

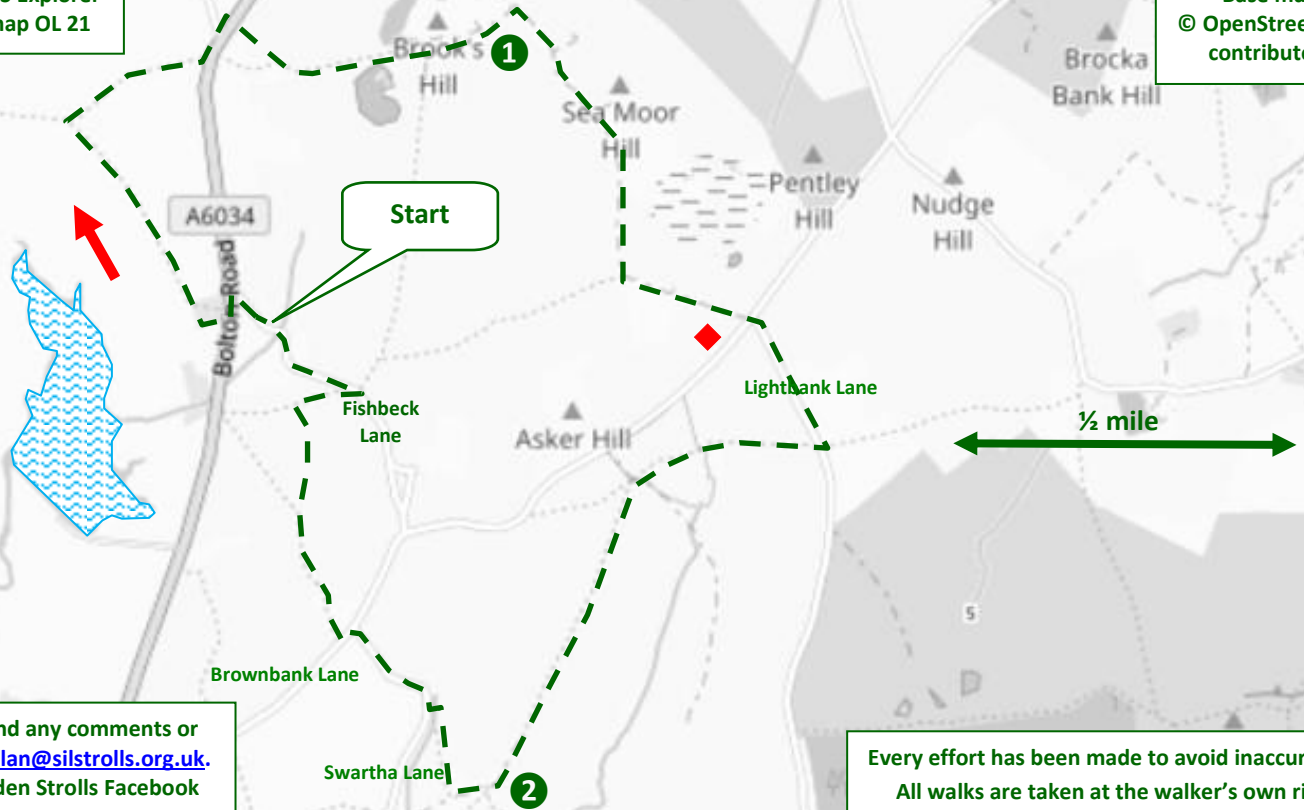
Silsden Stroll 5

Sponsors: West Riding Ramblers

3½ miles. A gentle ½ mile climb from Cringles, otherwise level going, across open fields and rough pasture. Lovely views of the reservoir, the town, the Pinnacle and the Aire valley looking west. Irregular ground in places and at times very boggy, so sturdy footwear is important, as are water and sun blocker in summer. Many stiles. Park in Fishbeck Lane.

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Cross Bolton Road, go left and via gated stile descend farmyard to gates at bottom. Pass through gated stile on right and follow wall over two more stiles, finally reaching new ladder stile. Climb this, up the field, over another, then the next at the ha-ha. Ahead, through wrought-iron gates and then wooden gates on to Bolton Road. Left over Cringles Lane, **CROSS BOLTON ROAD WITH GREAT CARE** and take unmarked track, keeping ahead and left through caravans to gate in corner. Through house yard to stile. Ahead to gate in corner.

Climb via metal gate to very top, and take wayposted slightly awkward step stile on left in wall ahead. (I go via gate on right.) Walk through trees to stile, follow path ahead to track. Turn right **1** and walk ½ mile to end of Lippersley Lane. (♦ For 2½ mile Stroll turn right and walk down to Fishbeck Lane on right, and follow it to its end and your car. Otherwise...) Go ahead up Lightbank Lane. (Superb views opening to right. To right of centre can be seen the distant hefty lump that is Pendle Hill).

Take signed gated squeeze stile on right opposite Hang Goose Farm, a second gate, and drop down field to caravan site. Through stile; bear right and left, past no. 30 to reach corner - walk down by no. 16 to gate and stile and still another gate! Follow wall on left keeping about 25 yards from it: this is a long field. Pass under power lines and through gate. (Outstanding view on right looks west, the length of the Cowling Pinnacle ridge).

At farm turn right down broad green track; **2** exit via little gate; ahead for a few yards, then right over squeeze stile by small sycamore opposite main farmhouse entrance yard. Cross two fields, taking care to use insulated handles to open/close electric fences. Drop down to distant left corner. Squeeze stile – follow beck to right, over little bridge; climb to stile. **NO FOOTWAY - EXIT WITH CARE** on to Swartha Lane.

Right, to reach Brownbank Lane. Left; cross road to take path up Well House Farm drive. Follow path right, into lawned area, then paving slabs left between low hedges to gate. Ahead to stile hidden in l/h corner. Cross this refurbished stile, keep parallel with r/h wall to gate (ignore stile in farther field). Climb slope via two gates to Fishbeck Lane. Left, back to car.

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