

DISCOVER  
HAWORTH 2019  
& BRONTË COUNTRY



# DISCOVER HAWORTH

Haworth sits in the Worth Valley surrounded by dramatic moorlands.

The village is most famous for being the place which inspired the Brontë sisters to write their world famous novels. The Brontës wrote whilst living at the Parsonage when their father was the parson at the church of St Michael and All Angels.

During your stay you can explore the cobbled streets and take in the romantic Brontë heritage which surrounds you. Not only can you visit the Parsonage and Church but a short walk from the village you will find the inspirational moors which are said to be the setting for Wuthering Heights and Jane Eyre.

Haworth is a fascinating and individual village, which is centred around the steep cobbled Main Street. There are a number of quirky shops scattered up and down Main Street amongst the cafes, pubs and restaurants and it is the backdrop for a number of events throughout the year.



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# THE STORY OF THE BRONTË SISTERS

Patrick, father of Charlotte, Emily, Anne and their brother Branwell was a man driven by ambition. Born in County Down in 1777, he quickly left his humble origins behind by becoming an undergraduate at St John's College, Cambridge. He also left behind his original surname of Brunty changing it to the more impressive sounding Brontë. He married in 1812 and moved to Thornton in 1815 with his two children Maria and Elizabeth. It was here that Charlotte, Emily, Anne and Branwell were all born and lived until they moved to Haworth in 1820. Thornton, only six miles from Haworth, has preserved the village centre and retains all the character of a Pennine Village with stone houses and flagged roofs.

The family settled in Haworth and it was here that the sisters' writing careers flourished and where they found inspiration to write, amongst others Wuthering Heights and Jane Eyre. 2019 celebrates 200 years of Patrick Brontë and Haworth and a number of Brontë 200 events will take place at the Brontë Parsonage Museum where the literary family lived. To find out more visit [www.bronte200.org](http://www.bronte200.org)



# EXPLORING HAWORTH

## THE BRONTË PARSONAGE MUSEUM

The beautifully preserved museum still retains the atmosphere of the time when the Brontës lived there. The rooms they once used are filled with their personal possessions and furniture, including the original table where *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre* were created. Visit throughout 2019 and celebrate the bicentenary of Patrick Brontë and Haworth.

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

The Brontë vault is inside the current church (dating from 1879), and holds the remains of all the Brontë family except Anne, who is buried in the churchyard of St Mary's in Scarborough. The position of the vault is indicated with a memorial plaque.

## HAWORTH OLD HALL

At Haworth Old Hall, guests are welcomed by the Tudor charm, warm atmosphere with beautiful open log fires and friendly customer service from the moment they walk in. Steeped in history, the pub, dining room and bed and breakfast is one of the oldest buildings in the village dating back to 1621. An idyllic location to relax, eat great food and drink, Haworth Old Hall also is one of the many characterful accommodation options in the village, making it ideal for those visiting the Brontë Parsonage and the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.



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# EXPERIENCE

## RAIL STORY

The museum's name derives from the title Railway History. Situated adjacent to Ingrow Railway Station, in Keighley, Rail Story boasts two museums. Explore

the Engine Shed and the Carriage Works, where you can step back in time and learn the history of rail travel.

## KEIGHLEY & WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY (KWVR)

The Keighley and Worth Valley Railway runs through the heart of Brontë Country from Keighley to Oxenhope. This popular heritage railway will take you back in time on the steam and heritage diesels running daily throughout the summer and every weekend throughout the year. Step back in time and discover The Railway Children's railway whilst

enjoying the picturesque landscapes passing you by.

The Railway hosts a number of events throughout the year including two Steam Gala's, the Gin Express and the ever popular Beer and Music Festival, as well as family events in the school holidays and Santa specials.



# ENJOY

## CLIFFE CASTLE MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Cliffe Castle Museum was originally the spectacular mansion of Victorian textile millionaire, Henry Isaac Butterfield. The house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays. These include an array of glittering minerals, local rocks and fossils (including a 2m long fossil newt!), mounted birds

and animals, lavish Victorian reception rooms with furniture from the Victoria and Albert Museum, rare William Morris stained glass, costume, toys and domestic items and galleries devoted to the history of Keighley. Visitors can also enjoy the renovated park, gardens and large children's play area.



## EAST RIDDLESDEN HALL

East Riddlesden Hall is a 17<sup>th</sup> century manor house built on a plateau overlooking the River Aire, surrounded by fields and meadows and has foundations dating back to 973. Donated to the National Trust in 1934, this warm, friendly and intimate home is set within beautiful gardens and has an impressive history spanning through the decades. The exquisite embroideries and old oak furniture are waiting for you to explore. Nestled around the lawns, you will discover a selection of fruit trees, fragrant roses and borders of ever changing colours. Children can let off steam in the natural play areas and get creative in the outdoor pie kitchen, whilst adults refresh their taste buds with a trip to the tea room and enjoy a hot drink and a delicious slice of cake.

# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Brontë countryside boasts a natural landscape of stunning beauty, which is enjoyable for walkers of all abilities.

**A short walk from Haworth will bring you to Penistone Hill Country Park which is situated on the edge of the heather moorlands.**

From Penistone Hill it is a four mile round trip to the Brontë Waterfalls, which are located close to the village of Stanbury. It is believed the Brontë sisters used to visit the waterfalls for inspiration and close by there is a small stone bridge, Brontë Bridge, and a chair shaped rock where Emily Brontë is believed to have sat whilst gathering ideas for her books and poems.

Continue walking for another mile and you will arrive at Top Withens, one of the most iconic locations within Brontë Country. Situated on the top of the windswept moorland this ruined

farmhouse is said to have been the inspiration for the Earnshaw family house in Wuthering Heights. Close by is an interesting outcrop of rocks known as the Alcomden Stone.

Your final place to visit whilst on the moorland is Ponden Kirk. There you will find a large block of gritstone, which in the past was thought to have magical properties. Emily Brontë named the rock Penistone Crag and it was this that she chose as the location in Wuthering Heights for Cathy and Heathcliffe to meet. At the base of Ponden Kirk is a hole just big enough for an adult to climb through and Emily described it as a Fairy Cave. Local legend says if you are single and crawl through you will marry within the year!

# SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPE

The rugged and beautiful Pennine countryside is just waiting to be explored whether you walk, cycle or ride.

There are a number of walks starting from Haworth and the surrounding Brontë Country villages. You can take your time to explore the network of quiet country roads and paths, windswept moors and peaceful woodland which make Brontë Country one of West Yorkshire's most special places to walk.

The Brontë Way is a waymarked trail which links the key locations associated with the Brontë family. The full trail is approximately 40 miles and takes you from Oakwell Hall in Birstall across to Gawthorpe Hall in Lancashire, visiting on the way the wild moorland and the village of Haworth.



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Heading out on two wheels is a great way to explore. Road cyclists can ride a section of the Grand Depart, Tour de France 2014 or the Tour de Yorkshire. The route passes through large areas of Bradford District including the iconic steep incline of the cobbled Main Street, right in the centre of Haworth. May 2019 will see the Tour de Yorkshire pass through once again.

Alternatively if you prefer to have a guided ride, MTB Cycle Yorkshire

can offer you a bespoke experience. [www.mtbcycleyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.mtbcycleyorkshire.co.uk)

For a more relaxed excursion, explore the network of farm lanes and quiet country roads around Haworth and the neighbouring villages of Oakworth, Oxenhope and Stanbury.

For a full selection of walking and cycling routes and bridleways in Haworth and Brontë Country go to [www.visitbradford.com](http://www.visitbradford.com)



# SHOPPING

Haworth and Brontë Country provides a great shopping experience, from the independent shops on Haworth Main Street to the Airedale Shopping Centre and Indoor Market in Keighley.

Haworth is known for its selection of thriving independent shops on the iconic cobbled Main Street offering everything from vintage clothing and jewellery, specialist books to boutique pet products, fairtrade clothing and hand carved wooden crafts.

Keighley is a former industrial town and has a wealth of Victorian and Edwardian buildings. The Airedale Shopping Centre is home to a fantastic selection of high street retailers.

Cavendish Street and The Royal Arcade are home to independent family run shops and some of the town's boutique businesses.

Also in Keighley is a covered market, which is situated across from the Airedale Shopping Centre. The town has had a market charter since 1305 and the indoor market is now home to prize winning butchers and a selection of other traditional traders.



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# FOOD & DRINK

Haworth and Brontë Country offer a wide range of places to eat and drink.

Whether it's a comfy chair and a cappuccino, or a fine dining experience you fancy, this historical hotspot has it all!

Haworth has an amazing selection of places to eat and drink, from old coaching inns such as the Haworth Old Hall and Black Bull, to more contemporary The Hawthorn or Haworth Steam Brewery. If you want to enjoy coffee with a twist try Industry Barista situated in the up and coming part of Haworth, as well as fresh coffee you'll also be able to try a small range of rums, gins and craft beers. Or keep the kids entertained at Cobbles and Clay, a café and pottery painting studio at the top of Haworth's Main Street. Other cafés including the Fat Bunny Coffee

Lounge and Vilette Coffee House and Bakery named after Charlotte Brontë's famous Novel.

Keighley offers you the chance to explore culinary delights with award winning curry and a wide range of cuisines from around the world. If you are looking for a special treat then try the Pullman Dining Experience on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. Travel through the magnificent countryside while a delicious four course meal is served

For the real ale enthusiasts out there download a copy of the Keighley and Worth Valley Ale Trail!

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# EVENTS

Haworth has an exciting year round events calendar, there will always be something for everyone to enjoy!

year many visitors come to Haworth for Christmas and enjoy a busy calendar of events starting from November. The Nativity Weekend and Torchlight Parade are a sight to behold.

Step back in time at the 1940's weekend in May and 1960's weekend in June. Haworth Steam Punk is a much loved favourite. In November, Main Street is transported back to the industrial revolution with crowds of people sporting awe inspiring fantasy Victorian outfits. This year Brontë 200 continues with the celebration of Patrick Brontë and Haworth, and the Tour de Yorkshire will once again travel up the iconic cobbled main Street in May. Each

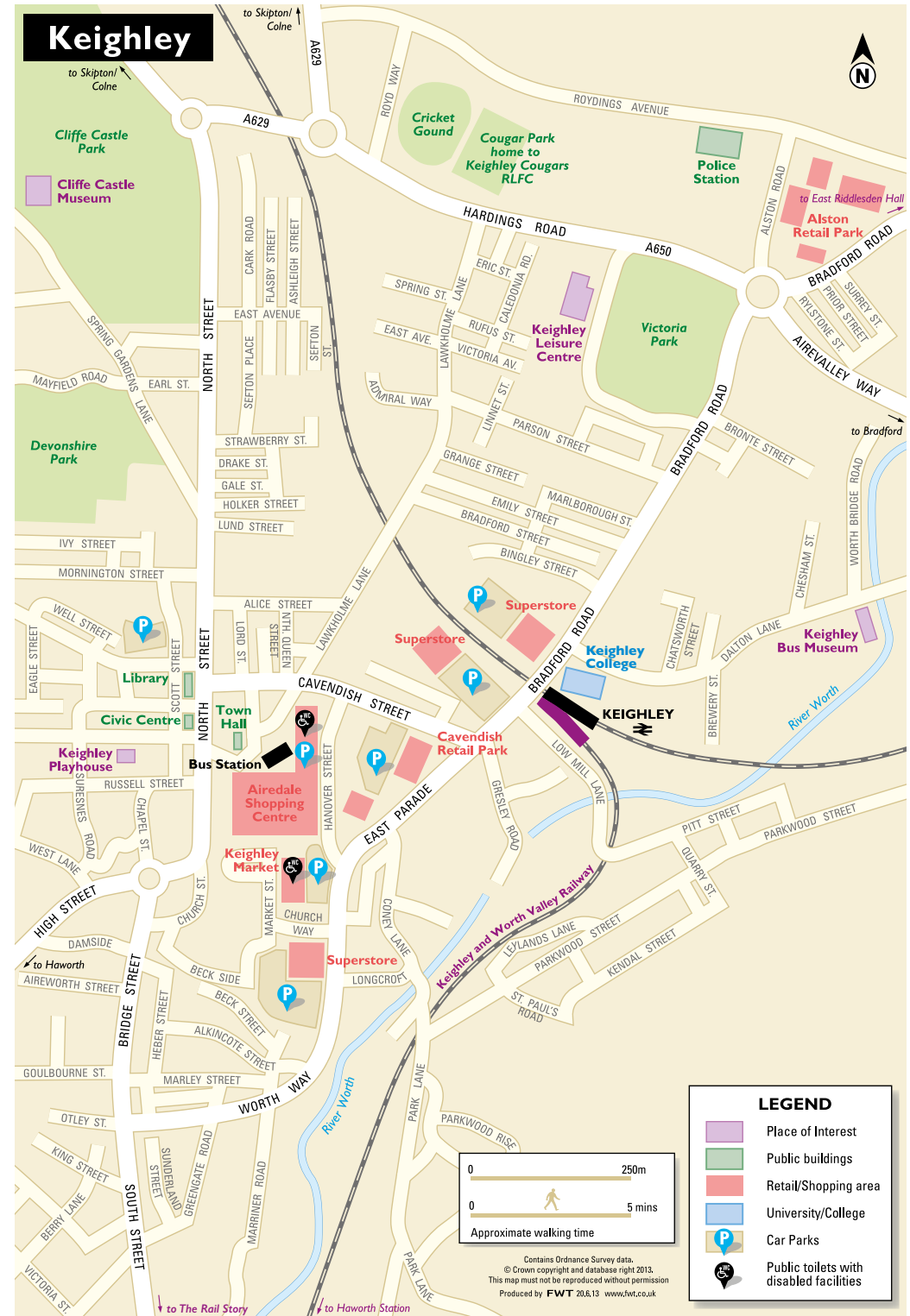
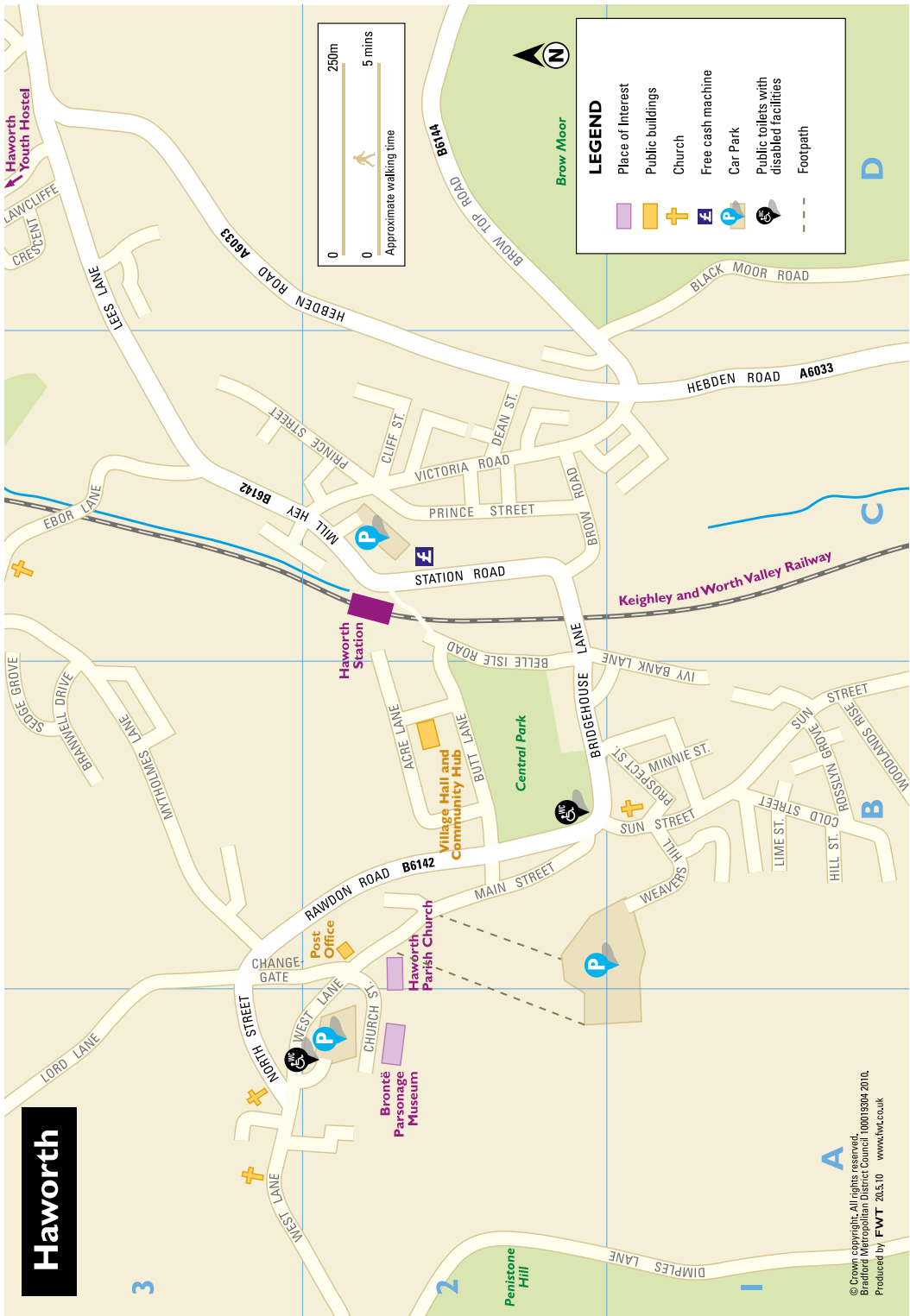
Visit nearby Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, and take a magical journey at one of their many events throughout the Year. Cliffe Castle and East Riddlesden Hall also have a number of family friendly events as well as a range of fantastic Christmas events, from Markets to meeting Santa. To find out about what's on throughout the year go to [www.visitbrontecountry.co.uk](http://www.visitbrontecountry.co.uk)

# FAIRTRADE HAWORTH

Haworth became the world's first Fairtrade village in 2002. Visitors to the area can enjoy Fairtrade products in surrounding shops, cafés and restaurants, knowing that they are helping to secure a more sustainable future for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Many other towns and villages in Bradford District also play an active part in supporting Fairtrade. Why not experience a selection of Bradford's Fairtrade towns by walking the scenic 'Bradford District Fair Trade Way'.





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