

Walking in Bardsey.

Walk 1 (1 hr)

From Tithe Barn Lane where you can park beside the telephone box, head up Blackmoor Lane passing the Caravan site and 2 houses on your left and then over a stile into field on your left. Across the edge of the field, go over another stile onto an enclosed path, continuing until another stile taking you into woods behind Scarcroft Golf Club. Another stile takes you along the edge of the field with the club house on your right and out onto Syke Lane Scarcroft.

Turn left past houses; just after you pass a turning to your right you turn left along a drive and into woods on a footpath running parallel with the A 58. On reaching Wayside Mount, turn left up the unmade road all the way to a gate which takes you to open fields. Turn sharp left following the path to the duck pond and then up Tithe Barn Lane back to your car.

An alternative is to park in the village by the Church and go through the church yard and out of the gate and up the field directly behind the Church to the top where you rejoin the above walk.

Walk 2 (1 hr 15 mins)

Starting from the Church, walk along Church Lane towards the A58, cross the road carefully and scramble up the bank into woods; then continue along the old railway track until you drop onto another path where the old bridge used to be; then turn right following a well defined track on the edge of open fields until you come back to the A58. Again crossing with care go up Wayside Mount, through the gate, and then instead of turning left to the duck pond go straight on down the hill back to the Church.

To make a longer walk, when you get to the right turn where the bridge used to be, continue along the railway track coming into woods and then cross over an old bridge and immediately scramble down the embankment turning immediately left. Continue along past the old mill race and towards some houses. Here you will find a high stone stile; turn right over it along the field and across a little wooden bridge. Turn left into woods passing the trout farm on your left. Come out of the woods and turn right, climbing up the edge of a field and then down rejoining the original path just before the A58.

Walk 3 (1 hr 30 mins)

Start from the big trees on the Bramham Road at Wothersome. Go straight along the well used farm track and when reaching the woods take the left track dropping down to a junction; for a shorter walk, turn right here. However we take the left wide path alongside Bramham Lake. At the top of the lake turn right across the lake side and up to the back entrance to Bramham Park. Do not go out onto the road but go right again, following the well defined walk through the woods although the path does narrow a bit. Eventually you drop down to a ford. Wellies or good shoes are essential to cross the ford. Then scramble up and this is where the shorter walk rejoins us. Go straight up the field coming out on Dog Kennel Lane. Do not go down the lane but turn right straight across open fields towards the woods and back to the farm lane you started on.

Walk 4 Hetchell Woods (40 mins)

Parking either on the pull-in on the A58 or in Cornmill Lane, go up onto the railway track. However take the left fork through some woods and along an enclosed path at the bottom of the field. Continue with the beck on your right until you enter Hetchell Woods over a stile. Continue straight on until you come to the stepping stones and footbridge. Cross over them up the field and turn right onto the railway track and back to your car. Alternatively when entering the woods you can turn left and climb up turning right at the top across the Craggs and then drop down to the stepping stones/bridge.