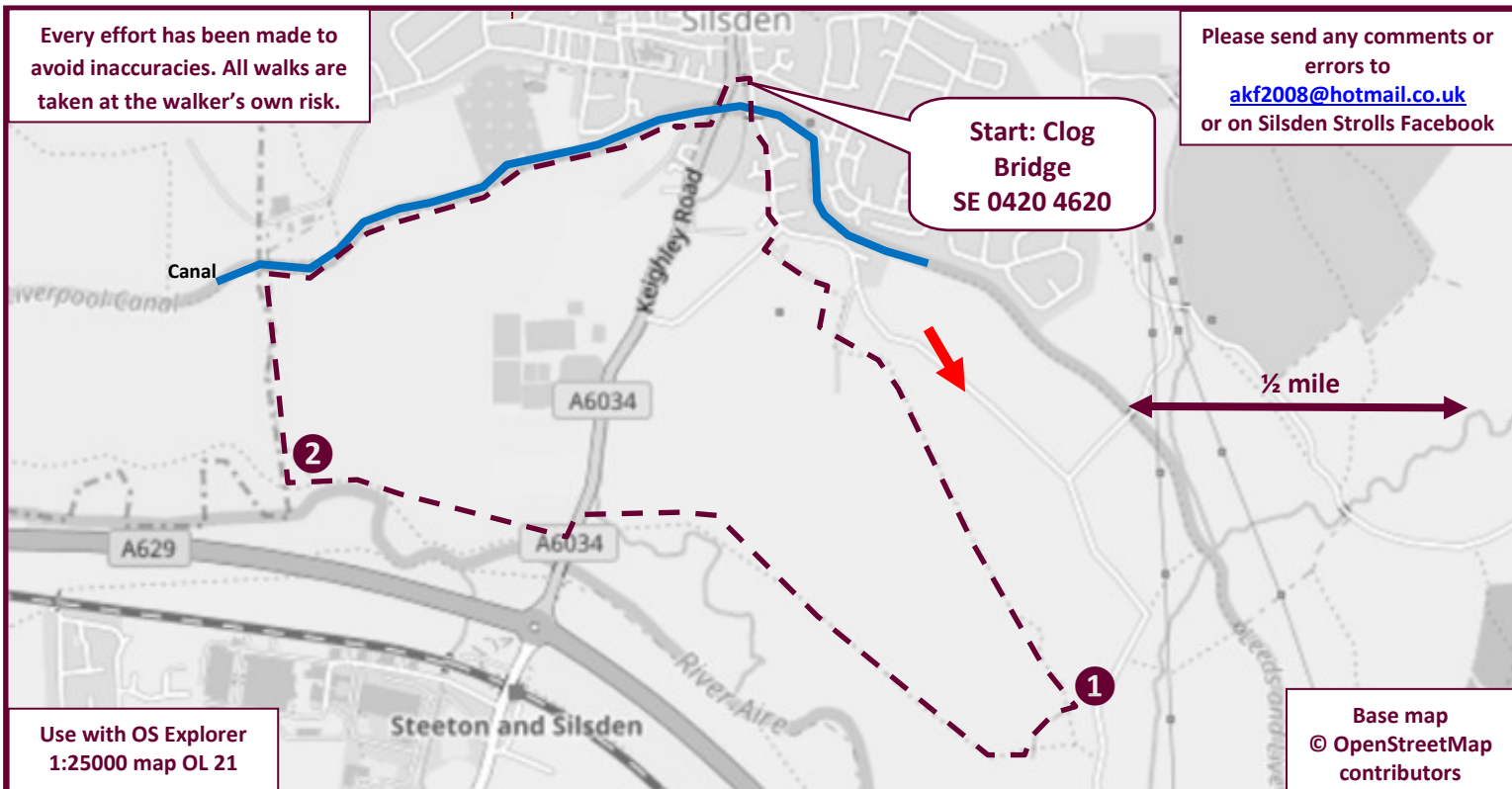


Silsden Stroll 1

3.4 miles. Mostly level going, across open fields with access to both river and canal. The second leg follows the Millennium Way. Irregular ground in places and at times boggy, so sturdy footwear is important, as are water and sun blocker in summer.

Many stiles. A little on-road walking. Take care near river Aire and canal. Leave all gates as you found them. Start at Clog Bridge, just down from the canal bridge.



From Clog Bridge in the town centre turn right, under the aqueduct, along Hainsworth Road until you reach Belton Rd on your right. Right, then immediately left through business units to end of Ryefield Way. Follow tarmac footpath ahead to reach stile on to Henholme Lane. Cross farm yard opposite, to metal gate on right of barn / shed. Ahead through wooden gate, then half right under power lines to metal gate in the wall ahead. (Very fiddly chain catch).

Ahead to step stile mid-wall; then ahead past in-jutting corner of adjacent field on left to corner step stile with hand post. Ahead through thin hawthorn hedge line; then make ahead for the gate/stile. ①

Turn right, follow track round to left; take stile a few yards on your right, then the one about 50 yards along right hand fence. Cross field at 11 o'clock, passing under power lines, to reach gated stile by small tree. Ahead to the l/h end of the short wall before you. Ignore stile. Ahead, keeping fencing on your right. Gate. Cross field at 2 o'clock to the stile by a power pole, passing concrete waymarked post.

Turn half left to small metal gate near corner. Keeping ahead brings you to wall with stile, but go left round this and just keep ahead following fence on right, passing through a gate. You reach another "half wall" with stile; go past on its left through new trees. (Be careful – the beck on your left has a large drop). The wooden footbridge is visible. Cross it; cross track, half right track and make for The Smallest Bridge in Yorkshire by main road. (For a 2½ mile Stroll, turn right and walk back into the town).

Cross road with great care! Take path on left down steps. Looking the length of field, make ahead for far right corner and stile. Follow track round to left into next field, at the end of which ② (with white concrete post and broken stile as landmarks) turn right up track with hedge on left towards canal. At the gate go left over two adjacent stiles. Ahead, keeping close to the hedge, to a third stile; and continue uphill along well worn track to canal stile. Turn right and follow towpath to Silsden Bridge. Under this, and up steps to main road – right, to Clog Bridge.