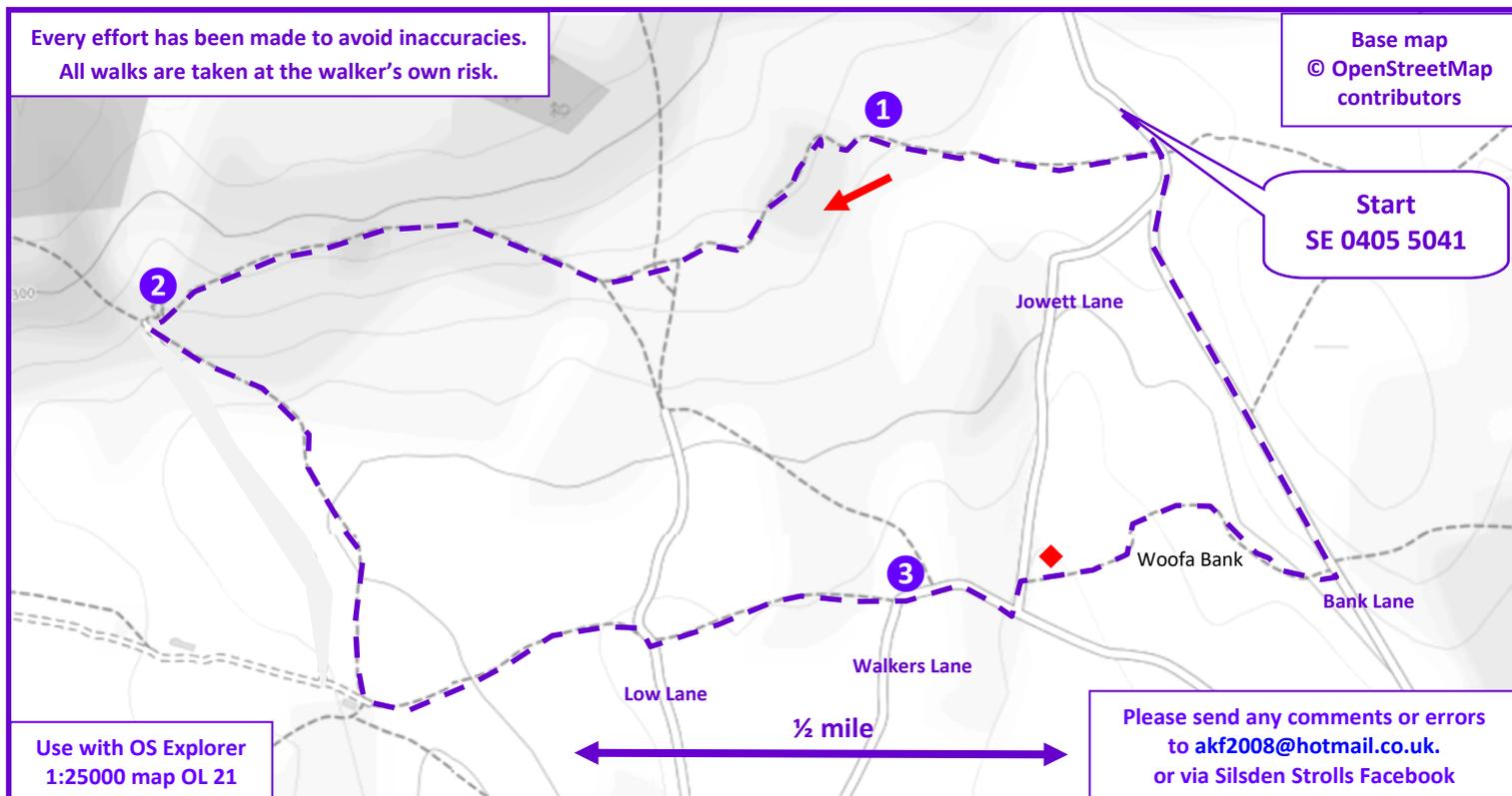


## Silsden Stroll 3

3.4 miles. Mostly level going, across open fields and rough pasture. The second leg ends in a short steep dramatic climb, rewarded by wonderful views along Airedale and Wharfedale. Irregular ground in places and at times boggy, so sturdy footwear is important, as are water and sun blocker in summer. Many stiles. Some on-road walking. Leave gates as you found them. Start: from Bolton Rd go along Cringles Lane; turn right up Bank Lane; after  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile park on broad verge at access to Haygill Farm on left.



Walk back 100 yards to path on right. Cross field to right of small stone barn to step stile 20 yards left of 4<sup>th</sup> powerpole from road. Make for left end of farm, exiting via obscured gate. Turn left on track. ①

Ahead, bearing right to gates. Take l/h gate, follow track up to left of Middleborough House Farm. Through gate, follow wall to stile. Cross stile and turn right, uphill. Two gates, then make for wind turbine. Stile, then ahead parallel with wall on left. Through gate. Just before High Edge Farm, take stile in wall on left, then immediately right to stile. ②

Turn left down concrete track. In 30 yards, go right via gate, to stile on left, turn and follow wall left to Low Edge Farm exit (Lions!). Over cattle grid – gate locked! 200 yards later pass through gate and cross concrete bridge on right. Over this field left at 10 o'clock to gate at this end of high hedge line. Follow hedge up slope to gate at Jenkin Farm; to top left corner; then left along track for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to Low Lane.

Right and immediately left, through Schoolmaster Place farmyard, exiting via gate ahead. Take stile on left next to gate opposite run-down concrete building; then make a half right, towards stile in wall this side of white plastic greenhouse. ③

Exit on to Walker's Lane; go left, then turn left into Jowett's Lane. ( ♦ You can shave  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile off by continuing to Bank Lane, and keeping ahead to the start. Otherwise...) Take stile on right. Make for gate on right side of blue slurry holder. Ahead through farmyard, exiting via gate. Woofa Bank looms high above you!

Climb it (slowly!) and, when you reach gate, stop to catch your breath and admire the view. Then turn right, climbing gently left to exit on Bank Lane. (From here the view is stupendous, looking along Airedale (Silsden) on the right and Wharfedale (Addingham) on the left ). Walk up the road  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile back to car.