

Countryside & Rights of Way

Lady Blantyre's Rock and the Ferrand's Monument

5miles (8.4km) circular

Walk Start Point:

Keighley railway station on the Airedale Line, situated on the A650 Bradford Road, GR: 065 414.

Public Transport:

Several bus services stop at Keighley railway station and along with the frequent trains which operate along the Airedale line this walk is very easily accessed by all. For further information contact Metroline on: 0113 245 7676.

Car Parking:

Although there are several car parks near the station, these are restricted to shoppers or rail users; therefore the parking is limited to on street. The nearest street parking is Low Mill Lane down the side of Keighley Station, where conveniently our walk route passes.

Walk Information:

Starting with a steep climb through the back streets of Keighley, including the urban areas of Long Lee and Thwaites Brow. The walk soon reaches its highest point as you enter the St Ives Estate high above the Aire Valley. Then it is quite level or downhill as you make your way through the woodland of the estate before starting your return over Harden Moor, to eventually cross fields before starting your steep descent back to Keighley via Park Wood. You will require strong footwear and outdoor clothing to suit the season. Packed lunch with drinks is also recommended. This walk is not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.

Walk Route:

With your back towards the station buildings, leave the station forecourt by turning left and first left down Low Mill Lane, eventually crossing the River Worth and walking under the stone built railway bridge. Immediately after the railway bridge, where Low Mill Lane joins Pitt Street leave the road by turning right to go steeply up the narrow surfaced path. After only a very short distance leave the surfaced path by turning sharp left to climb up the steps and along the short unmade footpath between the metal railings on the left and the wall on your right, to emerge onto Parkwood Street. Turn left along

Parkwood Street for approx 30 yds (27m) until you reach lamppost number 16.

Here turn right and cross over Parkwood Street to walk steeply up Haynes Street opposite. At the top of Haynes Street, cross over the unsurfaced road and go through the kissing gate to the right hand side of the wide field gate. Here start your climb through Park Wood by following the wide stone setted path steeply uphill, walking beneath the trees and eventually going through a second gate as you near the houses of Thwaites Brow. On reaching the top of the setted path, cross the minor road and continue straight ahead to follow the obvious stone paved path between the houses. After a short distance the path divides. Here take the right hand fork and continue making your way gently uphill crossing straight ahead over two more minor roads to eventually emerge at the bottom of Moorland Terrace.

Here again continue straight ahead for a short distance along Fairmount Terrace to its junction with Thwaites Brow Road opposite Golden View Drive. Turn right up Thwaites Brow Road for approx 50 yds (45m) before turning left to cross the road, to walk up the footpath opposite following the well worn path along the wide dirt track which will lead you out between the houses onto open countryside. From here walk straight ahead following the wall on your left following the perimeter of the cricket pitch, over or through five gateways/stiles, walking in an easterly direction towards the rear of the buildings at Curren Laithe Farm which will soon come into view. On nearing the buildings at the farm, the fifth stile is in the dry stone wall, a few yards to the right of the wide gateway which can be seen ahead. Once over the stile, turn right down the fenced section of path, following the wall on your right for a short distance downhill to join the farm access track near the small duck pond at the bottom of the incline.

Turn right to go steeply up the access track to its junction at the top with a limestone track. Here our route leaves the surfaced track by turning left to follow the limestone track through the kissing gate to the right hand side of the field gate and into the field. At this point of the walk you have a choice of two paths, both of which will lead to the same destination.

Option 1

Turn sharp right at the wall corner on your right to follow the public right of way following the wall on your right to a stile through the wall at the top right hand corner

of the field. Go through the stile onto Altar Lane, turning left to walk along the lane for approx 400yds (366m) before turning right using the kissing gate to go through the wall on your right leading into the St Ives Estate.

Option 2 (*Permissive route*)

At the wall corner on your right bear right to cross the field diagonally, starting by following the obvious vehicle tracks up the slight incline to continue in a straight line to cross the field on a permissive path, heading towards, but slightly to the right of the distant electricity pylon PVB18 to a stone built stile over the wall ahead leading out onto Altar Lane.

Cross over Altar Lane to go through the kissing gate into the St Ives Estate.

Here, both Option 1 and Option 2 merge

Through the gate at the junction of two paths our route is straight ahead level at first as you walk between the golf green and tee number 9, before starting a gentle descent between the wooden fence, eventually following the stone wall on your left.

After quite a distance the path starts to bear to the right away from the wall before turning right to start down a steeper slope, here on the right Lady Blantyre's Rock can be found. Leave the track by turning right to walk up the wooden steps passing Lady Blantyre's Rock on your left, to make your way the short distance up to the Ferrand's Memorial Monument which can be seen a short distance ahead. On reaching the monument continue by taking the well worn permissive path off to the left to walk beneath the trees where after only a short distance the path becomes less obvious. Continue as straight ahead as possible as you meander through the trees near the top edge of the woodland, to eventually rejoin the well worn path prior to reaching a much wider permissive bridleway which crosses from left to right, near to the perimeter wall of the estate. Turn right up the bridleway following the wall on your left until you reach a large gap in the wall.

Here leave the estate by turning left through the gap to cross the very busy Keighley to Harden road, to go through a gap in the stone wall opposite onto Harden Moor. Turn right here to follow the wall on your right along the moorland path for a short distance until you reach the gateway at the top right hand corner of the moorland. On reaching the gateway turn left and follow the well worn path across the moor, again following the stone wall on your right. After only a short distance, just before the very rough rocky section the path starts to descend amongst the trees and divides, our route is straight ahead until you find a stile through the wall on your right at the bottom of the incline. Go through the gated stile into the field to follow the path diagonally to the left steeply uphill, heading towards the wooden field gate at the left hand side of the small copse of trees.

Go through the gate, which is often obscured by vehicles and fastened by a chain to continue uphill diagonally to the left to find a stile in the top left hand corner of the field. Go through the stile crossing the next field by following a faint path heading for a third stile to the right hand side of the electricity pylon which can be seen ahead. Once through this stile turn sharp right following the wall on your right, the short distance uphill to a gateway. From here the path bears diagonally to the left across the next field following a faint line on the ground to the next stile through the wall ahead. Through this stile turn right to follow the wall to a stile in the top right hand corner of the field, once over bear left again diagonally across the next field to the next stile through the wall at the top of the incline which can be seen ahead. Over the stile, once again bear diagonally left across the field to the stile at the right hand side of the animal pens at the far corner of the field near to the gate.

Through the stile bear right taking great care as you walk along the top edge of the small disused quarry. At the far end of the quarry workings, near the wall on your right the path continues straight ahead following the wall to a stile which leads out onto a wide walled track. Go down the track and over another stile to again walk along the top of a second disused quarry, where after only a short distance beyond the disused quarry at the sharp right hand bend in the track our route leaves the track by continuing straight ahead steeply down the narrow footpath squeezing between the large rock and the metal post. At the bottom of the short but steep walled section of the path cross the grass track to go straight ahead through the gated stile opposite. Now follow the obvious path straight ahead over three more stiles keeping close to the wall on your right.

After the third stile our route enters open country, an area of rough moorland grasses and heather. Here continue straight ahead still following the wall on your right, passing along the top of yet another disused quarry before starting a very steep descent down a very rough section of path leading down to a gate at the bottom. Go through the gate to exit open country and continue straight ahead along the rough track to eventually join the main road (Long Lee Lane) at the end. Cross Long Lee Lane turning left at the opposite side to walk down the pavement for approx 250yds (228m) passing the houses of Hydale Close and Cherry Tree Rise on your right, before turning next right along a rough surfaced track. Follow the track as it bears right following the contour of the hillside, passing the bungalows and houses on your right.

Eventually the track turns sharp left and leads down amongst the houses of the recently converted farm complex at Park Wood Top, here look out on your right to find a very narrow footpath leading off from the track. Follow this short fenced section of path along the garden wall, turning sharp right after only a short distance to walk between the houses and out into a cul-de-sac. Bear left across the cul-de-sac to exit via a few steps which are

often obscured by vehicles to go up the path at the right hand side of house number 20, leading out onto a turning/parking area between more houses. Walk the short distance down the turning/parking area onto the road at the bottom, turning left towards the old stone boundary wall at the far end. On reaching the stone wall turn sharp right down the narrow tarmaced path alongside house number 30 and into the school grounds. The path from here follows the stone wall on your left across the school grounds, exiting at the far end into Park Wood through either the kissing gate or the gap in the old stone wall.

Once in Park Wood follow the woodland path straight ahead and through a second kissing gate to eventually rejoin the stone setted path which we walked up earlier. Here turn left to retrace your steps down the path and through the gate at the bottom crossing the unmade road to go down Hayne Street opposite and across Parkwood Street at the bottom, turning left then right along the short unmade path between the houses and metal railings leading down onto Pitt Street. Turn left under the Railway Bridge and back up Low Mill Lane to your starting point at Keighley railway station.

Footnote

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at:

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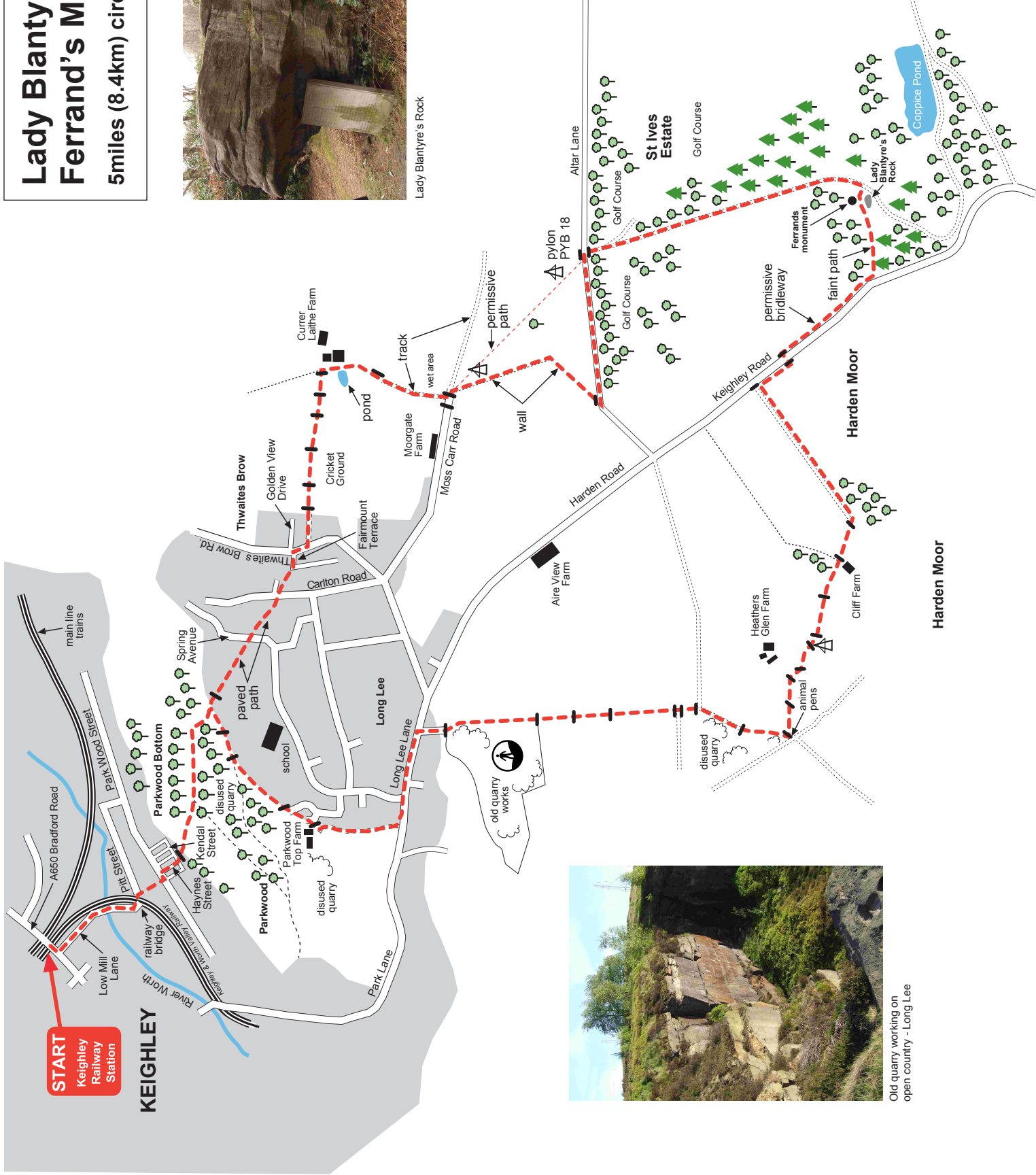


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Ferrands monument

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	Pylon
	Open Country



Old quarry working on open country - Long Lee