

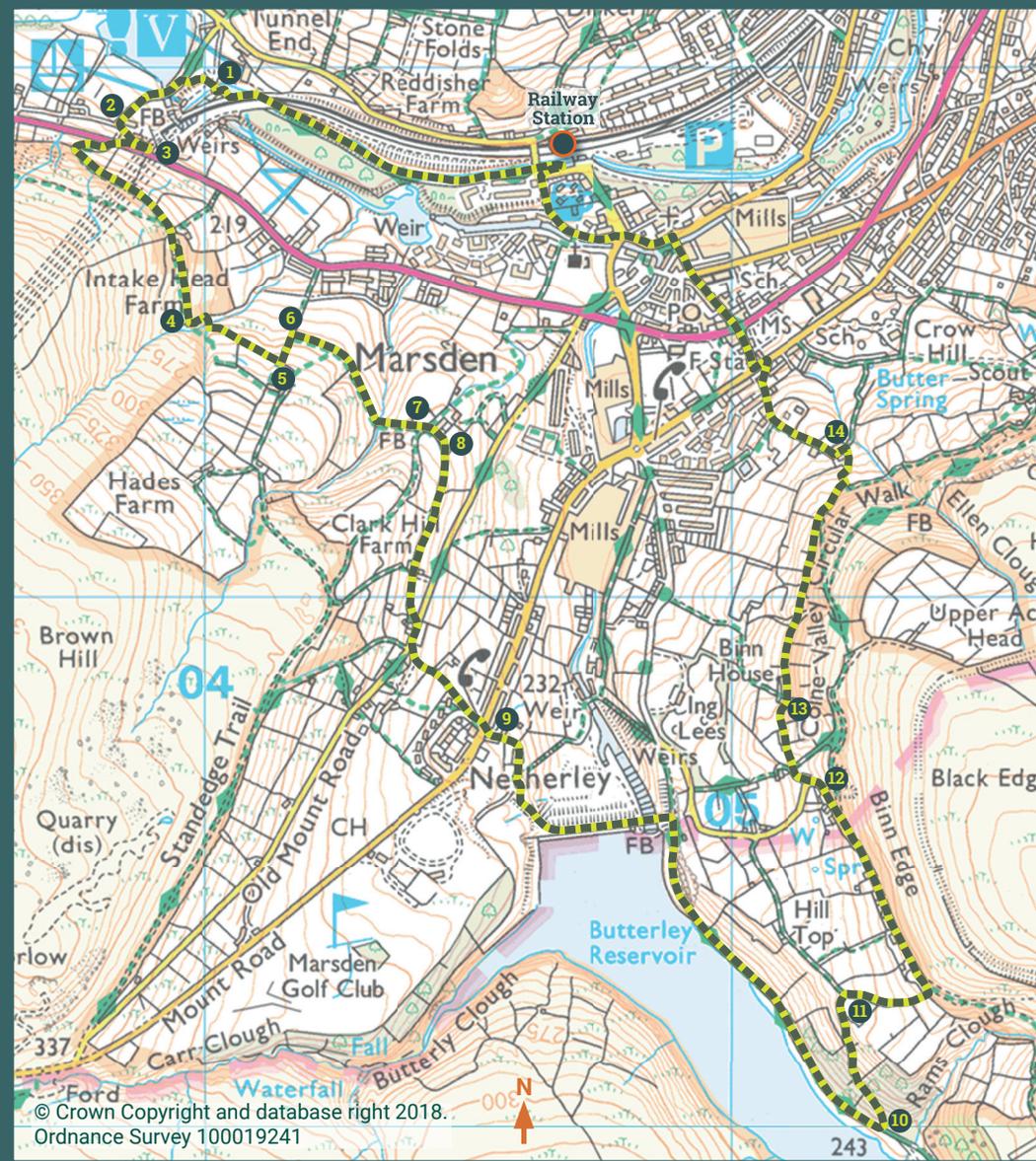
Marsden Walkers are Welcome

Intake Head Walk

The walk is graded as Moderate: A medium length walk requiring a reasonable level of fitness, crossing hilly ground or moorland with rising and falling levels. Paths may be rough and uneven, with some steeper slopes, or longer sections of ascent and descent. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing essential.



This route has some short steep ascents and descents. It explores the west and south of Marsden, visiting Tunnel End and Butterley Reservoirs with good views from the edge of the moors.



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Directions

From the Railway Station walk westwards along the canal towpath for ½ mile to Tunnel End (signposted).



1 Arrive at Tunnel End and Standedge Visitor Centre. Take the path on the left of the grassy bank leading through the wall onto a road.



2 The road soon divides, take the left fork, continue up to the main A62 Manchester Road.



3 Turn right for about 50m then cross the road to a sunken track. Continue up the track towards Intake Head Farm.



4 Shortly before the buildings go through a gate slightly off the path to your right, follow the worn path a short way uphill then bear left behind the farm.

- Take your litter home
- Close gates behind you
- Keep dogs under close control at all times



Cross two boardwalks and back down a stile over the wall on the far side of the buildings. Drop down as far as a wall then turn right to follow this over another series of boardwalks. After 120m turn left when you reach the wall and stream ahead.

Approaching the wooded valley find a step-through gap in the wall to your right, which leads you to two short bridges over the streams, through the trees and to another stile into the fields. Continue with the wall on your left.



5 At the end of the path turn off to your left and through a gate, taking the path down the hillside between the new tree plantation and a wall.



6 About halfway down this plantation turn right over a stile signposted to Old Mount Road and follow a path across fields. When the wall turns left, continue straight ahead, eventually dropping down to a stream.

Our Way Markers will guide you along the route



7 At the stream, turn right, then immediately left through a gate in the wall and walk up to High Gate Farm above with the wall on your left.



8 Pass through a metal farm gate and continue with the farmhouse on your left onto a walled track (a post to the right marked W.A. 1671 is possibly a waystone for the old packhorse route).

Continue along the path towards Clark Hill Farm. Once past the farm, the track drops down to Old Mount Road.



9 Cross the road, turn right and after 25m join another track left down to Mount Road towards Butterley Reservoir.

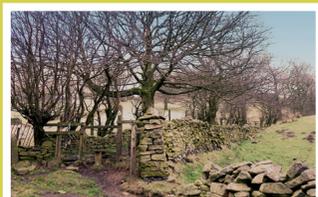


Cross Mount Road toward the reservoir and pass a row of garages on your right then turn right through the gate.

Follow the path curving left around the house. Then right through a gate on to a track along the reservoir embankment. At the other side of the reservoir pass the spectacular listed spillway, then turn right along the broad track.



10 About 700m along the broad track, turn left up a path through a wooded area.



11 At the top where the path turns left towards a house take a right hand fork across a stile and along a narrow walled path. Climb two more stiles, emerge on to a lane and turn left towards houses on your left. Continue down the road until it turns sharp left.



12 At the bend turn right towards Peters Farm and keep straight on through a farmyard past the buildings, through a field gate and on to a grassy track.

13 The grassy track descends towards the derelict remains of a row of cottages. Pass by the side of the cottages on your left and continue along the path with views of Marsden down below to your left.

The path passes through a wooden kissing gate, crosses a stream along a boardwalk and through another small wooden gate. Follow the path as it begins to head downhill and bends to the left towards the stables and paddock.



14 Walk through the gap in the low wall and down the stone steps between the buildings.

Curve left through the farmyard, then turn right, following the road downhill, eventually crossing Carrs Road.

Keeping the park on your right, head back down into Marsden village, crossing the A62.

Continue along the main road (Peel Street) and when the road forks by The Riverhead pub, take the left fork back up to Marsden Station.

All our walks are way marked and along public rights of way.

To report any issues please follow the link on our website, www.marsdenwalkersarewelcome.org



Marsden is situated off the A62 at the head of the Colne Valley, west of Huddersfield. It is well served by bus and rail.

All walks start and end at Platform 3 of the railway station where there is a large free car park (HD7 6AX)

Marsden Walkers are Welcome is a voluntary group.

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Marsden Walkers Are Welcome Intake Head Walk

4 mile/6.4km - 2 hour* walk

Moderate



Discover historic farms, the famous Huddersfield Narrow Canal tunnel and the Wessenden Valley, along with far reaching views of the Colne Valley

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* Walk times given as a rough guide only