

# Marsden Walkers are Welcome

## Piper Holes 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 walk passes Tunnel End, the mouth of Standedge Tunnel – Britain's longest, deepest, highest canal tunnel – where there is a café and Visitor Centre (check beforehand for opening times).



The route follows a section of the historic Huddersfield Narrow Canal, heading west past sites of industrial heritage, returning along the upper parts of the south facing valley side.

**Our Way Markers will guide you along the route**



### Directions

With your back to the Railway Station, turn right and walk along the canal towpath westwards towards Tunnel End and Standedge Visitor Centre.



**1** Pass under a railway bridge then, as you reach Standedge Visitor Centre cross a bridge over the canal.

Turn right away from the Tunnel entrance and café complex and walk up a short roadway towards what was the Tunnel End Inn, now a private house.



**2** Turn left before 'Long Fall' gates and behind the old pub. Bear right and follow the tarmacked path through a small wooden gate then a large wooden field gate.



**3** Cross the field to a group of buildings at Orchard Hey.

The road ahead leads you past some of the oldest houses in Marsden. Habitation here dates back to the 15th Century.

Continue through an old metal field gate and into the yard between the houses and turn right immediately past the small house on your right and through a small metal gate.



**4** Walk up to the T-junction in front of a row of houses and turn left onto a small road.

The road continues to Berry Greave Farm on your left. Don't take the gated lane on your right but continue along the road past a bench for about 180m, to a junction.

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



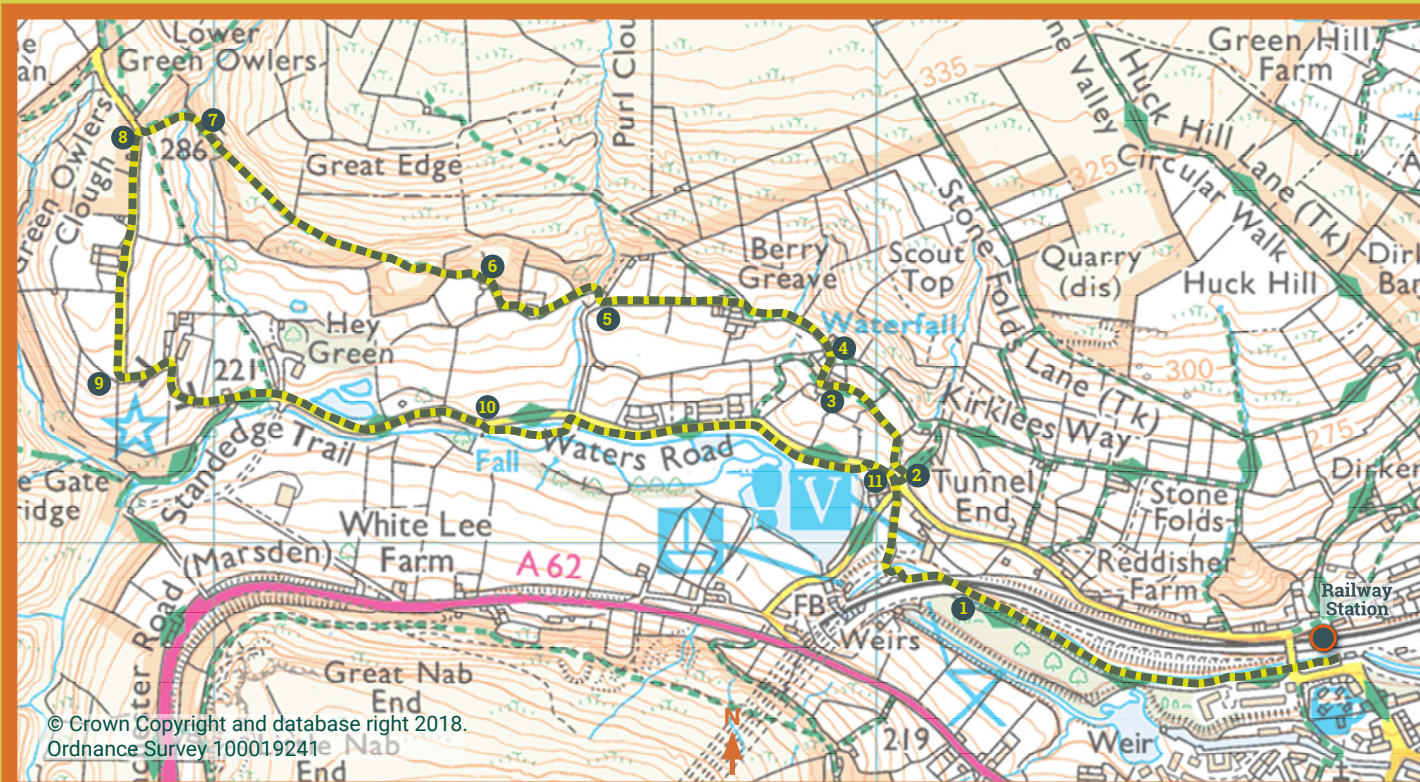
**5** Here turn right across a small stream, then continue past Troaves Farm on your right and up to a house on your left.

The settlement of Troughs (or Troaves, now Troaves) dates from the late 17th century or before. Note the 1740 date stone.



**6** Behind the house a narrow walled track, often muddy, leads to open moorland.

Follow a path, which occasionally forks, keeping to the upward right fork. The path passes over a short boardwalk, through a gate then on to another boardwalk.



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**7** Keep right, climbing a little until you can see a bench near a ruined building. This is Piper Holes which was inhabited into the twentieth century.

Pass the ruin then drop down on a flagged path to the stream and up to the other side of the road.

At the road, look to your right, this is Lower Green Owlers and the farms beyond it. Above is Higher Green Owlers, at one time the Dean Brewery.



**8** Turn left (southward) along the road passing a building on your right.

At the first left bend in the road, pause to look over the wall southwards.

Far below you is the old packhorse bridge at Eastergate. To the right and on higher ground is March Hill, where archaeologists have studied Mesolithic flint workings.



**9** Walk downhill and at the next bend in the road, look left to see Blake Lee, a settlement whose first known mention is in 1691.

Continue along the road as it weaves its way down and eventually reaches the river. Do not cross the bridge – carry straight on past Hey Green House (once a hotel) keeping the river on your right.



**10** Shortly after Lower Hey Green Cottages on your right, turn right through a wooden gate onto a gravelled stream-side path.

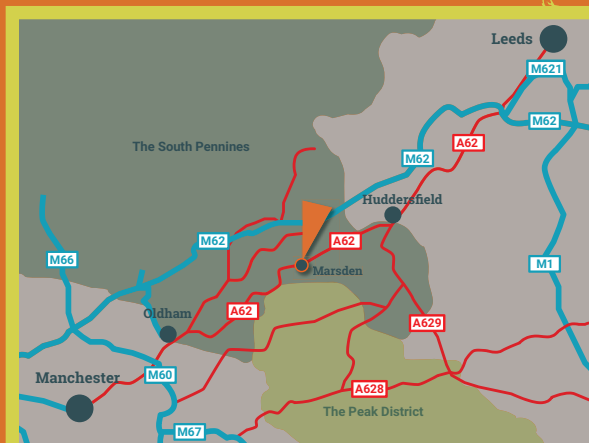
Follow the path to eventually arrive back at the road by the house that was once the Tunnel End pub.



**11** Turn right then veer left down the road, returning to Tunnel End and the Standedge Visitor Centre. Then retrace your route along the canal and return to Marsden Railway Station.

All of 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](http://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.

Find out more, including how you can get involved:

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3 mile/4.8km - 1.5 hour\* walk

Moderate



A lovely walk along the canal and through lush farmland towards the source of the River Colne

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\* Walk times given as a rough guide only