

<p>Distance: Approx. 7.5 miles</p> <p>Time Taken: Approx. 3.5hrs</p> <p>Terrain: Some steep ascents and descents, mainly good clear rocky paths.</p> <p>Total ascent / descent: 1150ft / 350 meters</p> <p>Dog Friendliness: Very dog friendly for most of the walk. However, be wary of sheep on the moors and ground nesting birds in spring.</p> <p>Toilets / Refreshments: Lots of pubs and cafes in Haworth.</p> <p>Parking: There are two car parks in Haworth, the Bronte Village coach and car park and the parsonage car park.</p> <p>OS Maps: OL21</p>	<p>037 – Haworth to Top Withens Circular</p> <p>Background: Haworth is a popular tourist destination in the metropolitan area of Bradford, which is famous for being the home of the Bronte family in the 1800's. The Bronte sisters, Charlotte, Emily and Anne wrote their novels while resident in Haworth, drawing inspiration from the surrounding moorland for their work.</p> <p>The Pennine village where the Bronte sisters grew up was then a crowded industrial town, polluted, smelly and wretchedly unhygienic. Although perched on the edge of open country, high up on the edge of Haworth Moor, the death rate was as high as anything in London or Bradford, with 41 per cent of children failing even to reach their sixth birthday. The average age of death was just 24.</p> <p>Top Withens, a remote ruined farmhouse is said to be the inspiration for the Earnshaw family home – Wuthering Heights in the novel with the same name by Emily Bronte. Our walk follows a lovely route from the village of Haworth to Top Withens, via the Bronte Waterfalls and coming back along the Pennine Way through Stanbury.</p> <p>Route Description: This route can be started from anywhere in the village but we started from the main street.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the main street, head south towards the Bronte Village Car and Coach park. 2. Follow the path through the car park and head out to join the Bronte Way. There is a sign post pointing straight ahead marked Top Withens and Bronte Waterfalls. 3. Follow this path straight ahead until you meet a road. 4. Cross the road and bear left following the Bronte Way through Penistone Hill Country Park. The path here is very clear and easy to follow and is well sign posted. Follow the signs for Bronte Waterfall and Top Withens. 5. Follow this path again until you get to another signpost directing you to bear right and down until you meet a road. 6. Cross over the road straight ahead and join the path following a wall on your right past various farms. 7. Again the path is easy to follow and well signposted. After approximately 1 mile you will reach the Bronte Waterfall and bridge. 8. Cross the bridge and follow the path up the bank until you reach another signpost pointing left. 9. Turn left onto the path which will take you to Top Withens. Again this path is very clear and easy to follow. 10. Once you reach Top Withens, come back on your self and join the Pennine Way, again clearly signposted. 11. Follow the Pennine Way for 1.5 miles, past Upper Heights Farm until you join another road. 12. Follow the road (Back Lane) into Stanbury. 13. Walk through the Village of Stanbury and turn right at the top of the village following the road across Lower Laithe Reservoir. 14. When you reach the other side of the Reservoir, turn left onto a path that goes past the reservoir works on your left and past the cemetery on your right. 15. You will once again join a road, follow this road back to the main street of Haworth. <p>Points of Interest: Bronte Parsonage Museum, Penistone Hill Country Park, Bronte Waterfalls, and Top Withens,</p>
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