

Ripponden

5 miles • Grade 2* • 2.5 Hours

There is ample parking in the village of Ripponden; a carpark at the bottom of Elland Lane or at the bottom of Royds Lane, behind the Conservative Club, where our walk starts.

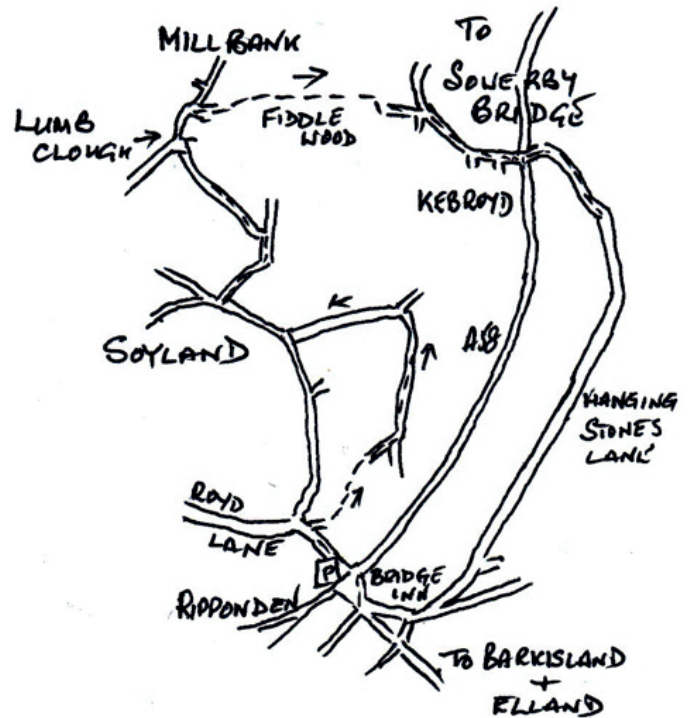
Walk up Royds Lane for about 150 meters, look out for an old pair of circular gate posts on the right. Turn right and follow the well-defined path, which turns left into the field. The old stone path leads you through the fields to a small row of houses at Birks. You will pass the houses and bear left, following the walled lane, the path turns left, continue up this path until you reach the road.

Turn right and follow the footpath through Soyland village, taking in the views and very old properties; you will pass Making Place as you walk up the hill. Just before the house, on the right you will see a stile and Calderdale Way Marker, walk along the old flagged path, which will take you on to a walled farm lane, turn right and walk towards the farm.

After about 150 meters you will see on the left a stile, which leads you across the fields; the path brings you out on to a dirt lane, turn left to the road and then turn right and walk down the lane to the bottom, where you will reach Lumb Clough.

At the bridge on the right, you will see a path by the stream, after about 50 meters the path forks, take the right-hand fork and walk on the well-defined path through the woods. (Fiddle Wood). You will see a gate post, where the path goes forward, looking to your right, you will see a path leading up some old stone steps, follow this path on to the road. Follow the road down on to the main road and cross over on to a walled track.

Follow the track down, taking the first right hand turning, you



will cross a bridge over the stream. Head up the hill to the old railway bridge, take the path over the bridge; at the T junction turn right and follow the track, Hanging Stones Lane, passing several properties until you reach Ripponden Old Road.

Follow the road down, passing the church, going over the pack horse bridge to the Bridge Inn, continue up the hill to the main road, Royds Lane and the car park are opposite.