



## HAWORTH MOOR

200m



### Key:

Road 

Path 

Route 

Woodlands 

River 

Parking 

Picnic area 

Building 

Route Fact File	
<b>Location:</b>	6 miles South-West of Keighley
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Four Boots
<b>Route Length:</b>	4.8 miles / 7.8 kilometres
<b>Walking Time:</b>	3½ hours
<b>Terrain &amp; Gradient:</b>	The route features stiles, steps and muddy banks. The route can also be quite steep in sections. However, between <b>point 7-8</b> the route follows a wide well surfaced vehicle track.
<b>How To Get There:</b>	<p><b>By car:</b> The car park is located at Penistone Hill Country Park, just off the A6033, which is managed by Bradford City Council.</p> <p><b>From Oxenhope:</b> Follow the A6033 west out of Oxenhope for 1½ miles. The car park will be on your right.</p> <p><b>From Haworth:</b> Follow the B6142 for 1½ miles and turn left onto Reservoir Road. Follow this road and after ½ a mile the car park will be on your left.</p> <p><b>By public transport:</b> Unfortunately, there is no public transport to the start of this walk.</p> <p><i>For up to date travel information from any location visit google maps to search directions.</i></p>
<b>Facilities:</b>	 
<b>OS Map:</b>	Explorer OL21 and Explorer 288

Straddling the Pennines, this invigorating walk sweeps through the wild moorland and heather which was an inspiration for the Bronte sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne. The paths and track on this route provide views up to Top Withens ruins, connected locally to Emily's famous novel Wuthering Heights and the surrounding moors. Visitors are asked to keep all dogs on a lead in the interest of farming and conservation. The walk is 4.8 miles long.

### Route Description:

The route starts from the higher (further north) exit from the car park, where the waymarkers point to the Millennium Way (**Point 1**). Carefully cross the road onto open moorland and head towards a gate alongside a large blue Yorkshire Water sign. Follow the well-defined path which bears slightly right across the moorland.

Eventually, at the top of the rise, the path joins a wide track which follows the moor boundary wall. Continue onwards past the ruins at Middle Intake Farm. 30 metres later, turn right at the wall corner and drop down to cross a ladder stile. Continue along the right-hand edge of the field until you are about two-thirds of the way down then bear left, heading for the ladder stile in the bottom left-hand corner. Cross the stile and follow the path downwards, bearing right to the bridge at **point 2**.

From the bridge, the path can be very wet and some of the logs are unstable. Walk forward to the wall and climb the steps to the field. Here, the route veers slightly left and uphill. Cross the remains of an old wall and continue straight ahead, keeping a broken wall on your left, to a stile in the next fence. Beyond this, aim for the building ahead to come out onto Back Lane via steps in the wall at **point 3**.

Turn left along the lane and where the lane divides, take the right fork uphill to a gate and cattle grid. The lane now divides into three at **point 4**. Take the left-hand track signed "Bronte Falls". This soon brings you to a field gate with a pedestrian gate alongside, which you go through. There is a standalone wall in the middle of the field. Head for the top corner of this wall and then continue on the same trajectory towards a pedestrian gate.

Beyond the gate, the route bears left downslope towards a finger post (**point 5**). Ignore the track to the left signposted "Bronte Falls" and continue ahead signposted "Top Withens". Continue on this obvious path, passing through several old wall boundaries and past the ruins of Forks House near **point 6**.

Continue for approximately half a mile to the next old wall across the path line. 20 meters beyond this is a signpost and the path continues towards Top Withens, which is visible on the skyline ahead (if conditions are reasonably clear!). If you'd like to visit the site which, it is believed, inspired the location of Wuthering Heights in Emily Bronte's novel, stay on the path and then return to this point. The round trip should take around 30-45 minutes.

Otherwise, turn left at the sign and go down the banking. Cross the streams by two bridges then take the path which climbs from the junction of the streams, along the edge of the moor with the drop down to Crumber Dike immediately on your right. The path is narrow but not difficult to follow. The path curves left for 600-700 metres around the bottom of Harbour Hill and to the House at Harbour Lodge.

Here the walk follows the northern boundary wall, keeping the house on your right. Continue down the slope to a signpost. Turn right and over the footbridge towards the next signpost on the access track (**point 7**). Turn left and follow the track for about 1½ miles back to the public road (**point 8**), where you turn left back to Penistone Hill Car Park (**point 1**).

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