

Walk - Rombald's Moor and Doubler Rocks

This walk which is just three and half miles from the cottage has great views and is easy walking with the minimum of uphill sections. The walk includes two interesting features. The first being a poem written by the Yorkshire poet Simon Armitage which is part of an ambitious project to place poetry in public spaces across Yorkshire. The second being the Doubler Rocks. These were formed when hard gritstone is situated on top of softer sandstone which has been eroded away over time.

Parking – parking is limited but there is sufficient room to park on the verge a short distance from the start of the walk. Location:- 53°53'28.3"N 1°53'31.9"W 53.891193, -1.892187

Description

From the parking walk a short distance toward Silsden. On the north side of the road to the left of a wooden five bar gate, cross over a dry stone wall. There is a footpath sign to the left of it. Walk now in the direction given by the sign for some 430 metres towards Pendle Hill. Cross a further dry-stone wall at a crossing point. Generally just to the left of a line towards the radio mast.

After crossing over this dry stone wall. Turn immediately right to walk along a made-up roadway towards the radio mast. 180 metres.

Before you reach the radio mast the made-up road turn sharply right. On the left hand side a marker points to Stanza Stones. Make a note of the way it points as this is the direction to follow across the next field.



Turn right to go through the entrance and immediately turn left to follow the route shown in these images.



Walk across the field for some 120 metres leaving a pile of rocks to the left. Pass through a gateway.

Continue on for 500 metres to reach the two tablets of stone containing the poem Dew and a stunning view.



Once you reach the poem and having drunk in the view, turn right and continue along the pathway.

After a further 200 metres or so, enter a wood. Walk through the wood for approximately 300 metre and at a T-junction

turn left. After a few metres turn left again back into the forest. Now going slightly uphill. The woods give way to an open area with some firs devoid of foliage which stand like centuries picketing the area to the right. And then back into the woods. Meander through the wood the open area a short distance to your right. Eventually break out of the woods with the track now going sharply downhill.



Pass through a five bar gate. Continue along the track and pass through a further five bar gate after 500 metres. Continue now for 600 metres to reach a farmstead on

your left. The Doubler Stones are on your right some 100 metres or so away. If you wish to visit them, then make your way across the moor making such route as you wish before returning to the track by the farmstead.

Continue by turning left onto a concrete path towards the farmstead and towards a silver coloured silo. Pass through the farm buildings and through a double five bar gate. After passing through the gate, turn to your left then through a further five bar gate to then bear right. Take the option here to go straight ahead (there is an option to go right).



The track drops down with a dry-stone wall to the right. Walk for 250 metres to pass through a drystone wall with dilapidated gate. Turn right to walk with a dry-stone wall on your right and in 100 metres or so drop down onto a track. Turn left onto the track. Uphill now and after 100 metres through another five bar gate, there is a cottage on your left. Straight on now with a dry-stone wall on your left. Pass a yellow footpath marker on the dry-stone wall on your left. Pass through a couple of stone posts without a gate. There is another footpath post on the left-hand post. Continue with the dry-stone wall on your left. Up to your left you will see the radio mast (your target) and a wind turbine directly ahead. After about 130 metres turn left to pass through another galvanised five bar gate. When we went through this one of the vertical bars was broken in half just below the bolt. Continue on a wide path pretty much at 90 degrees from your direction before passing through the gate. You should have a dry-stone

wall on your left with wiring on posts above it. At the end of the dry-stone wall there is a sharpish drop and then a climb. Bear right at the bottom of the drop by an angle of 45 degrees. The way ahead is fairly indistinct but goes anti clockwise around a mound before dropping down towards a small galvanised gate. There is a steepish rise ahead of you. Pass



through the gate and drop down to a rough stone bridge over a stream. Continue on the path as it climbs steadily and goes round to the left. Now climb sharply with a dry-stone wall on your right and pass over (when we were there) a rather doggy stile. The path ahead is rather indistinct but over to your left you will see the top of the radio mast. Take a line directly towards it. About half way to the mast pass through a dry-stone wall which is stepped. Keep on towards the radio mast. After a couple of hundred metres you will reach a further dry-stone wall. If the radio mast is off to your right turn right to follow the wall. At about 50 metres or so from the tower there is a crossing point in the wall. Pass over this and head just to the left of the tower to meet your outward track. Bear right to follow the roadway. After 180 metres or so as the roadway turns right cross over the dry-stone wall and re-trace your path across the final field to return to the road and your parking spot.