

Coach House Canal Loop. A walk from the Coach House of some four miles in length. This is an easy walk with no up-hill sections. From the Coach House the walk takes a pleasant and easy stroll up to the number of stiles on the route plus a river Aire. There are a number of stiles on the route plus a couple of dry-stone walls to cross. You may come across some cows on the section by the Aire river although we found these to be friendly.



From the Coach House, exit the gate and turn left. Walk to the roundabout, a distance of 300 metres. Cross the A269 (there is a crossing area just to the left of the roundabout.). After the roundabout continue towards Silsden for 200 metres and at a footpath sign on the right (a footpath marker indicating "Silsden Circle on the left). Pass through a narrow rock corridor to enter a meadow with a few small trees dotted around. 30 meters ahead, climb a bank and pass straight across and towards a small bridge over some water. Pass over this and then a stile. Follow the track as it now goes slightly right and diagonally across a field again with a few small trees either side for 100 metres or so. At a dry-stone wall with a five-bar gate to the right of it, go across the crossing point in the dry-stone wall and then a stile and continue ahead again with a few small trees dotted around. Continue on the Millennium way to cross a further stile in about one hundred metres. After a further 150 metres or so pass through a small galvanised steel gate. Continue straight ahead (slightly to the right) . After 60 metres pass through a gate in a dry-stone wall. Continue more or less parallel to the dry-stone wall but leaving it at a small angle, say 15 degrees. After 100 metres cross a small ditch. After a further 70 metres, head towards the right-hand end of a dry stone wall. Pass through a galvanised steel gate with a footpath sign to the right of it. Carry straight on ahead. A further 70 metres pass to the right of the end of a dry-stone wall. Continue for another 70 metres or so to pass through the gap in a dry-stone wall. Cross under some power lines. Another 70 metres cross over a stile in a wooden and wire fence. Going diagonally to your left head towards a large building, leaving some children's swings to your right look out for and cross a stile and pass over it and turn left on a track. Continue on the track for some 160 metres to reach a



tarmac road (Low Lane).

Turn left on Low Lane. In ignore the footpath sign at 100 metres but continue a total of 200 metres to where the road turns to the left. Just past a wooden seat on the right take the footpath on the right and pass through a narrow gap in the drystone wall. Bear left and walk roughly parallel to the wall. Walk more or less in line with some electric cables supported by wooden poles. After 200 metres

and at the corner of the dry-stone wall reach a small gap in the wall which gives access to the Liverpool to Leeds Canal.



Turn left now to walk on the canal tow path. Walk for a distance of approximately one and a half kilometres to reach the road bridge in Silsden. You now have a choice. You can climb the steps to take you to the main road through Silsden or continue. If you decide to leave the canal here, climb the steps, turn left and walk back to the roundabout and back to the cottage. Otherwise continue for another kilometre or so and on reaching a swing bridge with a red stop sign on it and a large galvanised gate and a green footpath sign on the left, turn left to leave the canal and follow the footpath sign onto a track. Follow the path for some



500 metres to reach the river Aire. Turn left to follow the bank of the Aire. Follow the Aire for a further 500 metres to reach the road into Silsden. Once on the road turn right towards the roundabout. Retrace your steps back to the Coach House. Have a beer or whatever takes your fancy!