

## Haw Pike

### 5 miles (8km) circular walk

#### Start Point

Addingham Primary School, Bolton Road (GR: SE079500)

#### Walk Information

Starting on the level from the centre of Addingham it's not long before you start a long but steady climb crossing farmland and the golf course, north of the village until you reach Haw Pike. After leaving Haw Pike behind, the walk is either level or gently downhill, again crossing mainly farmland as you make your way down to the finish by walking along the side of the River Wharfe back to Addingham.

The many stiles along the route are an indication that this walk is not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and people with restricted mobility.

Comfortable strong footwear is essential with outdoor clothing to suit the season. A packed lunch is advisable.

#### Public Transport

Bus services 762 and 765 from Keighley to Ilkley and the X84 Leeds to Skipton express service operates along Addingham Main Street, which is only a short distance from the walk start point at Addingham Primary School on Bolton Road.

#### Car Parking

The small public car park nearest to the walk start point is approximately 150 yds/ 137m along Bolton Road towards the Main Street and is often full; therefore you will have to park on street. Please park with care and consideration, making sure your vehicle does not obstruct the school's turning circle.

#### The Walk Route

Starting on Bolton Road facing Addingham primary school, walk up Back Beck Lane, a very narrow surfaced road up the left hand side of the school grounds, eventually passing under the stone built bridge of the now dismantled Skipton to Ilkley railway line. Through the bridge ignore the footpath off to your right and continue to follow Back Beck Lane, passing Sugar Hill on your left until you reach the first house on your right which is No. 10 Chapel Street. Here leave Back Beck Lane by turning right in front of no. 10 and along the surfaced road, after only a short distance the road changes to a rough track and starts a steady climb out

into the countryside. Continue up the track for approx 100yds/91m to where the track starts to bear to the left. Here at the top side of the derelict building on your left, leave the track and go through the smaller of the two gates on your left into a field. In the field turn right to walk uphill following the obvious worn grass path keeping close to the hedge/wall on your right until you reach a stone built gap stile under the trees at the top end of the field.

Climb the stile and continue uphill across the next field following the post and wire fence on your right until you reach a second stone built stile in the top right hand corner. Through the stile mind your head on the very large low branch of a tree, to again continue uphill, still following the post and wire fence on your right and eventually passing the derelict building of High Laithe Farm over on your left. From here continue uphill still following the fence on your right until you reach yet another stile, this time built through a wooden fence which leads out onto the golf course. From the stile the path across the golf course is marked by green and white painted posts which can easily be seen as you make your way straight ahead uphill. On nearing the top end of the golf course as you walk between a small building on your left, a few trees on your right and along a short gravel path, the wind turbines at Chelker Reservoir come into view.

From here continue uphill for approx 100yds/91m until you are adjacent to the 'green' on your right, turn left here between the trees on your left to leave the golf course via a stone step stile over a wooden fence into a small field. Bear right up the field passing Highfield House on your left, walking in the general direction of the wind turbines which can be seen ahead to yet another step over stile in the fence at the top end of the field. Over the fence you are back on the golf course to follow the obvious well worn grassy path heading towards a field gate at the top end of the golf course. Climb the



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stile over the dry stone wall to the left of the field gate and walk straight across the field to go through the field gate in front of Highfield farmhouse. Turn right along the limestone farm track and through another gate following the track as it turns left between the farm buildings to yet another farm gate which leads out onto a field.

Cross the field in the general direction of the second wind turbine from the right which can be clearly seen ahead, looking out for the stile over the next dry stone wall, which at first is hidden from view at the bottom of a dip in the surface of the field. Over the stile change direction slightly to your right avoiding the gorse bushes. Now heading for the right hand side turbine, as you climb uphill crossing a rough access track and over the triangular shaped grassy area to a field gate which is tucked away in the corner of the dry stone walls. Go through the gate and follow the wall on your right uphill until you can almost touch the first wind turbine. Here on your right, in a small kink in the dry stone wall climb over the stile turning left on the opposite side to follow the dry stone wall on your left to a field gate. Go through the gate to bear right, then immediately turn left to follow the dry stone wall on your left for approx 150yds/ 137m, looking out for a stile on the left over the wall situated between the two farm gates.

Once over the stile turn right uphill following the dry stone wall on your right to be soon walking between the delves of the former small quarried area, to eventually reach a stile next to a field gate in the wall ahead. Here climb the stile (do not use the gateway) into the next field, to walk gently downhill bearing slightly to your left to a wooden stile over a fence halfway down the field, leading into a small tree plantation. Follow the trodden path through the trees to exit out onto the surfaced access road at Berwick East. Turn right here and right again where the driveway divides, to follow the surfaced road for a short distance, heading towards the house which can be seen ahead. On nearing the house the driveway bears to the right in front of a cattle grid. Here leave the road to go through the field gate on your left into a field. Once in the field follow the well trodden path more or less straight ahead for approx 100yds/91m, here the path divides, our route follows the path as it bears right gently uphill following the contours along the hillside of Haw Pike until eventually Haw Pike Farm comes into view down the hillside below. Here the path starts to bear gently to the left downhill to enter Haw Pike farm via the two large metal gates.

Once in the farmyard follow the concrete farm road for only a short distance before going through yet another gateway, turn right here, downhill off the concrete road to follow a narrow limestone track again for only a short distance, to a field gate which will be directly in front of you. Go through the field gate and follow the obvious grass path downhill to yet another gate which can be seen ahead under the trees at the top end of Lob Wood. Once through the gate the path starts to climb for a short distance, where after emerging from under a few trees it divides. Here our route bears left to follow the contours of the hillside, walking more or less parallel to the dry stone wall and the trees of Lob Wood which can easily be seen way down to your left, before reaching the next stile and gateway.

Go through the stile and straight ahead across the next field to follow the well defined path for quite a distance, eventually bearing slightly to your left downhill to a stile near the corner of the dry stone wall, at the top edge of Eller Carr Wood. Over the stile the path bears gently to the left as you head straight across the field until you eventually reach the rusty metal railings which run along the side of the now dismantled Skipton to Ilkley railway line. Keep the railings on your left to eventually exit the field through a gateway out onto a rough track. Follow the track as it turns left between the stone walls of the former railway bridge and continue straight ahead down the track between the buildings and stables at Lob Wood House. Nearing the end of Lob Wood house driveway turn left off the surfaced drive just before the last building on your left to follow a grassy path along the gable end of the building (Farfield Meeting House and Quaker burial ground) and through the back garden to emerge onto the very busy Bolton Road via a small gateway.

Cross the road with great care to follow the 'Dalesway' riverside path leading off the setted area in front of the garages opposite, by going through the gap in the wall on the left and down onto the riverside path. Follow this well trodden path along the River Wharfe over four stiles before turning right away from the river to climb up a very steep flight of steps. At the top of the steps turn left over the stile in the wooden fence on your left and continue following the path along the top edge of the steep wooded banking, eventually reaching another stile back into a field. Continue by following the line of the post and wire fence on your left. Where the fence ends continue straight ahead following the well worn path back down to a stile quite near to the river. Over this stile the path is again parallel to the river as you cross a field to yet another stile, through this stile the path leads to a small gate which eventually gives access to a mobile home site via the riverbank. Once on the site turn left along the surfaced access road between the mobile homes to exit the site by the smaller of the two gates which leads out amongst the cottages at High Mill. Here turn right up the wide concrete road (High Mill Lane), turning left at the junction at the top with Bolton Road which will lead you the short distance to the walk start point at Addingham First School.

#### **Footnote**

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

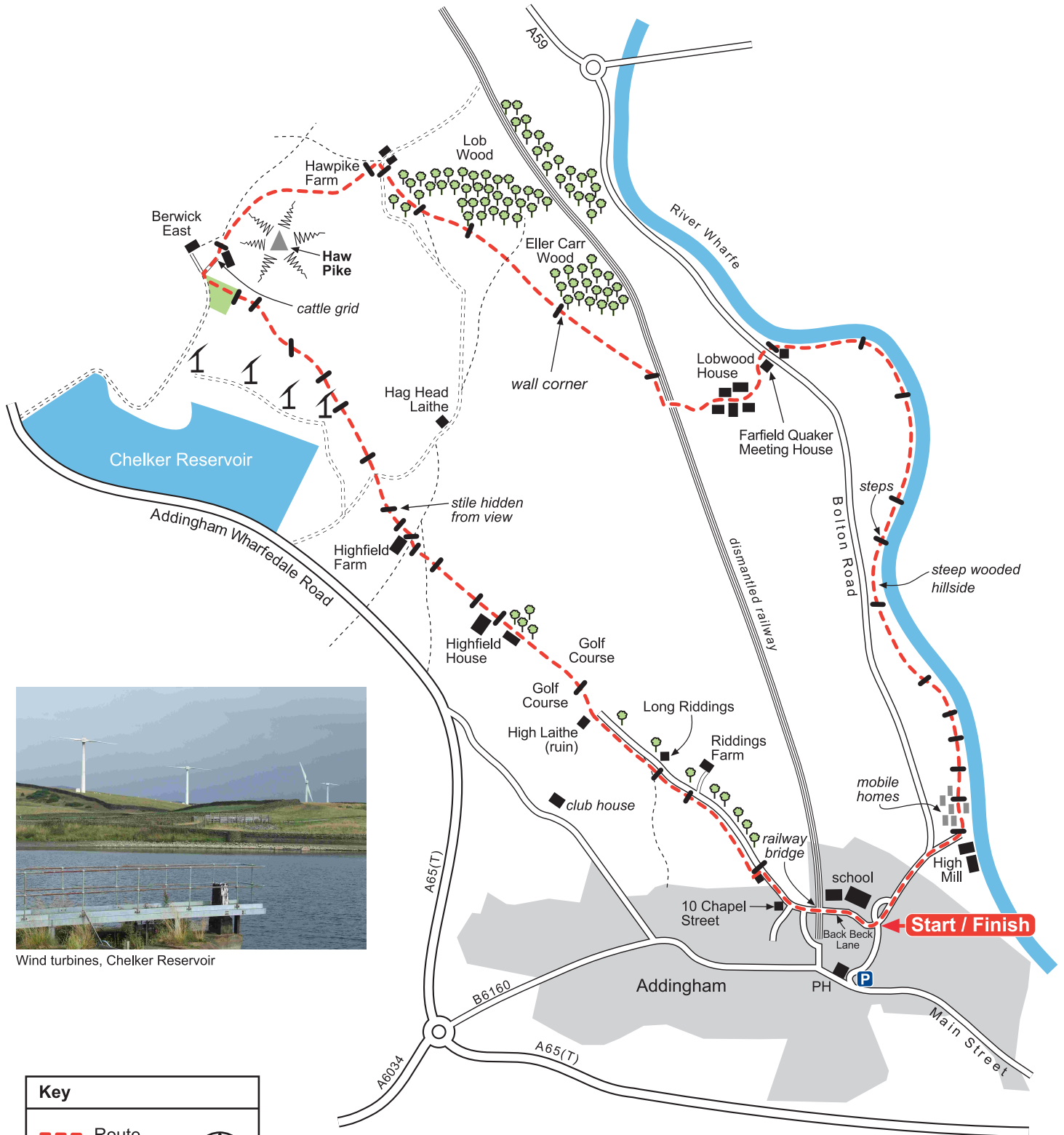
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Wind turbines, Chelker Reservoir

## Key

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- Stile/Gate
- Footpaths
- Wind turbines
- Parking

