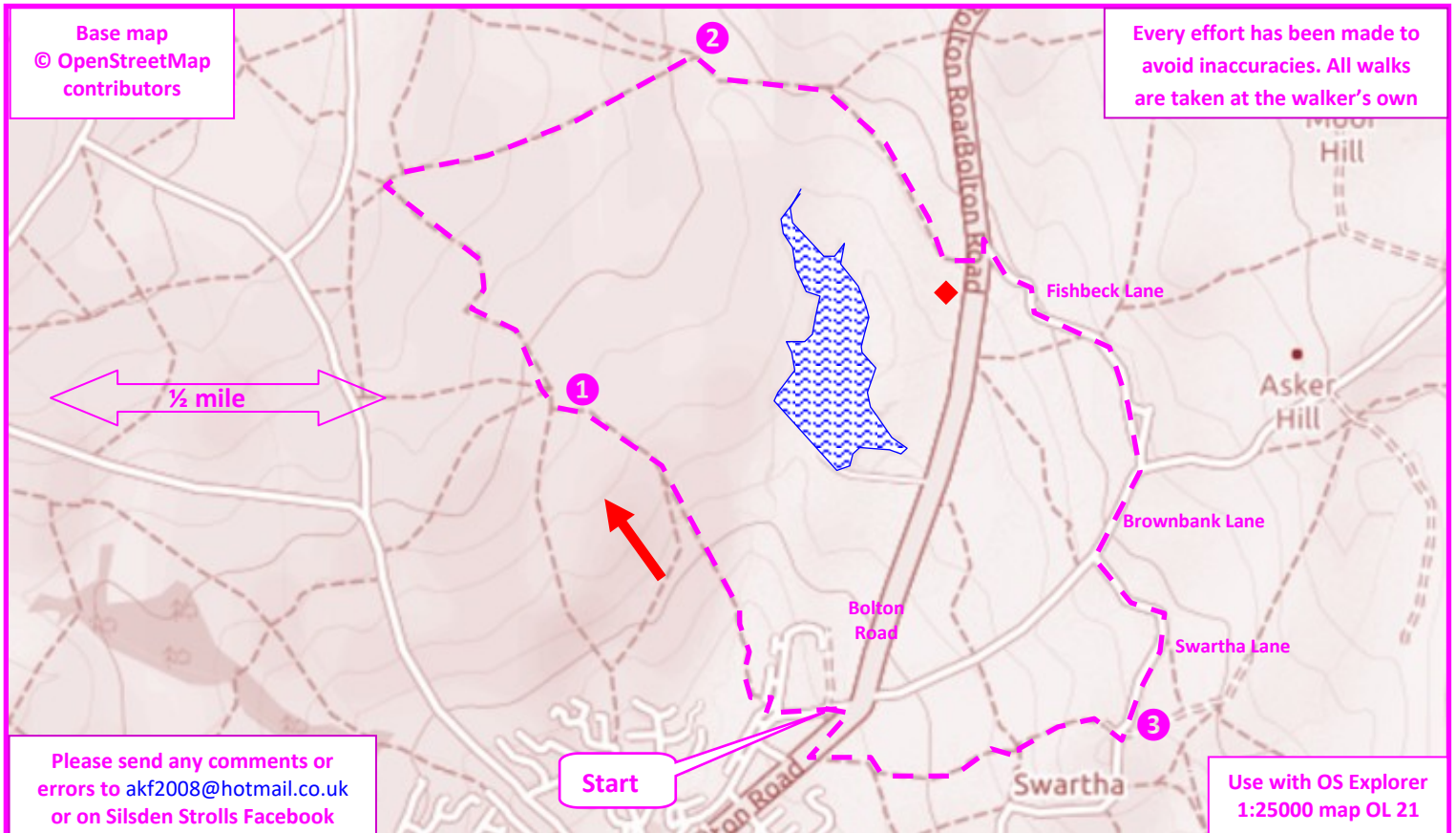


Silsden Stroll 4

3.7 miles. A slow climb of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile along the Millennium Way. Descend to delightful woods at Great Gill Beck, followed by paths giving fine views of Silsden Reservoir and the Aire Valley. Ground very irregular in places and at times rather boggy, so sturdy footwear is important, as are water and sunblocker in summer. Some road walking. Many stiles.



Park with consideration in North Street, Town Head. Ahead, first right into Breakmoor Avenue; immediately left down path beside bungalow. Stile, then pass close to power pole; down to footbridge over Hayhills Beck. Follow beck on your right. Two stiles, bear left up steep slope to double power poles, then parallel with fencing up to gate in top corner.

Go along delightful walled green lane. Step stile on right; turn left. Keep ahead to just before farm boundary wall, when you take plank bridge and stile on left. Go immediately right, along field edge, to stile in corner; turn right to Hay Hills farmhouse. ①

Over track to stile; then ahead across field at 11 o'clock to stile in corner. Follow right side of next field to stile near corner; then a bridge and another stile. Follow left edge of field to stile just before house. Up steps, follow fenced in diverted track to ironwork gate.

Left, then right through farmyard oddly via two small gates to Dales Bank farmhouse. Through gate in front of farmhouse; descend to gate at right end of caravan site; pass left through the site, following waymarks to far corner stile. Follow the same line over next field to metal gate in corner; then field edge to waypost at very bottom of slope, turning right, down steps (possibly slippery) and crossing bridge over Great Gill Beck. Right, following beck for 75 yards ②; at gravel track, climb and follow this to gate.

Don't go through but turn right to stile in corner. Follow wall (parallel with road and with increasingly good views of reservoir) over three more stiles to reach Low Cringles Farm. Left and, via stile or gate, reach Bolton Road. (◆ For a shorter $2\frac{3}{4}$ mile Stroll, turn right and walk down road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to start)

Go left for a few yards and **CROSS WITH GREAT CARE** to go up Fishbeck Lane. Turn right at end (Brown Bank Lane); and then left along Swartha Lane. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile brings you to Swartha Cottages, and a kissing gate on right into Haw Farm. ③ Ahead, past the circular pump pen, to follow wall ahead round to the left passing behind thick gorse bushes to stile.

Descend this one-time servants' lane; descend several fields along their right to reach gated stile by allotments. Follow path to Bolton Road, cross with care and go uphill to stile on left. Ahead to final stile, then right, to start point.