

Points to note

- Do not confuse the markers on the enclosed map with any way marker symbols you may see placed along the actual walk. The numbered markers shown on the map are to give approximate location on the route with the numbered written instructions.
- Race Moor Lane can become muddy with large puddles after heavy or prolonged rain.
- This walk leads you through one of the manmade caves with easy access and a good path, however please exercise caution if you decide to explore other pathways / caves not part of this route.
- There are no public toilets in the park or the village of Oakworth.

Places of interest

Holden Park, once part of Sir Isaac Holden's estate, his mansion known as Oakworth House use to stand where the park is now before fire destroyed it in 1909.

Transport to walk

Bus 717 to Oakworth from Keighley, every ten minutes during the daytime. Start the walk from Oakworth on Low Bank Lane at the bus terminus.



The Keighley Walking Initiative

Grades of walks available:



Mild to moderate, suitable for pushchairs. Usually less than 3.5km.



Mild to moderate, not suitable for pushchairs. Usually less than 3.5km.



Moderate. Usually less than 6.5km.



Hard. Usually over 6.5km.

Walks For All

Oakworth & Holden Park

Walk

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Name

Oakworth & Holden Park

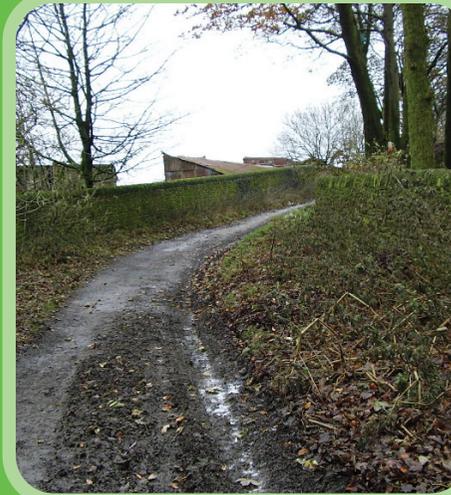
Distance

2.5 kms / 1.5 miles

Grade



Mild to moderate walk around Oakworth, Holden Park and caves



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read this! This is your responsibility!

This leaflet shows a route utilising Public Rights of Way. Please follow the Countryside Code. In particular: keep to paths, leave gates as found, take litter home and keep dogs under control (www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk).

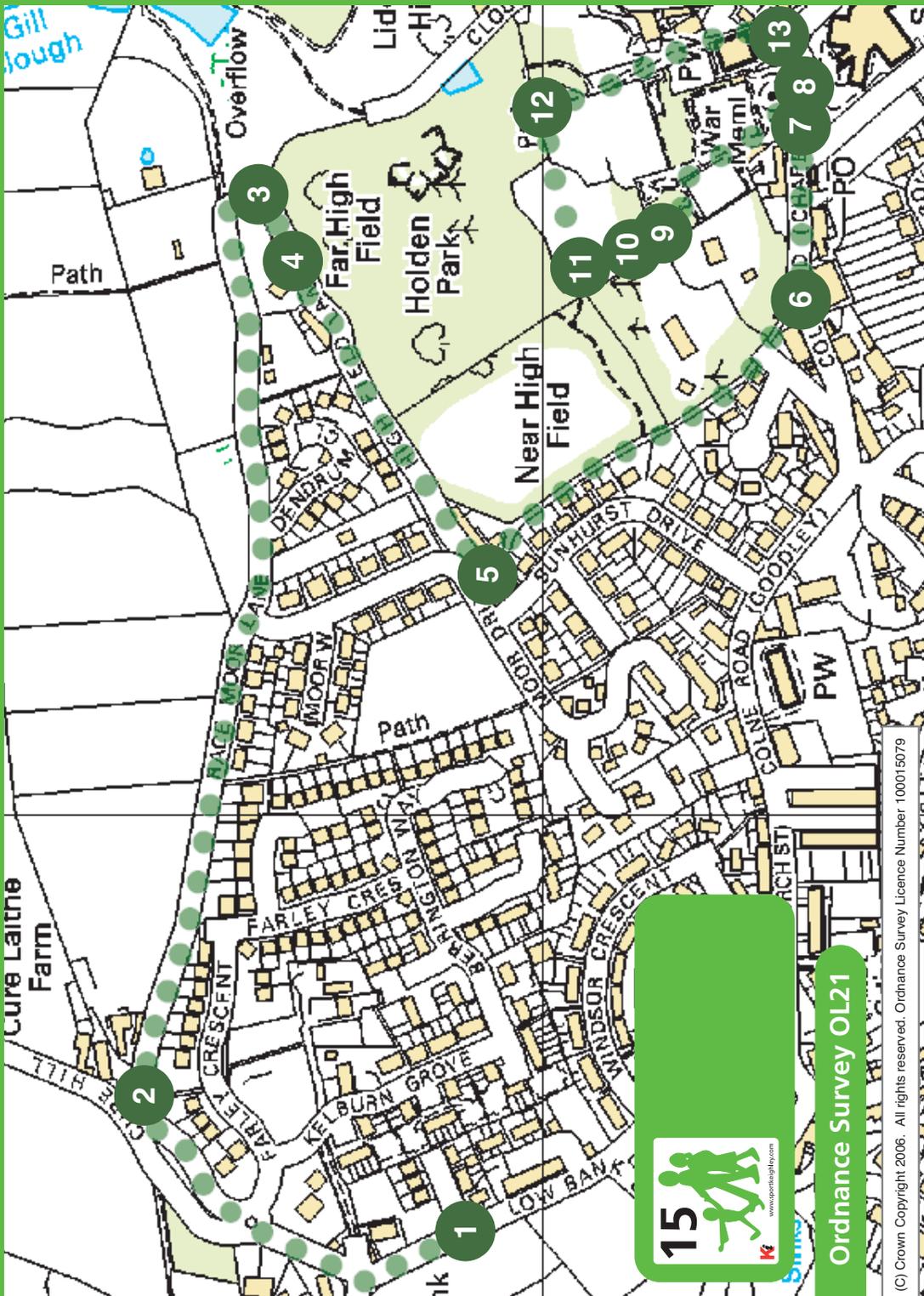
If you are new to exercise or have any existing medical condition or concerns check with your GP before undertaking physical activity. Check that the route is suitable for your level of fitness and that you have adequate resources for your planned activity.

Wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the conditions and time of year.

For details of further walks in your area see www.sportkeighley.com or ring 01535 338718

For details of travel to walks see 'Journey Planner' at www.wymetro.com

For details of further activity in the area see www.aktivedirectory.org.uk



The Route:

- 1 Cross the road from the bus stop and walk up and round on your right, you will see a small roundabout and a new housing estate, staying on the right hand side of the roundabout cross the road to pass the roundabout and houses. Continue on until coming to Race Moor Lane on the right.
- 2 Turn right and walk up following Race Moor Lane, there are houses on the right and fields to your left, carry on and turn right then left by the new houses to continue walking on Race Moor Lane which is now walled at either side.
- 3 At the end of Race Moor Lane you will come to an open area of grass and moor land. Here there is a bend in the lane and a path down the moor in front of you. Turn right staying on the lane to walk round the corner and on 'now Highfield Lane'.
- 4 Follow the lane on passing again houses on your right and a stone wall and woodland on your left.
- 5 On arriving at the housing estate continue down the lane on your left until coming out on Colne Road in the village of Oakworth known as Chapel Lane.
- 6 Turn left and walk down towards the School and just before the school you will arrive at Holden Park gates, easily recognisable by the two bronze statues.
- 7 Here you can enter the park, keeping to the right you can walk up through the park and explore the manmade caves or visit the children's play area off to the right.
- 8 To continue the walk past the play area, follow the path on and then to the left by the Bowling Green. Walk on to the last big entrance into the caves.
- 9 Turn right in to the caves and then walk up through the caves, ignore the steps to the left, follow the path up and then around to the left until coming out at the grassed area at the top on the right.
- 10 Turn left and walk along the path then turn right to walk up the stone ramp through the stone doorway.
- 11 Go through the door and follow the path around to the right, then cross the grass to the entrance in the large wall.
- 12 Turn right and follow the track all the way down to the road, you will pass the other side of the children's play area.
- 13 Having reached the road turn right to walk back past the entrance with the statues to the bus stop for Keighley.