

Walk from Luddendenfoot through Warley and Roils Head Moor to Cote Hill Led by Elizabeth Jenkins

Meet at Dale View bus stop, near Mill Stream Drive and Station Rd, Luddendenfoot.

Take the road opposite 'Hair by Claire' between Mill Stream Drive and house with green paintwork. Steep climb initially on tarmac, offering views over Kershaw, Luddenden valley across the Calder valley. At the top turn R, then after a short distance sharp L. Continue climbing a pleasant country lane which curls to the L then, at the top, to R.

At the junction, where there are wonderful views of the Luddenden valley, take the RH road. This starts more or less level, then dips down, offering good views on the R all the way to a marked footpath on the L. Follow this path past houses to a narrow gap by a fence at the end. Go through this gap, then through another by a wide gate, followed by a 2nd gate into an open field. Walk through this and into a 2nd field, then through a wide gap in the wall and down across a lower meadow to a gate in the bottom RH corner.

Go through this gate and through a gravelled yard. Take the marked footpath to your right, climbing up again to a 2 small gates at the top. Go through the metal gate into a small wood and out through another metal gate at the top. Turn L along the field, from which there are views of Sowerby Bridge. After walking through 2 fields and 2 gates, join an uphill footpath to the L leading towards Warley village. This path shortly veers R and becomes almost level then, upwards towards the end where it becomes a track and meets the road.

Turn L on the road, cross over and take the upward cobbled path next to the 20 mph sign. Take the LH fork by the school, going past allotments and Warley playing fields. Turn R after the car park towards the Maypole pub. It may be wise to stop here for drinks and toilets, since there will be no more toilets available on the route. (Estimate another 90 min to the bus stop for Todmorden.)

Walk a short distance to Edgholme Lane. L from carpark or R from the Maypole. Turn L into Edgholme Lane, tarmac first then cobbles, another longish significant climb. At the top, continue on the path as it veers to R, offering more wonderful views. Just before the path dips down, take the footpath up on the L. Continue up at the Y shaped junction. At the top of the path, cross the road and take the path opposite and slightly to the R. (NB. There are nettles on this path.) From the top of this path, continue along Norton Drive then cross over onto the path behind a galvanised barrier. This leads towards one entrance to the moor.

For a circular walk around Roils Head Moor, take the first path to the L and continue walking to the end where it meets a wide track. Turn R down this track. When approaching a row of trees, follow this path down as it veers L. Go between trees, across a field into a wooded area. Towards the bottom, turn R before the track below, going past a memorial bench. The path leads to a rough tarmac and gravel track. Follow this up as far as the first side path on L, going between trees in a row. Emerge into a field. At next junction of paths continue straight ahead and enjoy the wide open space. Follow path as it veers slightly L towards a tower and mast, then join a broader rock and sand path past a play area. Emerge by the entrance previously used. Cross the road, down to the galvanised barrier then L on Roils Head Road. Cross over. At the junction go down a short link road to the other part of Roils Head Rd. Cross over. Go down Warley Edge track on the R for panoramic views. Immediately after the houses take the footpath on L down to Stock Lane. Cross over. Take the path slightly to the R, before Windle Royd Lane. Emerge by the Peacock pub on Burnley Road. Cross over for bus back towards Todmorden.