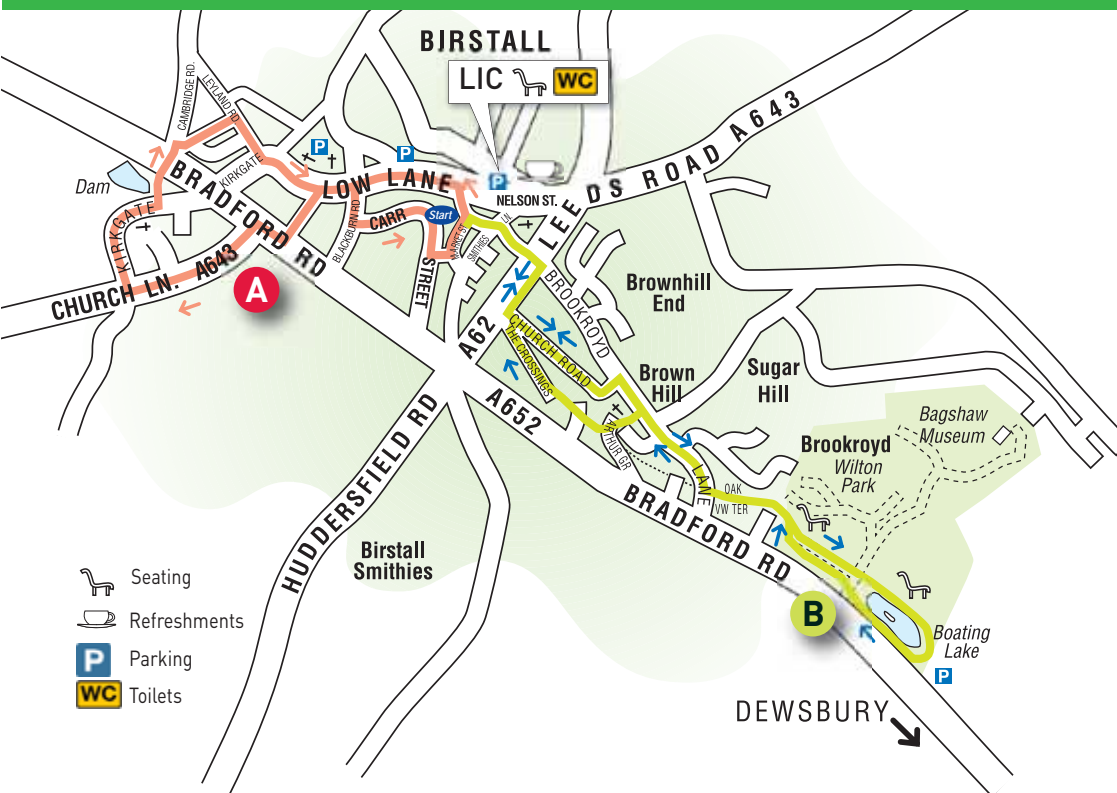


# Fieldhead, Birstall Pathways to Health

## Walk 1: To Birstall Dam and back; and Wilton Boating Lake and back

Walk A: 30 mins approx, Walk B: 60 mins approx. Path type: -



**Path type:** refers to the letter and number in the top corner of each walk card. This describes the most difficult part of the walk in dry weather. The rest of the walk will be easier.

**Surface quality:** short even grass, compact stones, earth or similar

**Gradient:** gentle up to 1:16

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## Walk 1: To Birstall Dam and back: and Wilton Boating Lake and back

**Duration:** 30 mins approx.

**Start Point** (both walks): Birstall Library and Information Centre (LIC)

**Walk A: To Birstall Dam & back.** From the LIC turn left up Market St and then turn left on to Low Lane, continue on passing Middlegate and the Horse and Jockey public house. At Whewell St turn left, continue on to Bradford Rd and turn right. Cross at the central refuge and turn right to reach Church Ln, turn left into Church Ln and continue on until a green open space at the side of No.197 is reached. Turn right into Kirkgate and continue on past the Black Bull Inn, and round the bend to reach the dam. Enter through the wide opening on left and continue on the path along the right side of the dam to reach the steps, and go down these to reach Bradford Rd. Cross at the central refuge and turn right to reach Cambridge Rd. Turn left into Cambridge Rd and within a few yards cross over into Industrial Ave. Continue up to meet Leyland Rd and turn right, and continue on to reach junction of Kirkgate and Low Ln. Turn left into Low Ln and continue on to reach Blackburn Rd, turn right here to reach Carr St and then turn left. Go along Carr St and round the right hand bend, then turn left into the road opposite No 27. Continue to the end and turn left into Market St and return to the LIC.

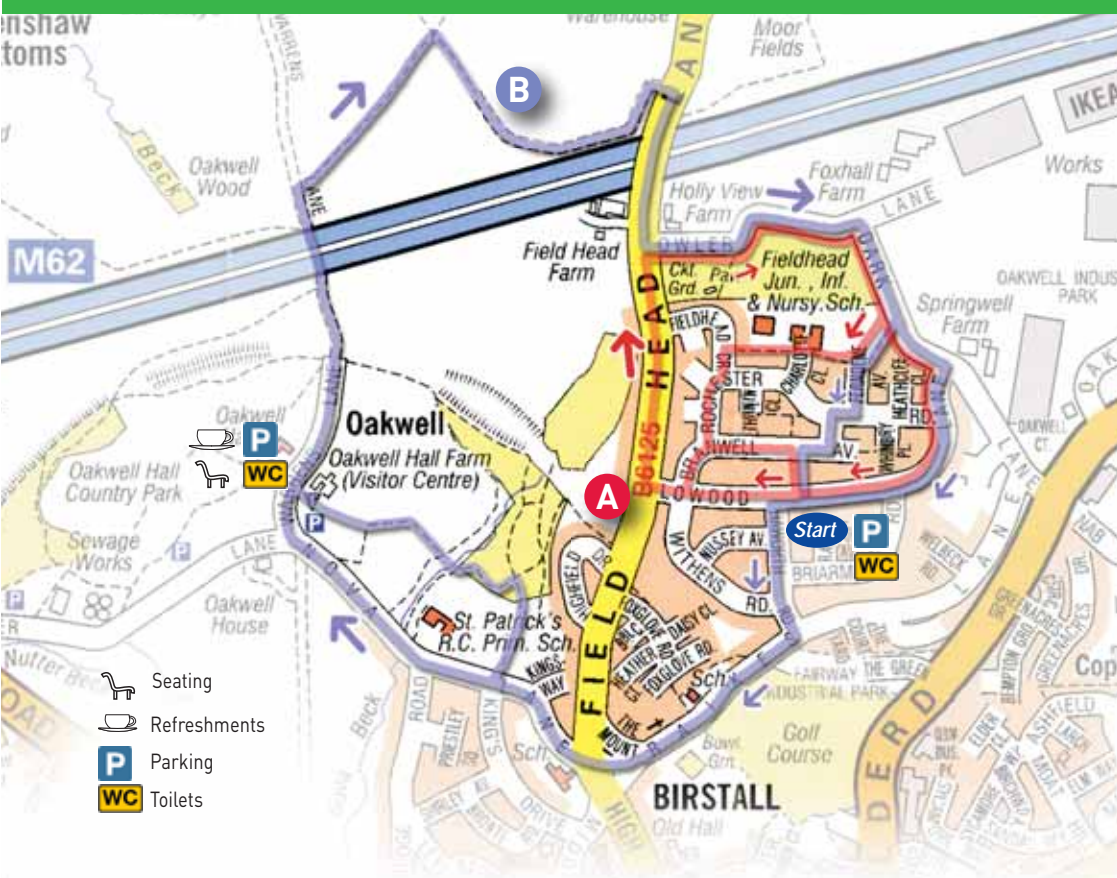
**Walk B: Wilton Boating Lake and back.** From the LIC turn left up Market St, towards the Joseph Priestley statue and turn right with the statue on your left, crossing over Smithies Ln, walking down Chapel Ln. Here cross over Leeds Rd at the pelican crossing and turn right down Huddersfield Rd and turn left into Church Rd continue up to St Saviour's Brownhill Church to turn right into Brookroyd Ln. Continue on round the bend to join Oak View Tr, just a few yards after Oak View Tr sign post, take a left turn into an opening marked Batley Cycle Way, which leads into Wilton Park. Walk on the footpath then turn right down to walk past the Tennis Courts and Bowling Greens and continue around the Boating Lake, continue on to walk back past the Tennis Courts on your right hand side. Here retrace your steps back to the LIC or for the more adventurous turn left down a ginnel just before St Saviour's Brownhill Church, to turn right onto a tarmaced footpath which leads to The Crossings, walk up to join Church Rd to retrace your steps back to LIC.

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## Walk 2: Walks from Community Centre

Walks A: 45 mins approx. Walk B: 60 mins approx

Path type: C2



**Surface Quality - C2: Tarmac, pavement and cobbles short grass and compact earth. Gradient gentle 1:16.**

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## Walk 2: Walks fom Community Centre

**Duration:** Walk A: 30 mins approx. Walk B: 60 mins approx.

**Start point:** Birstall Community Centre

**Walk A:** Walk past shops along Lowood Lane to Field Head Lane. Turn right and walk along pavement past houses and bushes to Owler Lane and turn right (notice plaque on wall of 1st house on left). Walk along Owler Lane past sports fields on right and turn right down rough surfaced Dark Lane until path changes to road. Turn right along footpath Ferndene Walk, past school on right, and into Fieldhead Crescent. Turn left and keep right down Rochester Rd. to Branwell Ave. Keep right again until you reach Lowood Lane and turn left back to Community Centre. (Alternatively continue down Dark Lane and turn right on Lowood Ln)

**Walk B:** Walk past the shops and then turn left down Haworth Rd. Turn right on Raikes Lane, which drops steeply to Field Head lane. Go straight across and walk down Nova Lane. When you come to a field on your right, cross the field to gate at the other side and go through to Woodland of Oakwell Hall and turn left following footpath down to footbridge. Cross bridge and follow signs to Oakwell Hall (do not turn left or right after stream). Path winds through picnic grounds to car park. (Alternatively on Nova Lane do not cross field but carry along Nova Ln until you reach the main gates of Oakwell Hall and turn right). Near the Hall you will find toilets a shop and café. (The area is worth an exploration). With your back to the café turn left and walk up wide path to tunnel under motorway, you are now on the 'Kirklees Way'. 50 m. after tunnel, notice a narrow path on right, with short steep climb to field. Follow path for 2 fields to where footpaths cross. Turn right and follow small KW direction signs, the path bending left, and motorway is on your right. Path ends at Field Head Lane, turn right crossing over motorway bridge and then left along Owler Lane, (notice plaque on 1st house on left) passing football field on right. Turn right down wide gravel path of Dark Lane.

Here : Follow Dark lane to Lowood Ln turn right back to Community Centre or;

When path changes to tarmac road, take footpath on right and then left down Ferndene Ave. Cross Rochester Rd. Turn right and immediate left, and cross Branwell Avenue to path which goes to shops and Community centre.

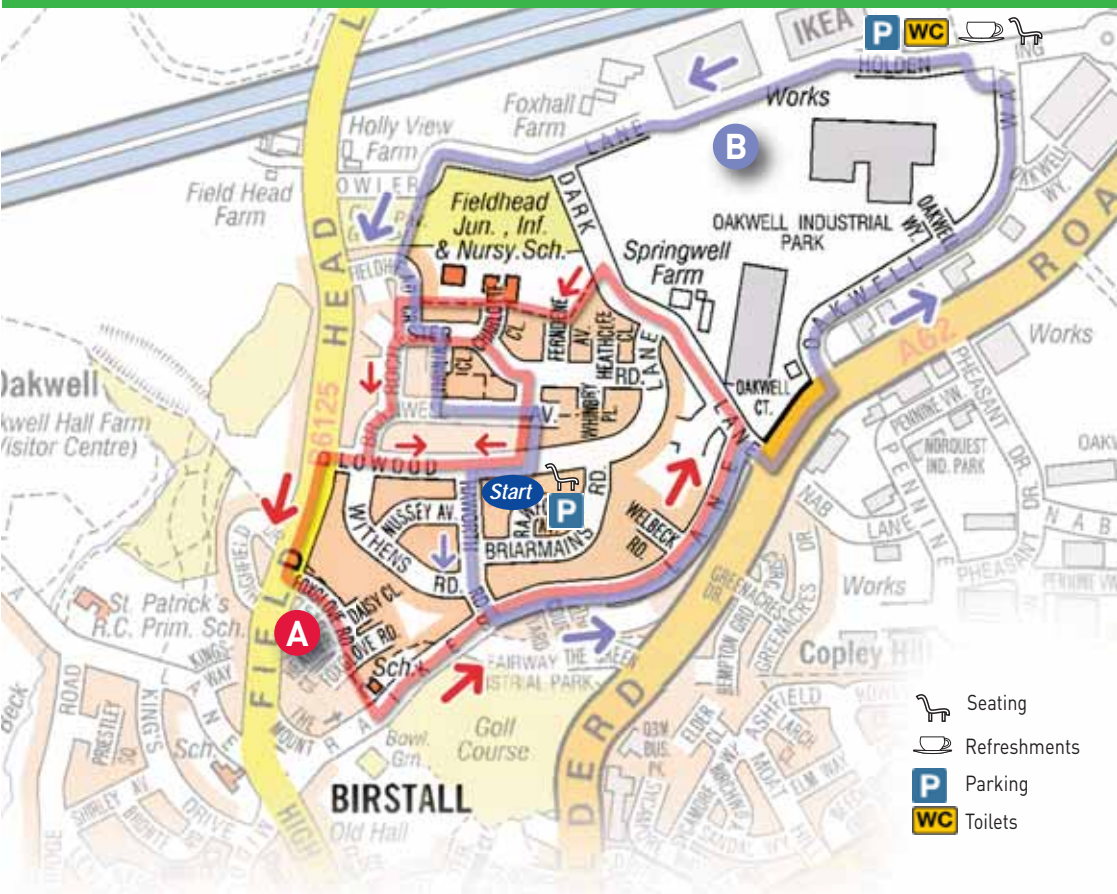
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## Walk 3: Around Fieldhead

Walk A: 45 mins approx. Walk B: 60 mins approx.

Path type: B2



**Surface Quality - B2:** Quite smooth, mainly paving and tarmac, small amount of grass and compact earth.

**Gradient 1:16.**

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## Walk 3: Around Fieldhead

**Duration:** Walk A: 45 mins approx. Walk B: 60 mins approx.

**Start point:** Birstall Community Centre

**Walk A:** Around Fieldhead, Birstall

From Community centre turn left on Lowood Lane, past shops to Fieldhead Lane. turn left and follow lane for 200m. to Foxglove Rd. Turn left and follow road to the end then follow footpath into Raikes Lane by school. Turn left and follow Raikes Lane for 700 m. to Dark Lane. Turn left and follow Dark Lane to where road ends and path starts. Here turn left down Ferndene Walk which bends right to entrance to school. Turn left away from school onto Rochester Rd. Turn left then right down Branwell walk, then right and immediate left on path back to Community Centre.

**Walk B:** Through Oakwell Industrial Estate

From Community Centre on Lowood Rd. turn left past shops and left down Haworth Rd. to Raikes Lane. Turn left on Raikes Lane, through bollards and on for 500m. to Dark Lane. Turn right then left along the main Gelderd Rd. Turn 1st left along Oakwell Way to roundabout and turn left, and on to next roundabout. Pavement now is a footpath to the left of the road but higher up. Footpath comes out opposite to IKEA. (Here you will find seating and refreshments) To continue walk, leave store onto Holden Ing Way and turn right to factory gate. On the left is footpath between hedge and fence. This comes out onto Owler Lane. Continue for 150m. Dark Lane is on your left. Pass this and walk on lane passing the football field. A footpath on left now takes you, with the field to your left, to Fieldhead Cresc. Then turn left then right along Thornton Close, to footpath at the bottom into Branwell Avenue. Turn left then take the first path on right back to community centre.

**Path type:** refers to the letter and number in the top corner of each walk card. This describes the most difficult part of the walk in dry weather. The rest of the walk will be easier.