

A walk to Broadhead Clough Nature Reserve

This is a walk to Broadhead Clough which is a wonderful nature reserve managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Visitors should keep to the paths and not leave anything behind. Dogs must be kept on lead to avoid disturbance to wildlife.

Distance (one way) Walking along Cragg Road and then up the track from Dauber Bridge to the reserve is 1½ km (just over a mile) - should take you about an hour.

If you want to miss out the road section you can get the 901 bus at the Dusty Miller and travel for three stops up Cragg Road to Dauber Bridge and then walk up to the reserve which is 800 metres (about ½ mile) - should take you about 30 minutes.

Start and Finish: The information board at the Dusty Miller pub.

How Strenuous: Cragg Road is flat, the track up from Dauber Bridge is a gentle incline. If you decide to walk right to the top of the reserve it is a stiff climb.

How uneven? Some of the paths within the reserve are a bit uneven and can be pretty muddy after rain.

Obstacles: If you climb out of the top end of the reserve, there are some steep steps.

More information: There are two explanation boards on the route and look at ywt.org.uk for further information about the reserve.

DIRECTIONS

1. Cross the road at the lights just down from the dusty Miller. Go over the bridge and follow the main Cragg Vale road under the railway line. You stay on this road for 800 metres, passing the famous Royd Ices depot.
2. At a sharp left-hand bend, just after a bus stop, you will see a concrete track bearing off to the right, with an explanation board. This is Dauber Bridge, the start of the walk. If you plan to get the bus *back*, check the return bus times before you set off on the track.



The track from Dauber Bridge on Cragg Road

3. You follow this concrete track for ½ Km where you keep left at a fork. The track continues for another 300 metres to arrive at an interpretation board about the reserve.



The entrance to the reserve with the board which tells you what to watch out for

*From the board, you can venture just a short way into the reserve to just sit and look and listen or have a picnic - there is a handy bench along the main path near to several nesting boxes (and some bluebells in May) **or***



..... if you are feeling really energetic you could walk along the path to the top end of the reserve and climb up onto the moor (great views).

4. To get back to Mytholmroyd, go back down the concrete track and either get the 901 bus or walk back along Cragg Road.