

### Walk 1 From Dauber Bridge via Broadhead Clough

3.5 miles; 2 hours. Moderate difficulty, with a couple of steep climbs. Wet moorland.

Walk or take the 901 bus to Dauber Bridge, just under a mile up Cragg Road from Mytholmroyd. Take the concrete track which forks up to the right. Follow this track gently uphill, ignoring a turning on your right. The concrete eventually gives way to an unmetalled track and soon afterwards, just beyond a cattle grid, you arrive at a junction of paths. Across the junction is the lower entrance to Broadhead Clough nature reserve. Follow the well-used track up through the reserve (ignore a waymarked path on your right). This often-steep path takes you to the upper entrance of the reserve marked by a gate. Here the path turns sharp right and climbs steeply out of the woods and up on to the moor.

At the far end of Dick Lane, the wall on the right bears to the right. The ground in this area can be pretty wet but it is possible to pick out a dry route alongside the wall. Head for a marker post on the left hand side of the wall. Follow the path (now the Pennine Way) up to the monument.

### Walk 2 via The Hincliffe pub

3.5 miles; 1 hour 45 mins. Moderate difficulty with some gentle climbs

From the Hincliffe pub, Cragg Vale HX7 5TA  
Tel:01422 883256

Get off the 901 bus just before Cragg Vale Junior School on Cragg Road. Cross over and walk down Church Bank Lane past the church to the Hincliffe. You're already on the Calderdale Way (CW), which you will mostly follow for about 3 miles.

From the pub, take the metalled road uphill to Withens Clough reservoir. The road continues along the side of the reservoir and soon becomes a stony track. Ignore a path signed to Stoodley Pike opposite an inlet in the reservoir and continue until shortly before the monument.

### Walk 3 via The White House pub

5 miles; 2 hours. Easy to moderate difficulty – no climbs.

Take the 901 bus to Blackstone Edge, and walk in the opposite direction to the bus route down towards the White House pub, OL15 0LG Tel: 01706 378456

Just after passing Blackstone Edge reservoir on your right, leave the road through a small side gate by a locked gate. Follow the

### Walk 4 From Mytholmroyd Station

4 miles; 3 hours. Moderate difficulty – some uphill and one steep climb.

From the station, follow the main Cragg Vale Road then turn right at the Fire Station Gallery. Walk up the short, steep road and turn left into Nest Lane.

Follow this lane for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. When the tarmac ends keep right and continue until you reach a left turn marked as Spencer Lane. Follow this steep lane – cobbles at first but eventually tarmac. Turn right at the top and follow the track through the hamlet of Old Chamber keeping straight on past a turning

Once on the moor, take the path briefly to the left and then bear right towards the marker post above the path. Follow this until you come to a boundary stone. Just beyond this the path bears left. On the horizon to your left is a line of electric poles beyond which is a long stone wall. The path gradually makes its way towards them. Just before you reach the poles, the Pike monument comes into sight. Go straight on to reach a very wide pathway flanked by walls on either side. This is the beginning of Dick Lane, soon flanked by a conifer plantation on your left.

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the large evergreen wood where you make a right turn upwards along a wide grassy path clearly signposted as the Calderdale Way. Towards the top of this you leave the CW taking a left turn marked "Yorkshire Water – Permissive Bridleway". This runs above the wood. You are soon back on the CW. The path then takes a sharp turn to the right through a gated field.

At the far gate the path runs gradually then more steeply downhill until the Pennine Way (and Walk 3) comes in from the left. Here you turn right. The often rough and rocky path then runs along the top of the escarpment to the monument.

signs for the Pennine Way (PW) keeping the reservoir on your right. This route stays on the PW all the way to Stoodley Pike so is easy to follow. After a little more than a mile, a slight detour will reward you with sight of the Rain Stone (see [www.stanzstones.co.uk](http://www.stanzstones.co.uk)).

The path then passes Light Hazzles and Warland reservoirs – keep to the side of these and continue as walk 2 to the monument.

right to Hebden Bridge. Here is the Honesty Box hut, where you can buy food or drink for your walk! Follow the path which soon heads sharply left uphill, and continue until you reach a T-junction.

Turn right here and follow this long track keeping straight on towards the monument, eventually joining the Pennine Bridleway. Go through the gate at Swillington farm and soon a Pennine Way signpost directs you up the track to the left - a steady incline. The track goes through a gap in a wall where you turn right and you can see the monument ahead. This is the quickest route to the Pike.



### Return to Mytholmroyd (walk 4 in reverse)

4 miles; 2 hours. An easy walk.

From Stoodley Pike follow the Pennine Way downhill. The path goes through a gap in a stone wall. A few yards after this there's a signpost pointing the Pennine Way through a gap in another wall. Follow this rather stony path down to a T-junction.

Turn right here. After a farm, continue to a crossroads. Here the Pennine Way turns off to the left, but you continue straight on along this very long track until you reach a second cross roads where the Pennine Bridleway

turns off left. Go straight over for 100 yds until the track turns sharply left downhill.

Follow this track until the path turns sharply right. Continue through the hamlet of Old Chamber. Just after the last building, turn left down the road – tarmac at first but eventually cobbled.

At the bottom of this lane, turn right into Wood Hey Lane, and continue to the far end of Nest Lane. Then take the short steep road on the right down to Cragg Road, then left to head back to the station.



www.mytholmroydwalkers.org



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### Acknowledgements

- the furniture showroom on the main road (honesty box)
  - Mytholmroyd community centre, Caldene Avenue
- For those arriving by car, there are car parks at: For timetables – see www.wymetro.com
- Hebden Bridge Walkers' Action have also published a leaflet which includes a walk to Stoodley Pike. You could follow their return route and walk back to Mytholmroyd along the canal. £1 from Hebden Bridge Tourist Information Centre - www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk

### Local facilities

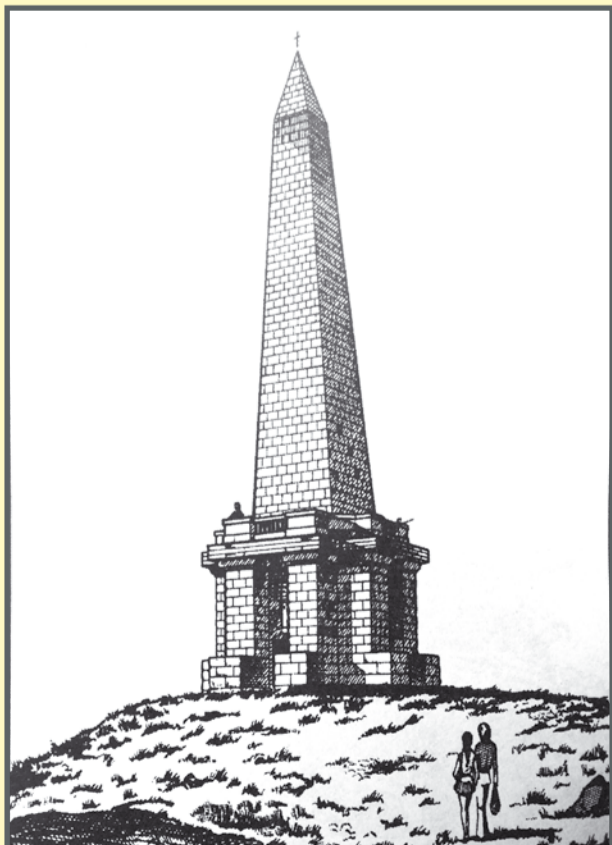
Mytholmroyd is a small town which lies in the Upper Calder Valley just over a mile from Hebden Bridge. Calder Valley just over a mile from Hebden Bridge. and with dramatic scenery, delightful walks and good transport links. Footpaths abound along the canal towpath, through woodland and across the moors, with the area's only nature reserve to be found at Broadhead Clough, managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Mytholmroyd has two claims to fame – in the 18th century it was home to a notorious gang of counterfeiters called the Cragg Coiners, and it is the birthplace of the late poet laureate Ted Hughes who celebrated the local countryside in many of his poems.

### Mytholmroyd

## Stoodley Pike: a history note

Stoodley Pike is a 1,300-foot (400 m) hill in the south Pennines, noted for the 121 feet (37 m) Stoodley Pike monument at its summit, which dominates the moors above the Upper Calder Valley. The monument was designed in 1854 by local architect James Green, and completed in 1856 at the end of the Crimean War. It can be seen for miles around, and has helped many a walker find their way.

The monument replaced an earlier structure, started in 1814 and commemorating the defeat of Napoleon and the surrender of Paris. It was completed in 1815, after the Battle of Waterloo (Napoleonic Wars), but collapsed in 1854 after an earlier lightning strike, and decades of weathering. Its replacement was built slightly further from the edge of the hill. There is evidence to suggest that some sort of structure existed on the site even before the earlier monument was built.



www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk

### Three waymarked walks from Hebden Bridge

The return walk (walk 4 in reverse) is relatively easy, and of course it is downhill! Take care – the weather at Stoodley Pike can be much colder and wilder than at the valley bottom. In bad weather, these are walks for more experienced walkers. Hebden Bridge Walkers' Action have also published a leaflet which includes a walk to Stoodley Pike. You could follow their return route and walk back to Mytholmroyd along the canal. £1 from Hebden Bridge Tourist Information Centre - www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk

## Pike: four walks

## Mytholmroyd to Stoodley

## The 901 bus

For walks 1 to 3, take the 901 bus from either the Dusty Miller on Burnley Road or by Mytholmroyd railway station. For bus times, see www.wymetro.com or pick up a leaflet from libraries or tourist information.

### Walk 1 - Mytholmroyd to Dauber Bridge (only 10 mins walk)

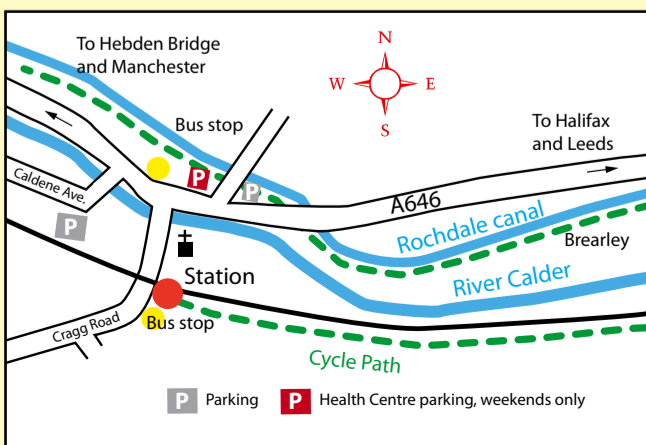
Get off at the bus stop on Cragg Road opposite Dauber Bridge. Four stops from the Dusty Miller, three stops from Mytholmroyd railway station.

### Walk 2 - Mytholmroyd to the Hinchliffe pub

Get off at the bus stop on Blackstone Edge Road opposite Church Bank lane. This is four stops after the Robin Hood pub on your left. Or ring the bell when you see the sign for St John's church and the Hinchliffe pub on your right. Follow the signs to the pub for the start of the walk.

### Walk 3 - Mytholmroyd to the White House pub

Get off at the bus stop on Rochdale Road after traveing all the way up Cragg Vale. Ring the bell as the bus passes Blackstone Edge reservoir on your right. The bus turns left onto Rochdale Road just before the stop. Walk in the opposite direction, crossing Turvin Road and keeping the reservoir on your right – 13 minutes on the bus then 5 minutes walk.



The Pennine Way is a National Trail, steeped in history, which takes the walker along the rugged backbone of England. The trail runs 267 miles (429 km) from Edale, in the northern Derbyshire Peak District, north through the South Pennines, the Yorkshire Dales and the Northumberland National Park, finishing at Kirk Yetholm, just inside the Scottish border.

## The Pennine Way

This long distance path around Calderdale was pioneered in 1978 by local civic trusts and other groups. The 50 mile (80 km) walk encircles Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden, following old packhorse ways across the open gritstone hillsides with sections of traditional stone causeway, passing through hillside villages and old mill towns on the banks of the River Calder. There are numerous link paths which connect the Calderdale Way to the valley floor.

## The Calderdale Way

Walkers are Welcome is a national network of public transport. Walkers in this way. Well over 100 towns now boast Walkers are Welcome status. www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk For local information, see www.hearthtothepennines.org.uk

## Walkers are Welcome

Map and guide

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# Mytholmroyd to Stoodley Pike: four walks

