3 Lunchtime Walks in Huddersfield

Walking for approximately 30 minutes a day is an ideal form of exercise that has a positive impact on health and well being.

These 3 walks have been designed to ﬁt into your lunchtime.

These pleasant walks have also been designed to introduce some of our spectacular town centre buildings, green spaces and waterways. It is worth stopping every so often and looking around - you may be surprised how attractive the town is.

We hope that these short walks will spur you on to exploring more of the town and encourage you to walk more for journeys to work, the shops and other purposes.

Parts of the town centre are busy with traffic. These walks have in most cases used pedestrian crossings but there are some places where these are not available. Please take care crossing all roads.

For information on:
• Walking Your Way to Health - contact the Physical Activity Development Team on 01484 234095
• Walking activities in the countryside - contact Kirklees Countryside Unit on 01484 234077
• Advice and information on leading an active life visit - www.gov.uk/activeforlife
• Travelwise promotion of walking, cycling and public transport - contact Kirklees Travelwise on 01484 225557 or at travelwise@kirklees.gov.uk

Start Location: Market Square Cross

From Market Square turn right into Kirkgate, then bear left into Beast Market and cross Southgate (Ring Road), then right and left down a walkway at the far side of Job Centre. Walk down side of Sports Centre with the car park on your left to Watergate. Turn right on to Watergate then left on to Quay St, crossing Locomotive Bridge (1865), which lifts to allow the passage of barges. Turn right along the canal towpath. This is the Huddersfield Broad Canal. Follow the towpath to the Aspley Basin - the junction between the Huddersfield Broad and Huddersfield Narrow Canals. At Aspley cross the Basin by the arched bridge.

Go forward with small car park to left and Sainsbury’s in front. Turn left, then left again on to Wakefield Rd. Take the steps down to left and under Wakefield Rd. Follow the Narrow Canal through the University where it is newly landscaped to where the canal towpath is blocked. Go up a set of metal steps to join Queen Street South, turn right and follow Queen St. South to Queensgate. Cross Queensgate to enter Queen St, passing the Lawrence Batley Theatre on your right. Turn left into King St., then right into Market Place to return to the Market Square Cross.

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Duration about 45 minutes

Water Walk

Start Location: Market Square Cross

1. The Cultural Walk
2. The Green Spaces Walk
3. The Water Walk
From Market Square turn right into Kirkgate then left into Byram St. Pass the Parish Church to enter St Peter’s Gardens, which is an old graveyard that has been landscaped. Seating in the gardens now provided an ideal lunch stop.

Continue on Byram St, crossing Northumberland St and into the market area. Turn left on to Brook St, then left on to John William St. At the traffic lights cross the road to enter St George’s Square, passing in front of the Railway Station and Head of Steam to go up the narrow St George’s St. Cross Westgate on the new crossing and go up Trinity St. Cross the ring road at the traffic lights and up a further section of Trinity St. Go left into Greenhead Rd. Turn right into Park Avenue and follow to the entrance of Greenhead Park on the left.

If time permits spend a while exploring the park, or make a note to return at a future date.

From the park go down Queen Elizabeth Gardens and through arch at end to emerge on Trinity St. Turn right to go down Trinity St, through traffic lights, right on to Upperhead Row and left down Half Moon St. Just before its end go right into Fox St, left on to Market St, crossing the traffic lights then down Westgate and, finally, right back to Market Cross.

Duration about 30 minutes.

Start Location: Market Square Cross

This cross is the oldest structure in the town centre dating from 1671. Go down Market Walk at the side of The Royal Bank of Scotland, crossing King Street on to Victoria Lane passing The Albert Hotel to Huddersfield Library that was constructed in 1934. Turn up Ramsden St. to pass the Town Hall built in 1876. Continue up High St and right on to Market St. and right again down Imperial Arcade to join the pedestrianised New St. Turn left on New St. then left up Cloth Hall St. to Market St then right. At the traffic lights turn right on to Westgate then left into Byram Arcade constructed in the 1880s and now home to three levels of interesting shops. Go through the Arcade passing the Blue Rooms restaurant and out left on to Station St. Turn left again to re-enter Westgate, going right up Westgate to the traffic lights then right on to Railway St. Follow Railway St. to enter St. George’s Square. Huddersfield Railway Station, with its neo-classical facades was built in 1850.

Leave the square by Northumberland St passing the George Hotel and noting the Victorian Market to the left. Go right into Byram St, passing St. Peter’s Gardens and the Parish Church. Turn right into Kirkgate and left into Market Place to return to the Market Cross.

Duration about 40 minutes - more if the park is explored.