



**Starts:** Black Horse public house  
Edge Top Road, Thornhill  
**Ends:** Mirfield railway station  
**Length:** Four and a half miles.

Set off from the Black Horse public house, move to the junction of Whitley Road and Brierfield Road and walk down Brierfield Road for a few yards.

*During periods of wet weather it may be safer and more convenient for walkers to continue straight down the road until reaching Low Road on the left. Turn into it and continue along until meeting up with the prescribed footpath which enters from the left.*

During fine weather, however, ignore the diversion suggestion and simply turn left at the Public Footpath sign and continue along a path for a short distance until finding some steps to the right. Turn right at the sign indicating Kirklees Way and walk down steps to High Street.

Turn left and walk 100 yards or so to find another signposted path and flight of steps to the right.

Descend the steps to reach Low Road. Again turn left and walk a short distance to reach and climb over a stile on the right.

Go down the field, over the footbridge and follow the path. Continue up the field, keeping bushes on the left, to a stile next to a gate. Cross stile and continue to reach a road, Carr Lane.

Cross the road and climb the stile opposite before moving downhill a few yards and finding another stile on the right marked Kirklees Way. Climb over and head diagonally across the field to reach a stile in the far left hand corner next to a metal gate.

Climb over, turn right with fence on the right and move to the next stile, continue upfield in same direction to cross a dirt track.

Go up the field (wire fence on right) to reach the next stile and cross the next field to a combined wooden gate and stile. Go straight across this field, cross

a stile and head for the rear gardens of a group of houses in the valley bottom. Continue to a well signed stile on the left and, following its arrow, descend to the valley bottom, known as Lower Dimpledale, by using a footpath, bounded by a wall on one side and hedge on the other, which runs between the houses.

**If it is impossible to pass down this path because of overgrowth continue straight ahead from the stile and then diagonally across an adjoining field to a black gate (Lower Dimpledale).**

Whichever way you arrive in the valley bottom turn right and walk along the road to join another track. On reaching the side of another cottage on your right cross the wooden stile near a gate and enter the cottage garden. Move straight up the slope to a wooden kissing gate at the end of the garden and pass through.

Continue forward uphill past a horse training establishment on the left, to a wooden fence also on the left. Climb the steps and continue along the walled path to a road.

Turn left on Bristfield Road, pass Blackerhill Farm and, immediately after the Shoulder of Mutton public house, turn right. Walk along the road until reaching the Public Footpath sign near a house on the left.

Turn left here and pass an old barn. Walk behind the single storey building on the left, look for a gate, on right, and a stile ahead in the wall. Cross the stile and continue straight forward through a gate heading to the right of a prominent tree on the horizon. Once over the incline continue in the same direction to a gate where wall and hedge boundaries meet. Step out on to the road, turn right and carry straight forward to the right hand bend in the road.

Ignore the track to the left. Instead follow the sign on lamppost No 1 and continue straight ahead down the path. Go over the next stile to follow the track known as the Miners' Path to the footbridge in the valley bottom – Miners' Hole - where lots of mining used to take place. Follow the path uphill to reach the village of Whitley and, on crossing the stile, go up



The stile which links the Miners' Hole to the village of Whitley.

the road, pass the church and continue to the next T-junction.

 **The walk can be terminated here, but buses are infrequent.**

Turn left and then right at The Woolpack public house to enter and walk along Scopsley Lane. Just past Reservoir Farm, on the left, take bridleway on the left and continue until reaching a stone pillar where the left hand fork path is taken.

Continue down to some cottages. Pass them and continue to a junction. Turn left uphill, walk over a cattle grid and when the tarmacaded lane bends left towards some houses keep straight ahead along a path to a footpath sign on right.

Turn right and descend short flight of steps, continue down the path to a gate and turn right to move along the track which leads uphill and eventually reaches a stile on the left.

Climb over, continue uphill across the field to reach some trees and another stile. Climb the stile, go down two short flights of steps, continue downhill and



Whitley Village Church

pass through a kissing gate to reach a bridge over a stream and another stile.

Continue forward across the field to find a stile at the edge of the wood. Cross it and turn right to walk along the path through the trees.

The path eventually emerges into a field and reaches yet another stile on the left by some houses. Go over the stile and along the narrow path. At the end turn right into a road and, within a short distance, first left into an earthen footpath found in the boundary wall.

Follow the path, which passes between houses, straight ahead and then turn right at its junction with another path to eventually emerge into Hopton New Road.

Turn left and walk forward until reaching the junction on the right. Walk over the bridge which crosses the river to reach Station Road, the approach road to Mirfield railway station, and the end of this section.

**Trains go from the station to Dewsbury and there is also a regular bus service from Mirfield town centre to Dewsbury.**

