

MARSDEN PIPER HOLES



Distance 3 miles

Time 1.5 hours

Level moderate

A lovely walk along the canal and through lush farmland towards the source of the River Colne.

The route follows a section of the historic Huddersfield Narrow Canal, heading west past sites of industrial heritage, returning along the upper parts of the south-facing valley side.



With your back to the railway station, turn right and walk along the canal towpath westwards towards Tunnel End. Pass under a railway bridge then, as you reach Standedge Visitor's Centre cross a bridge over the canal.

Walk up a short roadway to what was The Tunnel End Inn. Turn right away from the Tunnel entrance and café complex and walk up a short roadway. Turn left before 'Long Fall' gates and behind the old pub. Bear right and follow the tarmacked path through a small wooden gate then a large wooden field gate.



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Cross the field to a group of buildings at Orchard Hey. Follow the path through a gate in the centre of the field. After the gate turn right and climb to the field boundary,



through another gate and onto the lane.

Walk up to the lane and turn left onto a small road. The road continues to Berry Greave Farm on your left. Don't take the gated lane on your right but continue along the



road past a bench for about 180m, to a junction.

Here turn right across a small stream, then continue past Troves Farm on your right and up to a house on your left. Behind the house, follow a narrow, walled track, which is often muddy. This track leads to open moorland.

Follow a path, which occasionally forks, but keep to the upward right fork. The path passes over a short boardwalk, through a gate then on to another boardwalk. Keep right, climbing a little until you can see a bench



near a ruined building. This is Piper Holes which was inhabited into the twentieth century. Pass the ruin then drop down on a flagged path to the stream and up to the other side of the road.

Turn left (southward) along the road passing a building on your right. At the first left bend in the road, pause to look over the wall southwards to see Blake Lee, a settlement whose first known mention is in 1691. Continue along the road as it weaves its way down and eventually reaches the river. Do not cross the bridge – carry straight on past Hey Green House (once a hotel) keeping the river on your right.



Shortly after Lower Hey Green Cottages on your right, turn right through a wooden gate onto a gravelled stream-side path. Follow the path to eventually arrive back at the road by what was the Tunnel End pub.

Turn right then veer left down the road, returning to the Standedge Visitor's Centre. Then retrace your route along the canal and return to the railway station.



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