

# A GUIDE TO Bradford

**Bradford  
Haworth  
Ilkley  
Saltaire**



# Welcome to Bradford

Your guide to one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the whole country

Located in the heart of West Yorkshire, Bradford is a destination packed with brilliant days out, intriguing museums, wonderful art and gorgeous scenery. Not to mention lots of delicious places to eat and enjoy our foodie culture, shops and high streets to explore and brilliant places to stay.

Bradford is UK City of Culture 2025, and culture and creativity is never far away. A city made famous by its wool trade,

Bradford now leads the way as a UNESCO City of Film, and boasts a number of world class visitor attractions, including Saltaire UNESCO World Heritage Site; Haworth, home of the Brontë Parsonage Museum and the thriving former spa town of Ilkley.

With events, theatre and live music galore, there's always something new to discover on your visit to Bradford.



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# 10 Cultural Highlights

in the UK City of Culture 2025

## The Brontës

Perhaps the most famous literary family the country has produced, the Brontës were born in Thornton and spent most of their lives in Haworth.

Their life and work are celebrated in Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum, which is a short walk away from the unspoiled area of south Pennine hills that inspired works including *Wuthering Heights*.

## The Alhambra

Opened in 1914, Bradford's 1400 capacity Alhambra Theatre is regarded as a 'jewel in the crown' of northern theatre. The venue hosts a range of major touring companies including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and has staged major West End shows with more to come in 2024, including *Wicked* and Disney's *Aladdin*. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

## UNESCO City of Film

Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film. This title bestows international recognition on Bradford as a world centre for film because of the city's rich film heritage, its inspirational movie locations and its many celebrations of the moving image through film related events and unique approach to learning about and with film.

## Incredible Scenery

One of the best things of all about Bradford is its stunning natural beauty.

With a fine mixture of deep valleys, rolling hills and rugged moorland, it is full of character and places to explore. Special mentions go to Ilkley Moor and Brontë Country, but you're never too far from the inspirational outdoors.

## Amazing Architecture

Bradford is home to one of the finest collections of Victorian buildings in the UK.

City Hall and the Wool Exchange – now a rather special Waterstones bookshop – are superb examples of Gothic exuberance, while the commercial district of Little Germany contains no less than 55 listed buildings.



## David Hockney

David Hockney was born on July 9th, 1937 in Bradford, and studied at Bradford School of Art in the 1950s before going on to become one of the most influential and best-loved artists of the 20th century.

His ties to Bradford are still strong, with large collections of his work on display at Salts Mill 1853 Gallery and The David Hockney Gallery at Cartwright Hall.



## Literature Festivals

The Bradford Literature Festival has quickly established itself as one of the most popular and diverse Literature Festivals in the UK. Ilkley's Literature Festival has been bringing the biggest names in literature to the district for over 50 years.

## Britain's Curry Capital

Bradford remains the undisputed champion of curry having being crowned 'Curry Capital of Britain' six years in a row. With a vibrant community and a large number of historic and contemporary curry houses, it's no wonder foodies come from far and wide to experience an authentic Bradford curry.



## Vibrant Events

Across the year and all around the district you'll find plenty of excellent events, with something for everyone. From literature to live music and theatre, to family events, foodie experiences and everything in between. Check the events calendar before you book your visit.



Find out more

## Saltaire, World Heritage Site

Take a glimpse at the past. UNESCO World Heritage Site Saltaire is a unique Victorian 'model' industrial village, established in 1850s by wool baron Sir Titus Salt. Built from honey-coloured stone in neo-Italianate style and surrounded by hills, spectacular bluebell woods and moorland, this beautiful village now beats with a creative heart.

# ABOUT Bradford

## Visit For

Stunning Victorian  
architecture

International cuisine

Superb museums  
and galleries



## Bradford is a diverse and historic city enhanced by stunning architecture and a thriving cultural scene.

The city of Bradford has a fascinating history, growing from a small rural settlement to an industrial powerhouse dubbed the 'Wool Capital of the World' in the Victorian era. Lavish Victorian architecture from that period is still much in evidence today.

Recognised as a UNESCO City of Film, the city is a wonderful place to enjoy cinema as well as being a popular filming location. The city centre is home to a wonderful concentration of heritage buildings, the stunning City Park water feature and some superb museums including the National Science & Media Museum. With venues such as Kala Sangam, Bradford Playhouse,

The Alhambra Theatre and St George's Hall offering a fantastic programme of live events, it's no surprise Bradford has been named UK City of Culture 2025.

With a compact, easy to explore city centre, Bradford also has plenty of choice when it comes to shopping, food & drink and cultural attractions, making it perfect for anyone looking for a mixture of heritage, culture and character.

Explore the rich history of Bradford by visiting Bolling Hall, Bradford Industrial Museum and Cartwright Hall art gallery. These attractions are conveniently located near the city centre and can be easily accessed by public transport.



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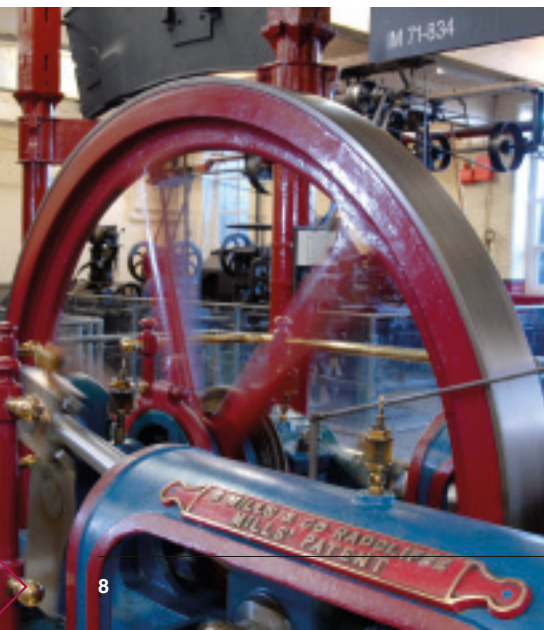
## Things to Do



### Impressions Gallery

One of the UK's leading venues for photography, showing significant work by regional, national and international artists. Situated in the heart of Bradford and overlooking the multi-award winning City Park, the gallery presents an inspiring programme of free exhibitions and a rich mix of events and creative workshops.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD  
[www.impressions-gallery.com](http://www.impressions-gallery.com)



### Bradford Industrial Museum

Discover permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering, printing machinery and motor vehicles, along with an exciting exhibitions programme.

Explore the splendour of the Mill Manager's home, Moorside House, or visit the Mill-workers' terraced houses dressed to reflect three different time periods.

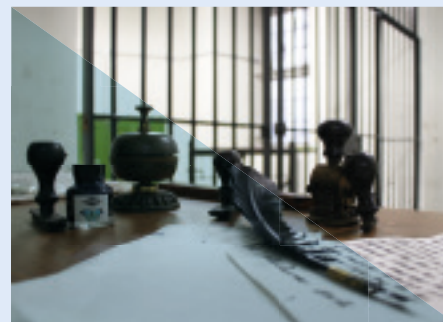
Moorside Road, Bradford BD2 3HP  
[www.bradfordmuseums.org](http://www.bradfordmuseums.org)



### Bradford Cathedral

Explore the treasures of this historic gem in the heart of the Bradford. Look for stained glass windows by William Morris and sculptures by Flaxman and John Shaw. Immerse yourself in the wonderful atmosphere of the cathedral which comes alive with a busy calendar of events throughout the year. From enchanting candlelight concerts and mesmerising organ concerts to a fascinating Faith Trail, there is always something captivating to experience.

1 Stott Hill, Bradford BD1 4EH  
[www.bradfordcathedral.org](http://www.bradfordcathedral.org)



### The Bradford Police Museum

A unique insight into the history and heritage of policing, criminal justice, civic enforcement and the development of crime and punishment in Bradford from the early 19th century onwards. Discover authentic Victorian cells and the beautifully preserved Victorian courtroom.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY  
[www.bradfordpolicemuseum.com](http://www.bradfordpolicemuseum.com)



### The National Science and Media Museum

**The museum will be reopening in summer 2024 following refurbishment.** The Sound and Vision project will create two significant new galleries which will showcase key objects and stories from the world-class collections, as well as improving access to the whole museum.

Bradford, BD1 1NQ  
[www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk](http://www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk)



Lister Park

One of Bradford's largest parks, it provides the perfect setting for Cartwright Hall. The generously proportioned park includes a boating lake, a fantastic childrens playground, elegant Mughal Water Gardens and hosts a weekly parkrun.

North Park Road, BD9 4NR  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)



Cartwright Hall Art Gallery

Bradford's civic art gallery offering an exciting programme of exhibitions, four permanent galleries including 19th and 20th century British art, international contemporary prints and contemporary South Asian art and crafts. The Hockney Gallery showcases Bradford's unrivalled public collection of the work of David Hockney.

Lister Park, Bradford BD9 4NS  
[www.bradfordmuseums.org](http://www.bradfordmuseums.org)



Bolling Hall Museum

One of Bradford's oldest buildings, during the Civil War the household supported the Royalist cause and Bolling Hall was a stronghold during the 'Siege of Bradford'. Nowadays it is a heritage museum with rooms furnished and decorated to give a taste of life at different periods of the house's 500 year history.

Bolling Hall Road, Bradford, BD4 7LP  
[www.bradfordmuseums.org](http://www.bradfordmuseums.org)



Undercliffe Cemetery

Described as one of the most striking achievements of Victorian funerary design, you'll find grand nineteenth-century monuments, elaborate tombs, finely decorated obelisks and extravagant mausoleums, along with sweeping views over the city.

The listed monuments, amongst others, have QR codes so that you can find out more about who they commemorate with a click of your smart phone.

127 Undercliffe Lane, Bradford , BD3 0DW  
[www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk](http://www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk)

## Shopping

If you're in the city centre to shop, then **The Broadway Shopping Centre** is definitely the best place to start. The city's main shopping centre offers a range of high street brands including **Superdry, Marks and Spencer, Next, Skechers, Khaadi**, and many more.

More high street names can be found at **Forster Square Retail Park**, and at the **Kirkgate Centre** on Darley Street. Opening in 2024 the **Darley Street Market** will provide a new shopping destination, showcasing local independent traders in a fresh vibrant location.



# Bradford on Film

Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film.

This permanent designation gives Bradford international recognition as a world centre for film for the city's rich film heritage, inspiring film locations, as well as the city's film festivals, film-related events and unique ways of learning about film.

Bradford has been a filming location since the beginning of cinema, with its indigenous film industry being traced back to the years around the First World War.

Classic movies Room at the Top (1959) and Billy Liar (1963) put filming in Bradford on the map.



Keira Knightley in *Official Secrets*



Ali & Ava

## On Location

In Bradford, you'll find popular filming locations including City Hall and the historic area of Little Germany, which have been featured in films such as **Official Secrets** and **The Duke**. Ilkley Moor has also been a backdrop for films like **Calendar Girls** and **Ali & Ava**. Saltaire and Salts Mill are known hotspots for film and TV productions, with shows like **The ABC Murders** and **Peaky Blinders** being filmed there. And in Keighley, the iconic Oakworth station from **The Railway Children** is a must-visit for fans of the film.

## The Magic of the Big Screen

Bradford is a great place to experience film, with a diverse range of cinemas to suit all movie-goers. The National Science and Media Museum's **Pictureville** screens Cinerama, world cinema, classic, and independent films. **The Light at Broadway** offers luxury with reclining seats, while **Cineworld** shows international blockbusters and Bollywood movies. **Keighley Picture House**, open since 1912, has two comfortable auditoriums. **Ilkley Cinema** is a small independent picture house with a modern bar, auditorium drinks service, and comfy sofas.



# ABOUT Haworth & Brontë Country

## Visit For

- Brontë connections
- Iconic Main Street
- Inspiring landscapes
- Quirky museums



Home of the famous **Brontë sisters**, Haworth attracts visitors from all around the world to take in the sites that inspired their famous works.

On the edge of the Pennines, the Haworth known by the Brontës was a working village, producing worsted yarn and cloth. However the village was soon to become a site of literary pilgrimage. The Brontë Society was founded in 1893 and visitors have made their way to this iconic location ever since.

With its characterful cobbled Main Street, historic parsonage and epic rolling moors, the picturesque village of Haworth has a very special vintage charm that has made it a popular visitor attraction for many years. Around the villages and countryside of

Brontë country you will find lots more to discover.

Keighley is a busy town, with a selection of shops, cafés and restaurants around the **Airedale Shopping Centre, Cavendish Street** and **North Street**. While in the area enjoy a pint from the well-known local brewery **Timothy Taylor**.

Nearby attractions include **Cliffe Castle Museum and Park**, National Trust property **East Riddlesden Hall**, **Keighley Worth Valley Railway and Rail Story** at Ingrow.



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## Things to Do



### Brontë Parsonage Museum

Set between the unique village of Haworth, and the wild moorland beyond, this elegant Georgian house was home to Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë from 1820 to 1861. The house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time, with the rooms they once used filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions.

Church Street, Haworth BD22 8DR  
[www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk)



### Haworth Main Street

Stroll down the steep Main Street and experience the charm of Haworth. This well-known spot has been featured on TV and in films and is lined with delightful shops, cafés, and pubs, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy the scenery, including the nearby Parish Church and Brontë Parsonage Museum.

Main Street, Haworth, BD22 8DP



### Top Withens

Top Withens is a ruined farmhouse near Haworth, which is said to have been the inspiration for *Wuthering Heights*, the novel by Emily Brontë. The ruin lies on the Pennine Way and is a popular walking destination from Haworth and Stanbury. Such is the attraction to Japanese literary tourists that some footpath signs in the area include directions in Japanese.

Haworth Moor, HX7 8RP



### Central Park

Haworth's Central Park is the perfect place to relax or go for a stroll. Its pretty flower garden, play area and bowls are popular with locals and visitors. The park hosts a monthly artisan market, and occasional live performances on the bandstand.

Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8RA  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)



### Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

The KWVR heritage railway runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë Country. Board a vintage steam train and enjoy a five mile journey steeped in industrial heritage and the beautiful countryside immortalised by the Brontë sisters. The railway hosts regular events and experiences throughout the year.

Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8NJ  
[www.kwvr.co.uk](http://www.kwvr.co.uk)



### East Riddlesden Hall

A National Trust owned 17th century manor house containing a mixture of 17th - 19th century furniture. The intimate gardens include lots of natural play areas for families to enjoy.

Bradford Road, Riddlesden,  
Keighley, BD20 5EL  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



### Cliffe Castle Museum

Set within a grand public park, this former mansion house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays, including Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings and decorative art. Dedicated galleries feature natural history, archaeology and social history.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH  
[www.bradfordmuseums.org](http://www.bradfordmuseums.org)



### Cliffe Castle Park

The park is well worth exploring with plenty to see including marble fountains, glasshouses and terraces, a very popular children's play area and a spacious café. A number of original park features have been recreated including the glasshouse and vineries.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)

## Shopping

Haworth offers a memorable shopping experience with a fine array of independent shops lining the steeply cobbled Main Street. There you can pick up everything from vintage clothing and jewellery to specialist books, original art and traditional sweets. Be sure to also check out the **Cabinet of Curiosities**, **Hawksbys Gallery** and **Modo & Co.**

In Keighley, **The Airedale Shopping Centre** is home to a number of high street retailers while **Cavendish Street** and **The Royal Arcade** are the place to go for boutique businesses including the excellent **Aire Valley Guitars** and **Blue Ginger Boutique**.



### Keighley

This well-established town centre provides a selection of shops from high street names to local independent retailers. There's also a great choice of cafés and restaurants, offering everything from delicious homemade cakes to flavour-packed curries. Great public transport links connect the town with the local area.

Keighley Town Centre, BD21 3RZ



### Rail Story

Explore The Carriage Works and the collection of beautifully restored railway carriages, many of which have been used in TV and film productions. Next door, The Engine Shed provides an insight into the history of steam locomotives.

Ingrow Station, South Street,  
Keighley, BD21 5AV  
[www.railstory.co.uk](http://www.railstory.co.uk)

# Events

The moment you set foot in Bradford District you'll discover inspiring events are happening all year round.

There's a flourishing arts scene where you'll find fascinating exhibitions, energetic theatre and compelling events to keep you enthralled.

Throughout the year, our towns and villages come alive with a vibrant array of themed events. In Haworth, the **Main Street**, **Brontë Parsonage Museum**, and the **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway** play host to a bustling calendar of exciting happenings.

At the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** village of Saltaire you'll find arts events often incorporating the whole village, giving you an opportunity to see the historic streets from a different viewpoint.

You'll find the hottest creative talent around showcased in our many museums and galleries too, **Bradford Museums and Galleries** have a busy events schedule often showcasing the work of local groups. Look out for family-friendly events around the school holidays.

Be sure not to miss popular festivals, such as the **Literature Festivals** in Bradford and Ilkley, **Widescreen Weekend** at the **National Science + Media Museum**, Beer and Music Festivals and Galas on the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**, the summer **BD:Festival** and **Saltaire Arts Trail**.

Don't Miss



**21 – 24 March**  
KWVR Steam Gala

**4 – 6 May**  
Saltaire Arts Trail

**15 – 22 June**  
Ilkley Trophy Tennis Tournament

**28 June – 7 July**  
Bradford Literature Festival

**26 – 27 July**  
BD: Festival

**October**  
Ilkley Literature Festival

**Late November and December**  
Christmas in Haworth



Find out more





# A Taste of Bradford

The choice of food in the Bradford District is incredibly diverse, ranging from indulgent dessert parlours to Michelin-recognised restaurants and over 200 Asian restaurants.

You'll find amazing restaurants and cosy cafés to suit all tastes. Wherever you go, you can enjoy a fine local tittle – the district is home to breweries such as the renowned Timothy Taylor's and Ilkley Brewery, as well as many rural pubs serving delicious food and local ales.



Find out more

## The Curry Capital of Britain

Bradford has a fantastic reputation for curry, with restaurants specialising in Kashmiri, Pakistani and Indian curries, and has rightly been named the **'Curry Capital of Britain'** no less than six times. Choose from trendy street food style diners to luxury restaurants;

and have fun discovering the wide range of South Asian dishes, from samosa chaat to Desi breakfast. You can seek out your perfect Bradford curry experience with Visit Bradford's online curry guide, available at: [www.visitbradford.com/curry](http://www.visitbradford.com/curry)

## Culinary Adventures

From artisan bakeries to traditional breweries, there's loads of good stuff made right here in Bradford. Discover superb food and drink experiences across the district, including brewery tours at Saltaire Brewery, wine tasting at Martinez in Ilkley and the ever-popular Haworth Haddock at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. You can also take in the sights and tastes of the many vibrant local produce markets.



## Dining Delights

If you are looking for a delicious dining experience, the Bradford district will not disappoint. Ilkley's famous Box Tree restaurant is a mainstay in the Michelin Guide, while around the corner you'll find Bettys Café and Tearooms – a Yorkshire institution.

For a delicious Sunday Roast try out The Hawthorn, Haworth or for the very best burgers book a table at Rumpus in Saltaire. A new addition to the city is Poterhouse Bros offering the finest steaks, smoked meats and seafood.



# ABOUT Ilkley

## Visit For

- Elegant streets
- Shopping and dining
- Exhilarating outdoors
- Spectacular views



Characterised by wide tree-lined streets, against the dramatic backdrop of Ilkley Moor, the elegant town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself.

Ilkley rose to fame as a Spa town in the nineteenth century when thousands – including **Charles Darwin** – visited for fresh air, good food and the lively social scene. Grand hydro hotels were developed and wealthy visitors arrived by coach to ‘take the waters’ at White Wells.

Ilkley continues to embrace its Victorian character, while offering the very best leisure and retail experience. There are excellent restaurants and a wonderful selection of independent retailers selling everything from jewellery to books and designer clothing.

Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous **Bettys Café and Tea Rooms**, relaxing strolls through the **Riverside Gardens** and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland. Ilkley is incredibly popular with walkers and cyclists thanks to its outstanding scenery and challenging terrain.

The town is the official starting point of the Dales Way – a long distance trail through the Yorkshire Dales finishing at Bowness-on-Windermere.

If you’re on two wheels, the climb to the Cow and Calf Rocks is an iconic cycling challenge which has been tackled by the professionals in the Tour de Yorkshire.



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## Things to Do



### Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf Rocks

Ilkley Moor is the perfect place not only to appreciate the panoramic views, but to also sample one of Ilkley's greatest attractions – its walking. Famous for the Yorkshire anthem “On Ilkley Moor baht ‘at”, the moor is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest due to its upland habitat for ground-nesting birds.

Across the moor there are 400 carvings, known as ‘cup and ring stones’. Thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC, their purpose remains a mystery to this day. Features like this make the moor a fascinating place, and a wonderful walk at all times of the year. From White Wells to the Cow and Calf, there's plenty to see – particularly in late July when the heathers bloom.

High on Ilkley Moor the Cow and Calf Rocks are a large rock formation consisting of an outcrop and boulder, also known as Hangingstone Rocks. They are so named because one is large, with the smaller one sitting close to it, like a cow and calf.

According to local legend, the Calf was split from the Cow when the giant Rombald was fleeing an enemy, and stamped on the rock as he leapt across the valley.

The rocks are a great place to climb and the moor offers spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond.

[Hangingstone Road, Ilkley LS29 8BT](#)  
[www.ilkleymoore.org](http://www.ilkleymoore.org)



### Ilkley Lido

If you don't mind the chill then take the plunge at one of the country's few remaining outdoor pools. With plenty of space for sunbathing and picnics, there's a real seaside atmosphere in summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

[Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0BZ](#)  
[www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities)



### White Wells

Originally built around 1700 as an open air spa on the moor, and still operates today for those that would like to take the plunge. For those that want to stay dry, the cottage, café and museum display make for a lovely stop on a trip around the moor.

[Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RF](#)



### Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

Located where the town meets the moor, this open space, with a paved maze and plenty of space for a picnic, is inspired by the history of Ilkley, including a stay by Charles Darwin.

[Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9JG](#)  
[www.darwingardens.org.uk](http://www.darwingardens.org.uk)



### Ilkley Manor House

Ilkley Manor House is one of Ilkley's oldest buildings, with parts dating back to the mid-14th century. It is now used as a museum, arts and heritage centre. Self-guided tours of the historic building are available, along with an interpretation panel of the Roman fort.

[Castle Yard, Ilkley, LS29 9DT](#)  
[www.ilkleymanorhouse.org](http://www.ilkleymanorhouse.org)



Ilkley Toy Museum

Ilkley Toy Museum is a small independent museum containing one of the finest private collections of toys in the North of England. The many exhibits feature dolls, dolls houses, teddy bears, tin plate toys, lead figures and a selection of games together with wooden and paper toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley, LS29 9HR  
[www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk](http://www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk)



Riverside Gardens

Ilkley Riverside Gardens, nestled on the River Wharfe in the heart of Ilkley town centre. This idyllic setting offers the perfect spot for those seeking relaxation, where you can take a leisurely stroll by the river or play a game of pétanque. Families can also enjoy the toddler play zone and natural play area.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU



Dales Way

The town is the official starting point of this 80 mile long distance trail which finishes at Bowness-on-Windermere. From the Old Bridge, the scenic route follows the banks of the River Wharfe, with Addingham, Bolton Abbey and Grassington within a days' hike.

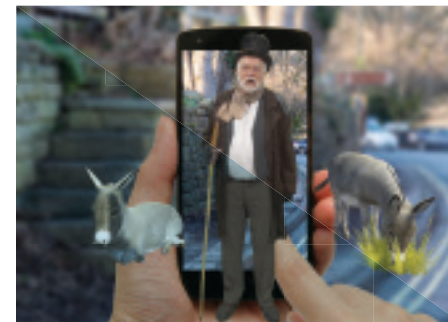
Old Bridge, Ilkley, LS29 9HD

## Shopping

Ilkley is also a shopper's paradise with a lovely mix of independent shops and favourite high street names. Spend an afternoon exploring the shops which can be found between **The Grove** and **Brook Street**.

Ilkley has some beautiful shops selling a great variety of items ranging from elegant gifts, cards and home accessories to designer clothes and shoes.

Famous for its pretty tree-lined streets and traditional shop fronts, shopping in Ilkley is always a fantastic experience, with plenty of superb cafés and restaurants close by where you can stop for a break.



Origins of Ilkley Trail

Created by Ilkley BID, download the specially designed augmented reality trail to your phone or tablet. Follow the route around the town to discover more about Ilkley's history and hear the stories of some of the town's most famous past residents.

Search & Download 'Discover Ilkley' in the App Store & Google Play



Clip 'n Climb

Indoor climbing experience, fun for the whole family, no experience required. An exciting selection of walls with many different challenges of varying design and difficulty, testing your agility and courage, including the Stairway to Heaven. An all-weather space where adults and kids can enjoy some action-packed fun.

17 Station Plaza, Ilkley, LS29 8HF  
[www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk](http://www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk)

# Exploring the Outdoors



Renowned for our rolling hills and rugged moorland, Bradford district is a paradise for walkers and cyclists and depending when you visit, the countryside can be either tranquil and inviting or wild and windswept.

The beautiful countryside and open spaces that make Bradford district so picturesque and inviting are home to many fantastic walks and cycle routes, taking in iconic locations and spectacular views. You'll find

routes across the district, with three towns – **Bingley, Baildon** and **Burley in Wharfedale** – holding Walkers are Welcome status.

**Follow the Countryside Code: Respect, Protect, Enjoy**

## Canal Adventures

The **Leeds - Liverpool Canal** is the perfect place to take a stroll or cycle. Its route connecting Keighley, Bingley, Saltaire and Shipley, known as the **Airedale Greenway**, takes in some magnificent countryside, industrial heritage and iconic feats of engineering such as the **Five Rise Locks**.

## Literary Landscape

Haworth is a popular destination for walkers with fabulous scenery and 'must do' hikes, including the iconic route to **Top Withens**, said to be the inspiration for Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. The village itself is surrounded by the gorgeous Pennine countryside, with plenty of shorter walks starting out from Haworth village.

## Moorland Meanders

Bradford is surrounded by stunning moorlands, all of which offer great views and an intriguing history, making the district incredibly popular with walkers. On historic Ilkley Moor you can discover carved '**cup and ring stones**' which date back to the Bronze Age, hidden amongst the heather.

## Park Fun

Thanks to our philanthropic forefathers you're never far from a park in Bradford district. All have their own unique character, incorporating elegant promenades, formal gardens, space to play or discover nature. There are **six parks** offering parkruns, perfect for visiting parkrun tourists!





# ABOUT Saltaire

## Visit For

Amazing arts  
Heritage buildings  
Wonderful scenery  
Independent traders



Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, visit Saltaire for spectacular architecture, wonderful art, independent shops and restaurants.

Saltaire takes its name from its founder, Sir Titus Salt, and the River Aire, which runs through the village. Sir Titus Salt rose from modest beginnings to become one of the most successful industrialists of the Victorian age, leaving this fine village as his legacy. Architects Lockwood and Mawson designed the entire village in a classical style, inspired by the Italian Renaissance.

There is world class art on display at Salts Mill with one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art. And all of this surrounded by countryside and moors.

Events contribute to a thriving arts scene, including Saltaire Arts Trail, Festival and Living Advent Calendar.

Close to Saltaire you'll find Shipley and Baildon, where you will find plenty of places to eat, drink, shop and stay. Shipley provides excellent transport links, an open market and various attractions including a swimming pool and bowling alley.

Up the hill, Baildon has a small town centre that includes a number of pubs, restaurants and cafés. It also leads onto Baildon Moor, which is great for walking, with some fantastic viewpoints.



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## Things to Do



### Salts Mill and 1853 Gallery

Salts Mill is a former 19th-century textile mill. This historic site has been transformed into a haven for art, culture, and leisure. As you step inside Salts Mill, you are immediately greeted by its grandeur and architectural beauty. The mill's vast space is filled with a variety of shops, galleries, and dining.

See the 1853 Gallery, one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art, with a permanent exhibition of over 300 of his works, demonstrating the large range of styles and techniques used by the Bradford-born artist.

Continue through the mill onto the second and third floors where you will find 'The Arrival of Spring' by David Hockney and People & Process where objects and images take visitors through the history of Salts.

Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire,  
West Yorkshire BD18 3LA  
(Postcode for parking BD17 7EF)  
[www.saltsmill.org.uk](http://www.saltsmill.org.uk)



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### Roberts Park

Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire, Roberts Park has a brilliant play area and skate park, as well as a beautiful bandstand where concerts are staged throughout the summer months. Come down for a stroll or relax on the grass and soak up the atmosphere.

Higher Coach Road, BD17 7LU  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)



### ShIPLEY GLEN TRAMWAY

The ShIPLEY GLEN Cable Tramway is the oldest working cable tramway in Great Britain. The quarter of a mile long ride through gentle woodland provides a pleasant alternative to the steep path. Passengers can also visit the museum and sweet shop at either end.

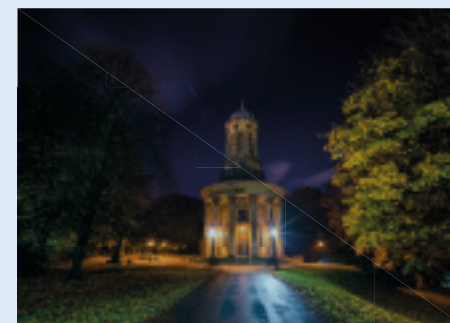
Prod Lane, Baildon, ShIPLEY, BD17 5BN  
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### ShIPLEY GLEN

ShIPLEY GLEN, nestled between Saltaire and Baildon Moor, offers a picturesque escape with its woodland, rocks, and heather. The breathtaking location captures panoramic city views, while the winding trails invite leisurely walks, providing an ideal opportunity to relax and reconnect with nature.

Glen Road, ShIPLEY, BD17 5EA



### SALTIRE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

A Grade-I listed building in the heart of Saltaire, the United Reformed Church is a sight to behold. Completed in 1859, the church is an outstanding example of Italianate religious architecture. Sir Titus Salt is interred in the mausoleum.

Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LF  
[www.saltireurc.org.uk](http://www.saltireurc.org.uk)



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## Leeds Liverpool Canal

Saltaire is a great starting point for exploring the Leeds Liverpool Canal, which boasts stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and exciting attractions. One highlight is the impressive seven-arch aqueduct at Hirst Wood Lock. For cycling enthusiasts, there's even more to explore with the opportunity to visit Skipton and Leeds.

Leeds Liverpool Canal, Saltaire, BD18 3LE  
[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

## Shopping

Saltaire has a surprisingly varied retail offering, with a number of specialist outlets and boutique shops. This is thanks largely to the impressive **Salts Mill building** which houses a number of excellent retailers including **The Home**, **Kath Libbert Jewellery**, and **All Terrain Cycles**.

Elsewhere in Saltaire visit Victoria Road and Bingley Road for some fabulous independent shops, such as **Giddy Arts**, **Serendipity**, **Too Good to Use** and the **Saltaire Vintage Shop**, showcasing quality fashion, homewares and vintage choices.



## Bingley Five Rise Locks

Bingley Five Rise Locks are one of the most spectacular features on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. They are the steepest staircase locks in the country and feature in the seven wonders of the waterways. The locks boast stunning views of the Aire Valley with a café waiting for you at the top. A little further down the towpath are the Three Rise Locks. Together they form a very popular spot to ride your bike, take a walk or enjoy a spot of fishing.

Beck Lane, Bingley BD16 4DS  
[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)



## Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre is located on the edge of Baildon Moor. Visitors are encouraged to investigate, explore and relate to the local natural history, archaeology, and social history through displays, themed activities and a wildlife garden.

Glen Road, Baildon, BD17 5EA  
[www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre](http://www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre)



## St. Ives Estate

St. Ives Estate, a country park spanning 217 hectares of lush woodland. As the Bradford district's largest park, it presents exciting activities suitable for all ages. Children will love the adventure playground, while nature enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the beauty of wildflowers and fascinating walking trails.

St Ives Estate, Harden, BD16 1AT  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)

# Theatre and Live Music

Get ready to be entertained in the Bradford district. From side-splitting comedy to soulful music and captivating theatre, there's something for everyone.

The **Alhambra**, **St George's Hall**, and **King's Hall Ilkley** are renowned for hosting world-class performances that will leave you in awe. And if you're looking for something more intimate, check out the **Bingley Arts Centre**, **Bradford Playhouse**, or **Keighley Playhouse**.

Immerse yourself in Bradford's electrifying live music scene. Groove to jazz, sway to folk, rock out to rock and blues, and unwind to classical music. Don't miss a beat at the **Nightrain**, **Tapestry Arts**, and **The Live Room at Saltaire**. And there's more! Stay tuned for the opening of Bradford Live, the city's newest entertainment venue, where the music magic continues.



Alhambra Theatre

The venue hosts a range of major touring companies including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and stages major West End shows, with *Wicked* arriving in Spring 2024. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1AJ  
[www.bradford-theatres.co.uk](http://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk)



St. George's Hall

Renowned for its exceptional acoustics and intimate atmosphere, St George's Hall, opened in 1853, is one of the UK's oldest concert halls. The venue hosts a packed schedule of live comedy, music, and entertainment.

Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JT  
[www.bradford-theatres.co.uk](http://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk)



Ilkley Playhouse

An independent theatre hosting a range of live amateur theatre and other arts activities. It also hosts community arts events such as the Ilkley Film Society and the Ilkley Literature Festival.

Weston Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DW  
[www.ilkleyplyhouse.co.uk](http://www.ilkleyplyhouse.co.uk)



King's Hall and Winter Gardens

The King's Hall boasts a traditional theatre and an adjacent glass roofed spa Winter Garden. With a packed schedule for all the family, it is a wonderful location to enjoy must-see music concerts, inspiring talks, and amateur groups.

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB  
[www.bradford-theatres.co.uk](http://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk)

# Stay and Explore



Find out more

Take the opportunity to stay and explore the Bradford district. There are so many different places to stay in and around Bradford, which offer you the chance to fully explore everything on offer.

You can escape the hustle and bustle and simply enjoy the peaceful countryside of Ilkley and Brontë Country, take in the rich heritage of Bradford, or have the unique experience of staying in a World Heritage Site at Saltaire.

We've created a selection of online itineraries to help you help you build your perfect trip, from a gourmet foodie weekend in Ilkley to an inspiring artistic escape in Saltaire. We want to help you to get to know the hidden treasures as well as our more well known destinations. Book a visit to Haworth inspired by the gothic romance of Wuthering Heights or follow our tips for finding the top instagram hotspots.

Take the opportunity to leave your car at home and make the most of the great public transport connections around the district. Stay in Bradford city centre where you'll be in walking distance of museums, galleries and theatres, plus a great choice of places to dine and shop, and then hop on the train to easily visit Saltaire, Ilkley and Keighley.

Or check in to the characterful surroundings of Haworth village. With a regular bus service from Keighley, it's easy to access on public transport, or arrive in style by steam on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.

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# Plan Your Visit

Our district is waiting to welcome you, and our Visitor Information team are here to help with all your queries to help you make the most of your visit to Bradford and district.

## Bradford Visitor Information Centre

Britannia House, Broadway,  
Bradford, BD1 1JF

Tel: 01274 433678  
bradford.vic@bradford.gov.uk

## Ilkley Visitor Information Centre

Station Road, Ilkley,  
LS29 8HA

Tel: 01943 602319  
ilkley.vic@bradford.gov.uk



## Useful Resources

### Go Online

[visitbradford.com](http://visitbradford.com) is full of ideas and inspiration for your next trip.

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### Cycling

[cyclebradford.org.uk](http://cyclebradford.org.uk) has lots of information on cycling related activity in the district

### Accessible Information

[Accessable.co.uk](http://Accessable.co.uk) the go-to site to check out disabled access and facilities for venues across Bradford district.

### Film Heritage

[bradfordfilmheritage.com](http://bradfordfilmheritage.com) is packed with information about film activities, history and Bradford filming locations



# How to Get Here



Getting to Bradford district couldn't be easier, whether you choose to drive or use public transport. The **M606** brings you within 1.5 miles of the city centre and connects via **M62** with the **M1, A1** and **M6**.



**First** is the main operator of local bus services in Bradford along with **Transdev** who offer services within the Haworth, Keighley and Ilkley area.



Once here you can travel around the district with a great range of public transport connecting you to all the must see places. There are local rail services throughout the district connecting **Bradford, Ilkley, Keighley, Shipley, Saltaire** and **Bingley**.



For journey planner and details of routes and fares go to [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

The Bradford Clean Air Zone is now in place, passenger cars will not be charged. Find out more [www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones](http://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones).

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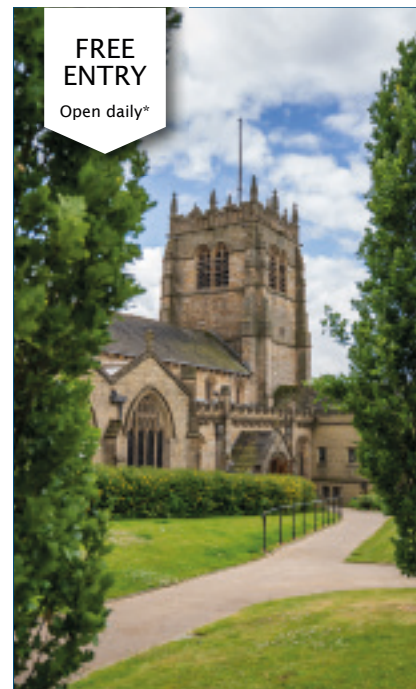
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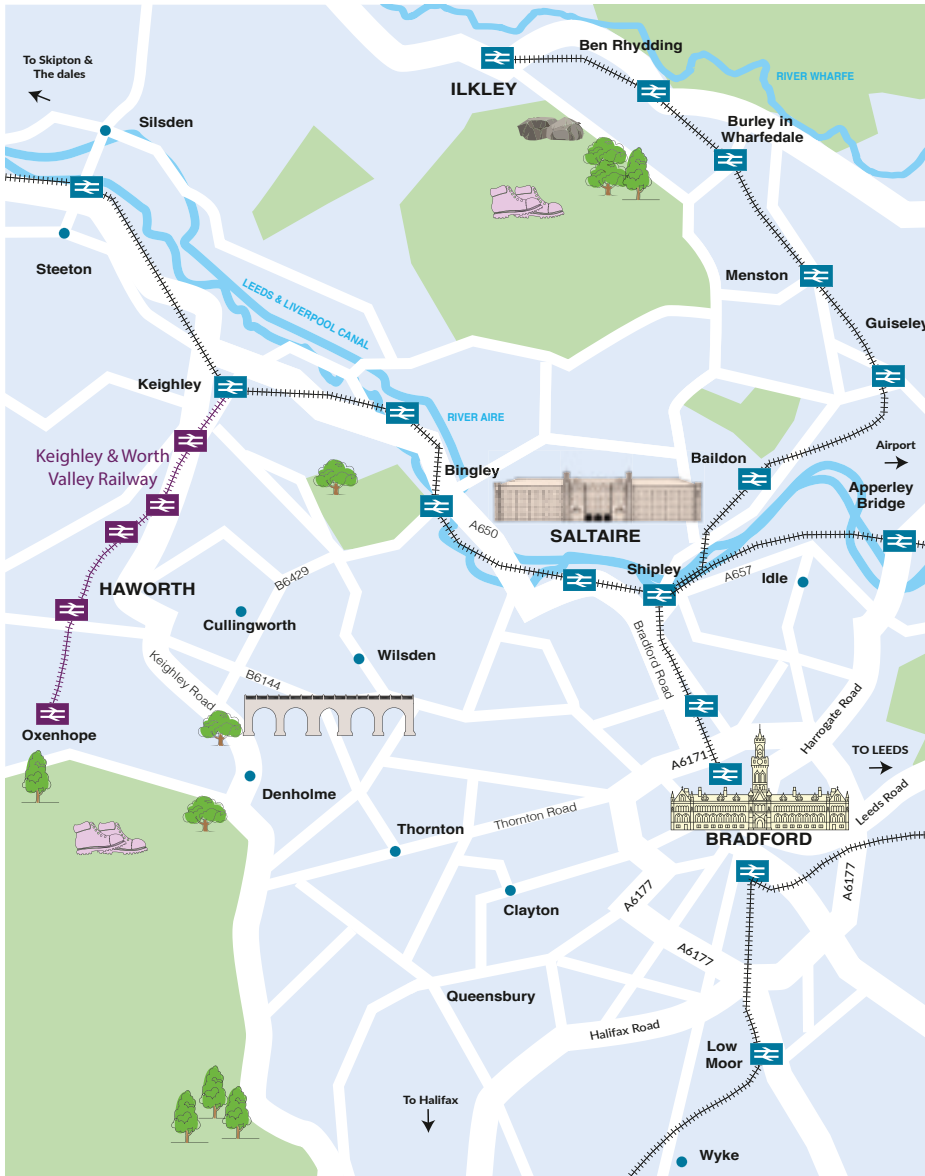
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## Get to Know the Bradford District

Wherever you base yourself during your visit, it's definitely worth exploring as much of the district as you can – taking in the splendid city centre architecture, the model village of Saltaire, Ilkley's rolling hills and the famous Brontë Country around Keighley and Haworth.



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