

Baildon Walkers are Welcome

10th Anniversary Walking Festival

A festival for all ages, celebrating the natural world, history
and stories of Baildon: walks, strolls, art, drama, events.



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Important Information for participants

- Whilst leaders take every care, your comfort and safety are your own responsibility. Everyone taking part in Baildon Walking Festival does so at their own risk.
- Clothing and footwear appropriate for the conditions are essential.
- Bring a packed lunch on walks where this is stated as required.
- Make sure that you bring snacks and plenty of water to drink (at least 2 litres on the longer walks), as well as any medication or plasters that you might need.
- Always carry a hat and sunscreen with you even if it does not feel warm - and a waterproof.
- The pace of the walk is appropriate to the distance and the available time. Short walks tend to be at a fairly slow pace, the longer walks will be much faster.
- Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Sorry - no dogs on these guided walks.
- Please observe the Country Code and "take only photos and leave only footprints".

Baildon Facilities

Baildon can offer you many good cafes and pubs where you will find that walkers are welcome. Public toilets are located on Northgate (thanks to Baildon Town Council for saving these public toilets). There are also toilets at Bracken Hall Countryside Centre and Wesleys at Baildon Methodist Church when these venues are open. All have an accessible toilet.



The Potted Meat Stick in the centre of Baildon



We hope everyone enjoys the Baildon Walkers are Welcome 10th Anniversary Walking Festival 2023

Baildon Walkers are Welcome is run entirely by volunteers. If you enjoy this Festival, please consider making a donation, using our bank account:

Name of account: Baildon Walkers are Welcome

Sort Code: 56-00-36

Account Number: 38790939

Please add reference: "Festival donation"

For fuller details of walks and events in the festival and to download the festival programme, go to:


Web: baildonwalkersarewelcome.org

Email: info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org

Facebook: facebook.com/baildonwalkersarewelcome

For bus and train links: wymetro.com/howtogetto

For places to stay: see visitbaildon.co.uk/category/stay

Open up to find the full programme of walks and events 

BAILDON WALKERS ARE WELCOME PROGRAMME

COLOUR KEY: Orange - **Guided walks**. Blue - **Events, presentations, and training**.

Booking is only required where this is specifically indicated. Otherwise just come along.

To book, email: info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org.

Walk levels:

(E) = Easier: largely on good paths, less than 4 miles.

(M) = Medium: mixed surfaces, some ascents, 4-8 miles.

(H) = Harder: more challenging, 9 miles plus.

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST

FESTIVAL LAUNCH. 09.30 - 10.30. At WESLEYS, BAILDON METHODIST CHURCH. (BD17 5NH). Come and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Baildon achieving designation as a "Walkers are Welcome Town" and get our Walking Festival off to a right good start. Festival cake-cutting by Gill Dixon, Chair of Baildon Town Council. Music by Baildon Ukelele Strummers. Free refreshments! Publications available.

(Also look out for Baildon Farmers Market today on Ian Clough Car Park).

Today's guided walks (below) will set off from Wesleys (BD17 5NH)

BAILDON BOUNDARY WALK. (H) 10.00 - 17.00. 15 miles. The route: Tong Park, Esholt, canal and river to Saltaire, round Shipley Glen and Spring Woods. Bring packed lunch. Leaders Paul Robinson and Matt Firth.

BAILDON GINNELS AND GARDENS. (E) 10.30-12.00. 2 miles. Stroll to visit some delightful gardens and places of historical interest around the centre of Baildon. Leaders: Chris and Mervyn Flecknoe.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST

(Harley Davidson weekend in Baildon: watch the ride-out at 13.00)

SUNDAY SAUNTERING AND SERENADING. (E). 13.45 - 16.30. 4 miles. Meet at Wesleys, Baildon Methodist Church (BD17 5NH). We follow good paths through woodland on Baildon Bank, across Baildon Green, to Roberts Park where we will enjoy musical entertainment at the Bandstand (bring something to sit on). At 15.30, a ride up the Tramway, and we take paths along the Bank back to Baildon centre. Leaders: Chris and Mervyn Flecknoe.

MONDAY 28th AUGUST

FAMILY WALK FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS OF ALL AGES. (E). 10.00-12.00. 2 miles. From the Potted Meat Stick (BD17 6ND), a circular walk to Tong Park lake & Gill Beck Wood, returning across the stepping stones and past the stables. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Leader Jan Thom.

SKETCH AND STROLL. (E) 10.30-13.00. Less than 1 mile. Starting at the Upper Fold at Wesleys, Baildon Methodist Church (BD17 5NH). We will walk slowly around the heart of Baildon, sketching windows, doors, rooflines, graveyards etc. No competition, no judgement, enjoy!. Materials and a sketch book to take home will be provided. Led by Bob Davidson and "Urban Sketcher" Louise Garrett.

Booking required: max 12 places: info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org

TUESDAY 29th AUGUST

"SOLVITUR AMBULANDO". (M). 10.00 - 13.00. 4.5 miles. Meet at Baildon Railway Station. (BD17 6HS). We will cross Leeds Liverpool Canal; skirting Buck Woods to Thackley Workhouse; & return via the Sculpture Trail in Buck Woods. Leader: Barbara Walker.

"FROM EARLY SETTLERS TO VICTORIAN PRIZEFIGHTERS". 19.30 - 21.00. At ALDERSGATE ROOM, WESLEYS, BAILDON METHODIST CHURCH (BD17 5NH). A talk and photo presentation about the human history of Baildon Moor, given by local historians Mike and Tish Lawson. (The walk of the same name on Thursday will visit many of the locations described in the presentation, but people are welcome to one or the other - or both).

WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST

CHILDREN'S NATURE TRAIL WALK & FUN QUIZ FROM BRACKEN HALL COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE (BD17 5EA). (E). 11.00 - 13.00. 2.5 miles. Aimed for Primary School age children, accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will follow tracks & paths around Shipley Glen searching with fun clues. Some rough ground, steady ascents & descents: not suitable for pushchairs. Arranged in conjunction with FRIENDS OF BRACKEN HALL. Why not bring a packed lunch and stay on for the Wild Wednesday activities (see below). Led by Eddie Nash.

BUCK WOODS CIRCULAR. (M) 10.30 to early afternoon. 7 miles. Meet at Baildon Cricket Club car park at corner of Jenny Lane and Heygate (BD17 6RS). The route follows good paths along the canal and through Buck Woods. Bring a packed lunch. Arranged and led by BRADFORD HF WALKING AND SOCIAL CLUB. Led by David Abbott.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALK AND GET-TOGETHER. (E). 10.30 - 13.00. Meet at Baildon Golf Club Car Park (BD17 6LW). We take a very steady ascent to Baildon Hill trig point, for you to buy refreshments at Moor View Cabin Cafe with Dementia Friendly Baildon friends who have travelled up by car. A social morning especially for those whose lives are affected by dementia, who want to enjoy the moors and views. Arranged in conjunction with DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BAILDON. Led by Pat Addinell.

WILD WEDNESDAY FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT BRACKEN HALL COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE (BD17 5EA). 14.00-16.00. Family friendly drop-in activities outside on Bracken Hall Green if fine, or inside the Countryside Centre if wet. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations are welcome to help support the Countryside Centre.

GENTLE WALK AND TALK WITH THE JUBILEE WALKERS. (E). 14.00-15.15. 2 miles. Meet at the corner of Cecil Avenue and West Lane. Plenty of chatting whilst we follow paths and byways around the centre of Baildon. Arranged by BAILDON JUBILEE WALKERS. Led by Howard and Christine.

THURSDAY 31st AUGUST

INTRODUCTION TO MAP AND COMPASS FOR WALKERS. 10.00-13.00. At ALDERSGATE ROOM, WESLEYS, BAILDON METHODIST CHURCH (BD17 5NH). Learn the basics of finding your way with map and compass. All equipment provided. Led by Mervyn Flecknoe. Booking required: max 12 places info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org.

"FROM EARLY SETTLERS TO VICTORIAN PRIZEFIGHTERS". (E) 10.00 - 12.30. 3 miles.

From the Potted Meat Stick (BD17 6ND) for a gentle stroll to visit historic sites on Baildon Moor. Led by local historians Mike and Tish Lawson (The presentation of the same name on Tuesday will give background information to many of the locations that will be visited on this walk, but people are welcome to one or the other - or both).

ENJOY A WALK FROM AN ARMCHAIR/ FILM SHOW. 13.00-15.30. BAILDON COMMUNITY LINK (BD17 6NX).. You are invited by Baildon Community Link to come and watch the film "Edie" (played by Shelia Hancock) as she walks and climbs the Scottish mountain, Suilven. Lovely scenery, enjoyed without any effort. £3.50 including tea, ice-cream and cake. Arranged and hosted by BAILDON COMMUNITY LINK FILM CLUB

STROLLING WITH A CAMERA (OR SMART PHONE). (E) 18.30-20.00. 1 mile. Meet at the Potted Meat Stick, by the Ian Clough Car park (BD17 6ND)- bringing your camera or smart phone. Weather permitting, we will walk to the Community Garden and Moorside, stopping at photogenic spots. Suggestions and advice for taking landscape photos given. Mostly on good paths, one short set of steps. If wet, we will head up to Wesleys Café for an indoor session. Led by renowned local photographer Ros Crosland and walk leader Chris Flecknoe. Booking required: max 12 places info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org.

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

A "WELCOME WAY" TO BAILDON. (M) 10.30 - 14.30. 6.5 miles. Meet at Baildon Railway Station. (The Welcome Way is a 38 miles trail route linking local Walkers are Welcome towns). Our route takes us through open countryside and woodland, and historic tracks, with a couple of fairly steep short ascents and a few stiles. Bring a packed lunch. This walk is arranged in partnership with BRADFORD COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE. Led by Eddie Nash.

NATURE'S TREASURE MAP WALK. 10.30-13.00. (E) 3 miles. Meet at Bracken Hall Countryside Centre (BD17 5EA), for a walk with a difference. Walkers will construct a map of 'treasures' found along the route, making quick 'nature journaling' sketches. Slow-looking and sketching encourages us to appreciate the small details, and special discoveries. Basic sketching equipment is provided and we will make a unique map of your walk to take home. Bring a small portable stool if you have difficulty standing for long. No prior artistic ability necessary! Led by Bob Davidson and artist Louise Garrett. Booking required max 12 places. info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org.

SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE TO SHIPLEY VIA BRACKEN HALL / SHIPLEY GLEN. (M/H). 10.15-16.00. 9 miles. From Burley Railway Station (if travelling from Baildon, catch 9.57 train). Walk via Intake Gate, past Glovershaw Beck to Shipley Glen, arriving at Bracken Hall Countryside Centre around 15.00 for a brief drama performance of 'Leading the Way' (event details below). Then via the canal towpath to Shipley Station for return by rail (option for Baildon residents to leave the walk at Bracken Hall). Bring a picnic. Arranged and led by BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE WALKERS ARE WELCOME. Leader: Dave Hawkins. Booking required: info@baildonwalkersarewelcome.org.

BEYOND REVA. (M/H)10.15 - 15.00. 10 miles. From Baildon Towngate, by the stocks, near the bus stop in the town centre (BD17 6JX). We head for Hawksworth and Reva Reservoir and on to the "Skirtful of Stones". We return on a section of the Millennium Way, passing Horncliffe Well, Little London and Sconce. Bring packed lunch. The walk is arranged by BRADFORD CHA WALKING AND SOCIAL CLUB. Led by Ann Terry.

GILL BECK AND TONG PARK HISTORY WALK. (E) 14.00-16.30. 2.5 miles. From Baildon Cricket Club car park at corner of Jenny Lane and Heygate Lane. (BD17 6RS). We follow old byways and hear about the history of the Tong Park War Memorial, the Tong Park Pond, the Rail Viaduct, and Tong Park Village. Arranged in partnership with FRIENDS OF GILL BECK. Led by Geoff Shaw-Champion and Paul Robinson.

LEADING THE WAY. Performances at 11.00; 12.00; 14.00 & 15.00. Outdoors on Shipley Glen near Bracken Hall Countryside Centre (BD17 5EA). Travel in time with actor Jane Morland to meet Miss Lily Roberts, a school teacher in the 1950s, who is keen to explore Baildon Moor. Everyone welcome to one of four FREE 20 minute dramas. Performances inside if wet.

WALKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FESTIVAL, BUT OUTSIDE THE MAIN FESTIVAL WEEK.

TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST

BAILDON COMMUNITY LINK YOUTH GROUPS: WALK TO ROBERTS PARK AND BACK. 10.30-14.30. Bring a picnic and drink. Enjoy games in the Park. This walk will be accompanied by the Link's Youth Workers and a walks leader from Walkers are Welcome. This walk is only open to existing members of the Baildon Community Link Youth Groups.

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

ARCHAEOLOGY WALK AROUND BAILDON MOOR. (E) 10-30 - 12-30. 2 miles. Meet at the high (Upper Eaves) car park on Bingley Road (opposite entry-track to Dobrudden). We will walk and talk about the local archaeology, and an insight into human interaction with the landscape over 4,000 years. The route will follow tracks and paths across the moor, and strong footwear is recommended. This walk is arranged in partnership with FRIENDS OF BRACKEN HALL. Led by Gavin Edwards and Eddie Nash.



In 2013 Baildon was awarded Walkers are Welcome status, thanks to its fantastic countryside location and abundance of routes for walkers of all abilities. Since Baildon became one of the national network of Walkers are Welcome towns, members of the Baildon Walkers are Welcome group have been busy promoting and encouraging walking in the lovely countryside around Baildon. This year, we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Baildon becoming a Walkers are Welcome Town.

Thanks to all those organisations that have helped to make this Festival including:

- Baildon Town Council and Bradford Council Cultural Grant Scheme for funding contributions.
- The partner organisations and their leaders that are offering guided walks during the Festival (listed against the appropriate walks).
- The artists and historians who are making the “Special” activities possible.



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