mytholmroyd Community Centre walk along Caldene Avenue to Paddy Bridge Road.
- 2 Go up Paddy Bridge Road and over the railway bridge.
- 3 Walk through the estate to Nest Lane and turn right.
- 4 Follow the lane until the tarmac ends and keep to the right-hand side.
- 5 Walk on past Laneside Farm and you will see the Gnome House on your left - look at the joke on the fence!
- 6 Continue on the lane past Wood Hey Cottage and at the end of the track turn right.
- 7 Follow the road through the woods. Be careful, there is no footpath and a steep drop on the right. At the bottom walk through the tunnel and follow the cycle path to your right, heading back to Mytholmroyd. You will see the old 'Walkley Clog' factory on your left across the river.
- 8 Continue on this track through a small industrial estate until you rejoin Caldene Avenue.
- 9 Follow the road back to the Community Centre.

**2 alternative walks:**

-  This alternative walk is not suitable for buggies  
Go over the stile opposite the Gnome House, through the wood, over the stream, over another stile, across the field and through the gap in the wall. Turn right and follow the lane to the old clog factory.
-  This alternative walk is okay for buggies  
Instead of walking down through the woods, take another right turn between the houses and follow this lane down to the old clog factory.

**DID YOU KNOW**

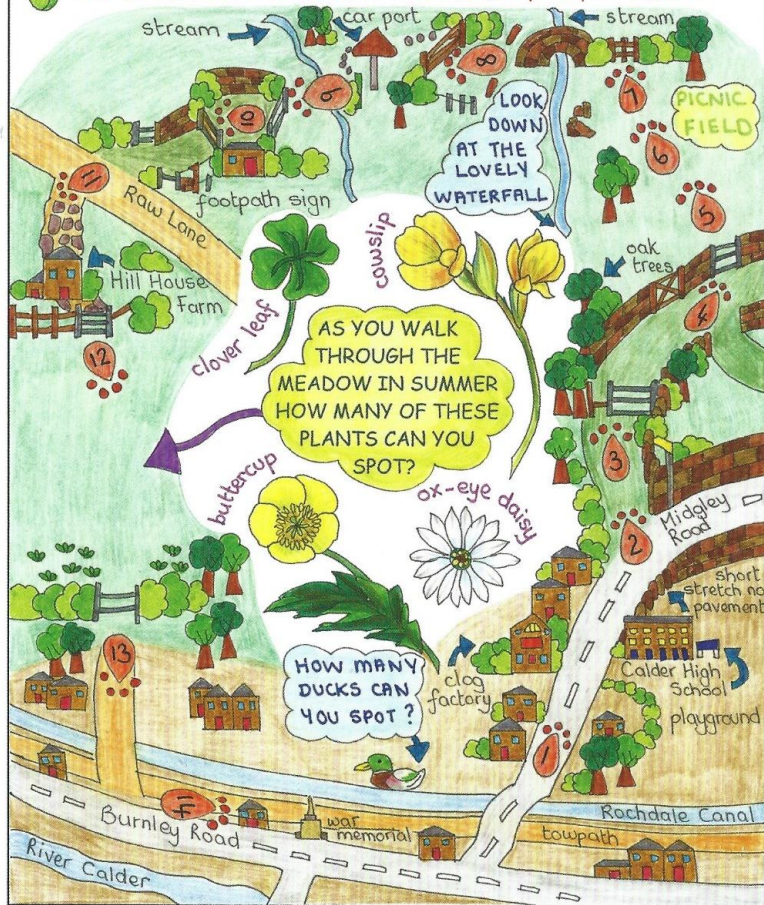
WATER LILIES WERE PAINTED 250 TIMES BY THE FAMOUS FRENCH ARTIST CLAUDE MONET



WHY NOT MAKE SOME KEBABS TO EAT IN THE PICNIC FIELD

WHAT TO DO:

- Push pieces of your favourite fruit on to a kebab stick
- Put the kebabs in a box until it is time for your picnic walk



DID YOU KNOW

PLANTS ON EARTH HAVE EXISTED FOR 400 MILLION YEARS

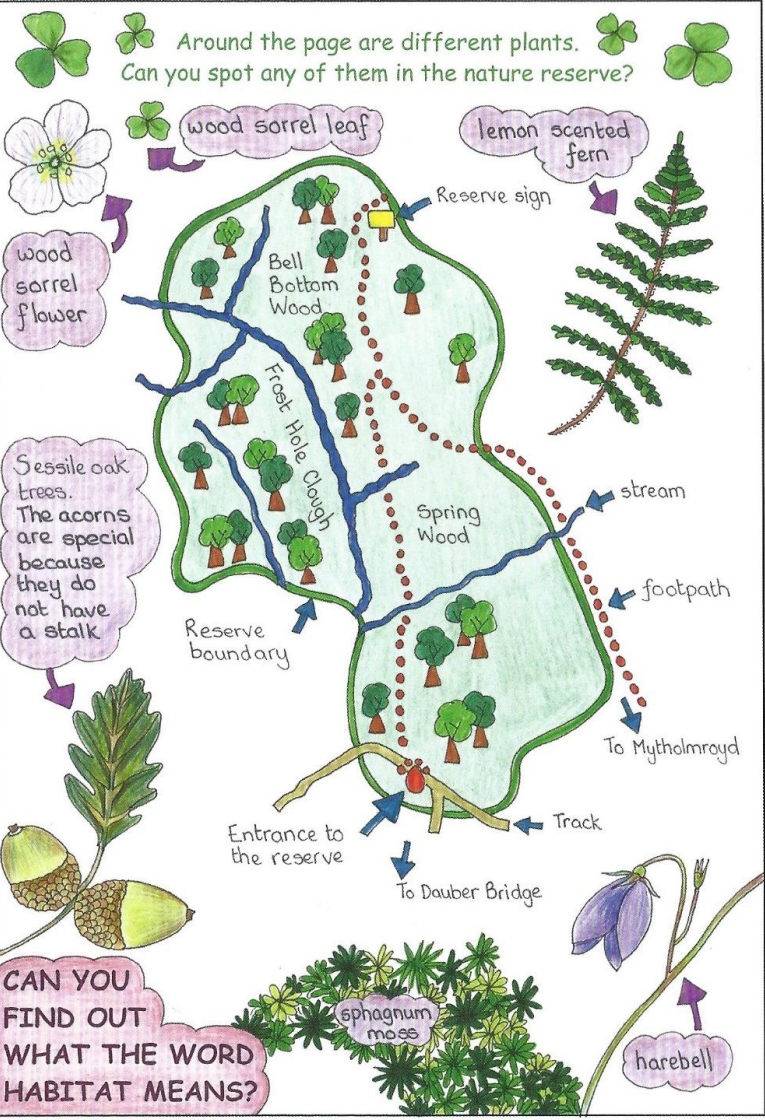
## The MEADOW walk

### 2 miles

- Walk up Midgeley Road, over the canal, past the playground and Calder High School.
- Fork left to follow the footpath sign which is attached to a lamp post, almost immediately fork right up a mossy track and follow this path until you come to a gate and stile.
- Climb over the stile and follow the track uphill between two walls.
- You will soon join another path - just keep going to the left.
- Continue up the path, go through a small metal gate then take the left fork.
- Follow the path past lots of wrinkly old hawthorn trees.
- Cross the little bridge, head up the path and go through a small metal gate.
- Follow the footpath sign through a stile, into a garden and under a car port.
- Follow the link path sign ahead of you to walk down some steps, through some trees, across a stream and on the narrow path straight ahead (not the track).
- Pass through a metal gate, then a wooden gate. Continue to walk straight ahead, past a ruined house on your right.
- Follow the track downhill. Join the road briefly but almost immediately turn left onto a cobbled track leading to Hill House Farm.
- Walk through the yard and climb over the stile into the meadow.
- At the bottom of the meadow walk through the bracken, through a metal kissing gate, turn left into Redacre Wood and downhill to Redacre Bridge.
- Join the canal towpath and walk back to Mytholmroyd.

DID YOU KNOW

600 SPECIES OF OAK TREE EXIST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Around the page are different plants. Can you spot any of them in the nature reserve?

wood sorrel leaf

lemon scented fern

wood sorrel flower

Sessile oak trees. The acorns are special because they do not have a stalk

Reserve boundary

Bell Bottom Wood

Frost Hole Clough

Spring Wood

stream

footpath

To Mytholmroyd

Track

Entrance to the reserve

To Dauber Bridge

sphagnum moss

harebell

**CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT THE WORD HABITAT MEANS?**

**DID YOU KNOW**

IN THE BOGGY AREAS OF BROADHEAD CLOUGH THERE ARE 65 DIFFERENT KINDS OF MOSS AND LIVERWORT!

# The NATURE walk

Distance from Mytholmroyd train station to Nature Reserve entrance and back: **2.5 miles**

This is a walk to Broadhead Clough which is a nature reserve managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust\*.

It is also a SSSI which means it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest where lots of different wildlife, plants and trees live.

Broadhead Clough includes heathland, wetland and woodland habitats, but the most important one here is rare woodland bog.

You can explore the nature reserve, picnic by one of its streams or look for different insects.

The track up to the reserve is suitable for buggies and they can be left safely at the entrance but from there it is best to explore on foot. You could venture just a short way into the reserve, or explore a bit further along the main track running through it.

If you are feeling really energetic you could walk along the track to the end of the reserve where it climbs up onto the moor.

You can reach the nature reserve walking from the centre of Mytholmroyd along Cragg Road to Dauber Bridge which is just over half a mile.

Or get the C bus at the Dusty Miller and travel for three stops up Cragg Road to Dauber Bridge.

At Dauber Bridge take the track on your right signposted Frost Hole.

Walk along the track for quarter of a mile then fork left onto the concrete track.

The entrance to Broadhead Clough is a few hundred metres further along the track.

\* [www.ywt.org.uk/reserves/broadhead-clough-nature-reserve](http://www.ywt.org.uk/reserves/broadhead-clough-nature-reserve)

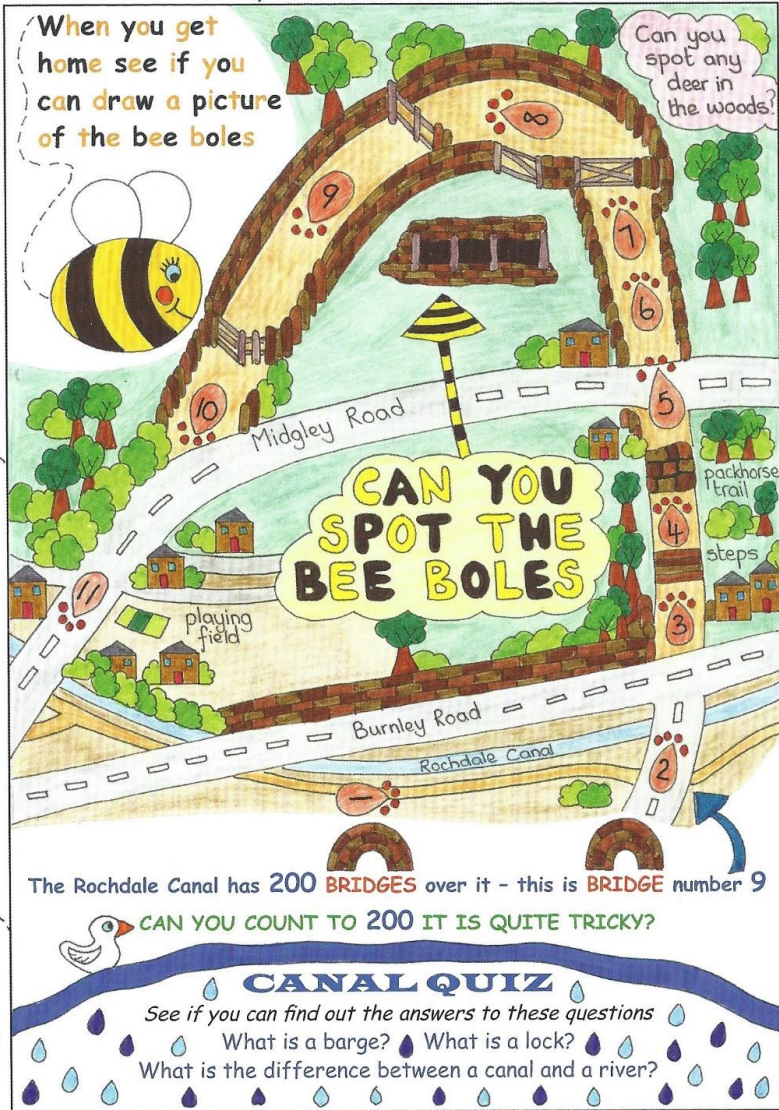
**DID YOU KNOW**

THE BOGGY AREAS IN BROADHEAD CLOUGH ARE CALLED MIRES



When you get home see if you can draw a picture of the bee boles

Can you spot any deer in the woods?



The Rochdale Canal has 200 BRIDGES over it - this is BRIDGE number 9

CAN YOU COUNT TO 200 IT IS QUITE TRICKY?

### CANAL QUIZ

See if you can find out the answers to these questions  
 What is a barge? What is a lock?  
 What is the difference between a canal and a river?

### DID YOU KNOW

TWO OR THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO GOODS WERE STRAPPED ONTO PONIES BACKS AND CARRIED ALONG PACKHORSE TRAILS LIKE THIS ONE - CAN YOU SEE WHERE THEIR HOOVES HAVE WORN THE STONE AWAY?

## The BEE BOLES walk

### 2.2 miles

- 1 Walk down to the canal towpath and head in the Halifax direction.
- 2 Continue along the towpath to Brierley (bridge no. 9), then walk over the bridge across the canal and very carefully cross over the main road.
- 3 Follow the footpath to the left of the house and steeply up into the woods.
- 4 Follow the track uphill, climb some cobbled steps and then the very old stones of a packhorse trail.
- 5 Leave the woods past a couple of houses on your left and cross straight over Midgley Road following the signpost to Foster Clough.
- 6 You are now at Stoney Royd Farm - remember to leave the gate as you find it.
- 7 Follow the track and just before the farmhouse on your left, fork right on to a grassy path.
- 8 Go through a tiny gate then at the end of the wall, on your left, look back through the wide wooden gate where you can see the Bee Boles (there would have been a house here many years ago).
- 9 Almost immediately follow the track downhill on your left, through a tiny gate and then down between two tall walls.
- 10 Climb over a stile and follow the track down to the road.
- 11 Walk carefully in single file back down Midgley Road, past Calder High School, to Mytholmroyd.

### DID YOU KNOW

YEARS AGO BEE BOLES WERE BUILT AS A SHELTERED PLACE FOR BEE HIVES IN THE WALL OF A GARDEN SO FAMILIES COULD COLLECT HONEY TO EAT