

Being a circular walk there are several places from where the walk can start and finish. However, for the purpose of this leaflet the walk information starts at Haworth Railway Station. For the benefit of those who feel unable to walk the full six miles, a shorter walk option of 2½ miles (4km) down to Oakworth Station also starts at Haworth Station.

The route has been devised to enable the walker to visit the various locations used in the 1970's film The Railway Children. Many of these locations are on private land, please help to respect this privacy

by keeping to the public rights of way from where points of interest can be seen and photographed.

Be Prepared for the Weather
Strong shoes or boots are recommended at all times. Wind and waterproof clothing may be required and are best carried along with a light snack and drink in a backpack in preference to a hand held bag.

Due to the very nature of the countryside this walk is not suitable for the less mobile, wheelchairs and children in pushchairs.

5 Turn right at the top of the steps to walk along the cobbled path through the churchyard to a second metal gate out onto Church Street. Turn right down the stone cobbled street where in front of you, the building at the top of the stone steps was the **Post Office and General Store** where the three children were given a pram amongst other gifts for "Mr Perks" birthday.

Continue down Church Street bearing left passed the Kings Arms Public House to emerge at the top of **Haworth Main Street**. Turn right to walk down Main Street looking at the many shops seen in the film when the children were collecting birthday gifts for Mr Perks. In particular, the **Tourist Information Centre** was transformed into the Butchers Shop and lower down Main Street on the right hand side can be found **Lodge Street**. The corner house, No.2, was the ironmongers/cobblers shop where the children were given a small hand shovel for "Mr Perks".

6 Continue down Main Street to the last shop on the left, here opposite **The Fleece Public House** turn left off Main Street down the lane, signposted to the Railway Station, and cross over the busy main road via the zebra crossing to walk down the cobbled lane (Butt Lane) between Haworth Central Park on the right, and the site of the former recently converted Haworth Infant and Junior Schools on the left. After approximately 183 metres (200 yards) down Butt Lane turn left along the unmade road opposite the side gate into Haworth Park, turning right where the unmade road overlooks the playing fields before bearing left down to a gateway.

Here is where Walk 2 joins the full walk to Oakworth Station.

7 Go through the gateway and follow the surfaced footpath diagonally across the field to the right. At the end of the path go through the stile and turn left along the short unmade road onto Myholmes Lane. Turn right, downhill for approximately 1/4 of a mile (0.4km) following the main road to where it levels out in the valley bottom and becomes Providence Lane. Continue on for a further 183 metres (200 yards), passing a row of cottages on your left and a garage on the right. Opposite the end of these cottages the route rejoins the footpath by turning right and ascending several stone steps. Walk along for a short distance before stopping near the electricity pylon to look to your right to see the mouth of **Mytholmes Railway tunnel** where "Jim" the schoolboy injured his leg whilst running in a paper chase. The embankment on the left hand side of the tunnel mouth is where the landslide was filmed. Below on the railway line in front, the children waved their red flannel petticoats to warn the driver of the 11.29 train of the danger.

Note: It is over thirty years since the film was made and the trees have matured so the best views from here are in winter when the trees have lost their foliage.

Continue along the footpath as it bears left uphill to a metal kissing gate; go through and across the field to a second kissing gate out onto Station Road. Turn right downhill for a short distance to **Oakworth Station**, the Railway Children Station.

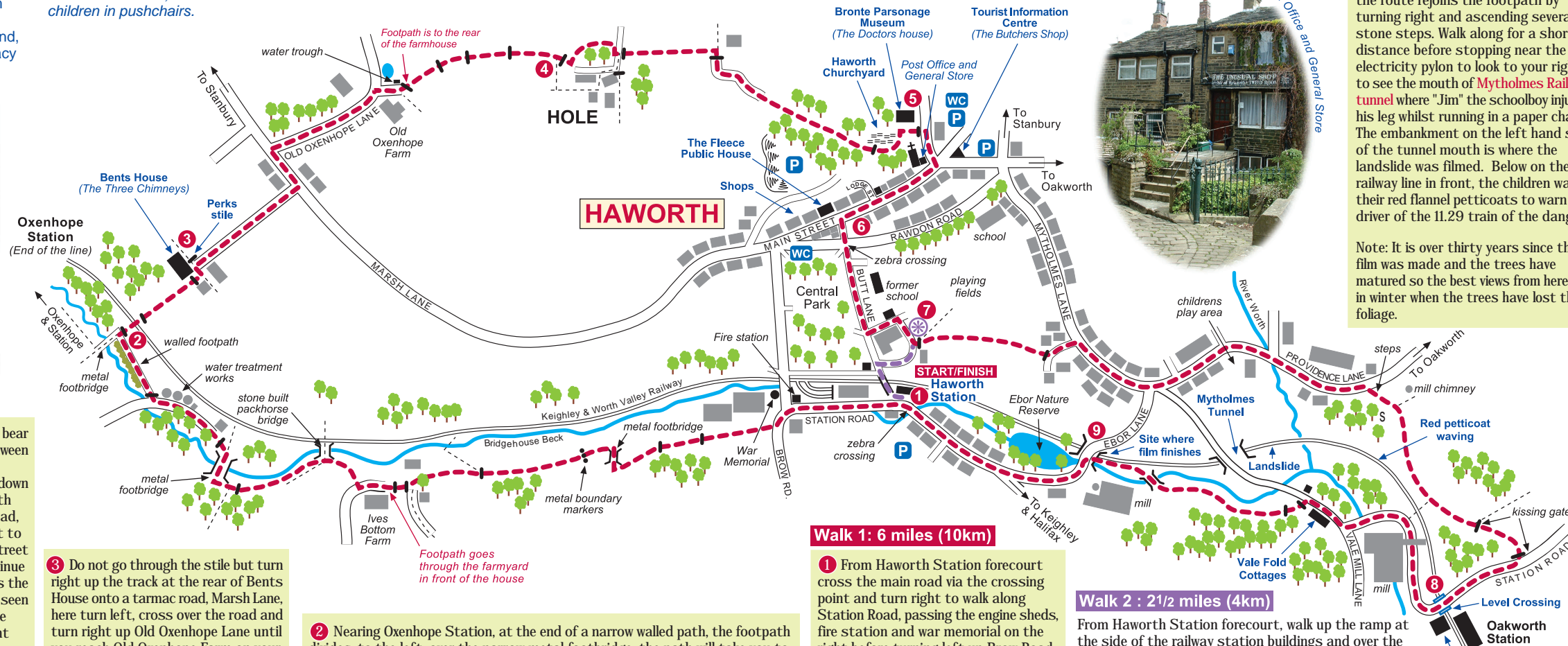
8 Continue the walk by crossing over the **level crossing**, the first house on the left, **Station Cottage**, was Mr Perks' home. The stone built house next door is of recent origin and did not appear in the film. Follow the road bearing right before passing under the mill building, bearing left and taking care at the blind corner, continue along the road a further 136 metres (150 yards) before turning right off the surfaced road onto the unmade road in front of the **Vale Fold cottages** which were seen in the film during the paper chase. Just past these cottages look out for a stile on your left. Climb over the stile and following the path over a second stile walking next to Bridgehouse Beck, and parallel to the railway line. Continue along the path to look to the right after crossing the small footbridge to see the opposite end of **Mytholmes Tunnel**.

Nearing the end of the path look over the stone wall on the right. The bridge in front of you is a recent replacement of the metal bridge seen at the end of the film under which, on the railway line and embankment, the cast were waving and Roberta writes "The End" on her chalk board.

9 At the end of the footpath go through the gap out onto the minor road (Ebor Lane), turn left to follow the road crossing the Ebor Mill Dam before bearing right uphill to join the main Haworth Road. Here turn right and walk down past the shops to Haworth Station from where you started your walk.



No.2 Lodge Street



4 On reaching the hamlet of Hole bear left up the slight incline walking between the hedge and the drystone wall, passing the houses of the hamlet down below to your right. Where the path meets a surfaced access road, cross over diagonally to the right to go through the stile next to the street light in the wall on your left. Continue by walking straight ahead towards the large detached house which can be seen across the fields. On reaching the garden wall of the house turn right downhill through the stile walking between a doubled wall path, follow this path, (grass at first then stone flagged) passing a car park on the right and through a metal kissing gate into Haworth churchyard. Here take a left turn up three steps, in front of you can now be seen **Brontë Parsonage Museum**, the Doctor's house in the film.

3 Do not go through the stile but turn right up the track at the rear of Bents House onto a tarmac road, Marsh Lane, here turn left, cross over the road and turn right up Old Oxenhope Lane until you reach Old Oxenhope Farm on your right. At the rear of the farmhouse turn right into the farmyard then immediately left by the water trough and over the stile into the field. Continue uphill keeping the stone wall on the left. The footpath goes straight ahead through and over several stiles heading for the hamlet of Hole.

2 Nearing Oxenhope Station, at the end of a narrow walled path, the footpath divides, to the left, over the narrow metal footbridge, the path will take you to Oxenhope Station. Our route is to the right over the stile in the stone wall and across the railway line, bearing left uphill to a second stile in the stone wall. Once over, a steep climb to the top of the field takes you to **Bents House**, better known as the **Three Chimneys**, the Yorkshire home of the railway children, which can be seen behind the trees and stone wall on your left. To continue follow the wall round the side of the Three Chimneys through the stile at the side of a gate to the rear of the building where the **stone gap stile** which "Perks" had difficulty negotiating whilst delivering to the Three Chimneys can be found.

Walk 1: 6 miles (10km)

1 From Haworth Station forecourt cross the main road via the crossing point and turn right to walk along Station Road, passing the engine sheds, fire station and war memorial on the right before turning left up Brow Road. After a short distance look out for the footpath sign on the right. Follow this well trodden footpath across the fields, through farmyards and passing Oxenhope water treatment works, following the Bridgehouse Beck and Worth Valley Railway almost to Oxenhope Station.

Walk 2 : 2½ miles (4km)

From Haworth Station forecourt, walk up the ramp at the side of the railway station buildings and over the footbridge.

Immediately over the bridge turn right and walk to the top of the narrow road, bearing left at the top in front of the cottages, then immediately right down the side of the same cottages to a gateway. From here follow the same walk instructions as the full walk from (point 7) marked on both the map and instructions. Your walk will finish back at Haworth Station.

Key to Map	
	Walk One
	Walk Two
	stile/gate
	pylon
	route indicators
	meeting point of both walks
	other footpaths



Post Office and General Store





The Three Chimneys

Bents House (The Three Chimneys)

The Yorkshire home of the Railway Children. Much of the field in front of the house seen in the film covered in buttercups has been replaced by a much more formal garden. To the rear of the house can be seen the stone stile which Perk's has difficulty negotiating whilst delivering a large basket to the Three Chimneys.

Haworth Churchyard

Seen when Peter runs to fetch Doctor Forrest because his mother is unwell and also when Roberta fetches Dr. Forrest to attend to the 'shabby Russian'.

Brontë Parsonage Museum (The Doctors house)

Already well known throughout the literary world being the home of the Brontë family. In the film, this house became the home of Doctor Forrest.



Brontë Parsonage

Tourist Information Centre

Situated at the top of Main Street, Haworth the centre was used in the film as the butchers shop.



Tourist Information Centre

Shops and Houses on Haworth Main Street, Church Street and Lodge Street

Seen when the children were collecting birthday gifts for Perks.



Haworth Main Street

Mytholmes Tunnel and Embankment

Seen in the film during the paper chase and is where 'Jim' falls and injures his leg. The embankment

to the left of the tunnel mouth is where the landslide was filmed. Nearby on the railway line the railway children used their red flannel petticoats as flags to warn the driver of the 11.29 train of the danger.

The Fleece Public House

Used by the film production company as their base and offices. Photographs of the filming can be seen in the pubs dining room.



Oakworth Station (below)

Seen throughout the film for a variety of events. Work place of 'Perks' the station porter, Peter's coal mine, the presentation ceremony, the 'shabby Russian' and the homecoming of the railway children's father.



The Level Crossing

Seen throughout the film and in particular when Mr Perks opens the gate for The Scotts Flyer. For filming, the gates were changed from the normal single gate to double gates.

Railway Cottage (Mr Perks Home)

Located across the level crossing from Oakworth station. The first house on the left named 'Railway Cottage' was the home of Mr Perk's. The house next door is a recent addition and is built on land where the wooden outside privy (lavatory) was situated.



Oakworth Level Crossing

Vale Fold Cottages

Row of cottages seen during the paper chase. The mill dam seen in front of these cottages has been drained and planted with trees.



Vale Fold Cottages

Mytholmes Tunnel (the opposite end)

Being only 82 metres (89 yards) long, the film makers had to build a scaffold over this end of the tunnel and cover it with a tarpaulin to make the tunnel appear longer and much darker.



Mytholmes Tunnel

Railway Children Engine (below)

Pannier Tank Engine, former 0.6.0 Great Western, painted in the fictitious livery and logo of the Great Northern & Southern Railway, specially created for the film. The engine is still in use on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.



'The Railway Children': Author E. Nesbit (1858 - 1924). Edith Nesbit lived in the south east of England and is buried at St Marys in the Marsh near Dymchurch. 'The Railway Children Story' first appeared in serial form in 'The London Magazine', in 1905.

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Old Gentlemans Coach (below)

Often used for special occasions and filming on the Worth Valley Line.



Robin Lush

Green Dragon (below)

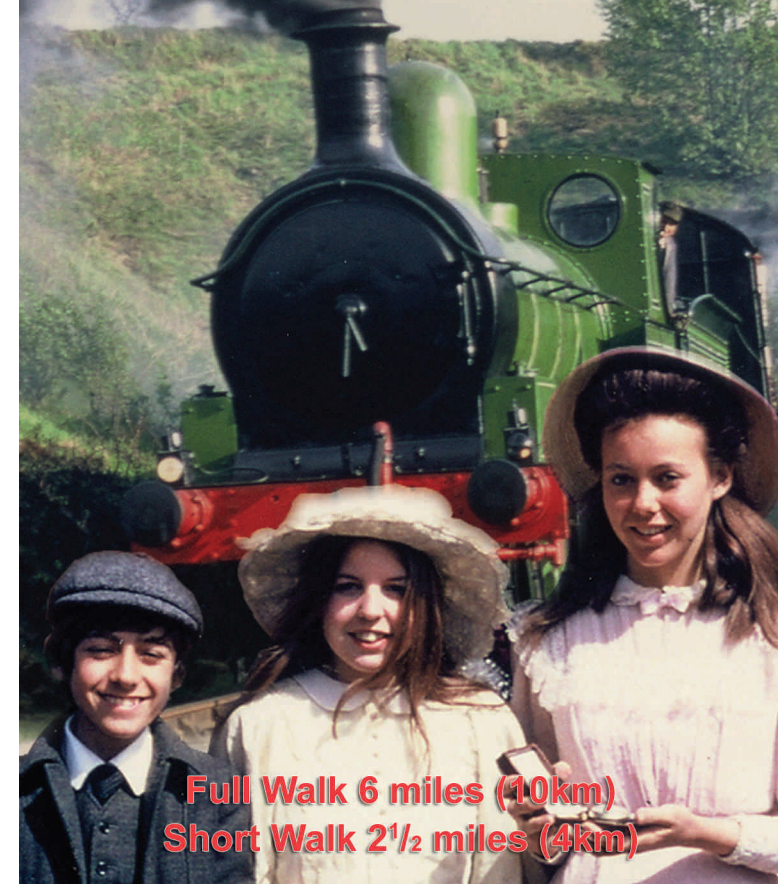
Built in 1887 this L&YR Class 25, 0.6.0 was seen in the film as the Green Dragon, the engine which caused the landslide. Still in use on the Worth Valley Line but now painted black, its original colour.



Robin Lush

THE RAILWAY CHILDREN WALKS

Two Circular Walks visiting various locations seen in the 1970's film 'The Railway Children'



Full Walk 6 miles (10km)
Short Walk 2 1/2 miles (4km)

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