

## The Dog & Gun Walk

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**Difficulty rating:** Low. OS map South Pennines OL 21

**Distance:** Approx. 5 miles

**Description:** A fairly level walk to a popular 'food pub', with the option of a bus back.

**Accessible by public transport:** An hourly bus between Keighley & Colne, alighting at Cock Hall, Cowling (5 min walk to start of route).

**Parking:** Outside Holy Trinity Church, Gill Lane, Cowling. Grid Ref SD 967 430.

**Walk map:** [Dog & Gun Walk Map](#)  
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[Walk Map](#)  
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### Walk Description

- 1) With your back to the churchyard, turn right & walk up Gill Lane. Past the school, & a long row of terraced cottages. Continue along the lane until you get to a Pennine Way signpost on your left.
- 2) Turn right through a hand gate signposted 'Public Footpath'. Walk across the middle of the field, heading towards the far end of the tall hedge.
- 3) Cross a stone stile. Don't drop down the bank, but head straight on, keeping the wooded bank to your left.
- 4) Approaching the end of the field, bear right & down a grassy cart track. Through a metal field gate, & straight on, along the side of the beck.
- 5) At a stone gatepost with a round hole in it, turn left, down a bank to a footbridge.
- 6) Cross the bridge, turn right, & follow the beck to a large footbridge.
- 7) Don't cross the bridge, but go straight on, through a kissing gate, into the former parkland of Carr Head.
- 8) Follow the path along the beck side, past the ornate lime kiln.
- 9) Continue along the path as it starts to climb away from the beck. At a flight of old stone steps (on your right), bear left, uphill, & follow the permissive path to a stone stile onto the lane.
- 10) Turn right, down the lane to Nathan Jennings's bench.
- 11) Turn left, signposted 'Public Footpath', down a steep flight of stone steps. (If you prefer, continue along the lane & take your next left).
- 12) Go downhill & through a squeeze stile to the right of the gate.
- 13) Cross the road bridge, & turn right at a stile signposted 'Public Footpath'.
- 14) Go straight on, to a stile to the left of a gate.
- 15) Go straight on, through a wide gap in a hedge, then a stone stile.
- 16) Cross the footbridge, up the steps, then walk uphill keeping the hedge to your left.
- 17) Cross the stone stile in front of you (not the one to your left). Go straight on keeping the hedge to your left, then through a timber field gate.
- 18) Go straight on, keeping the hedge to your right. Through a timber field gate, then turn right & follow the tarmac track.
- 19) Go past the next farm on your right. Just before the cattle grid, turn right, & follow the permissive path down the track to the left of the house. Rejoin the footpath, to a stone stile in the wall corner.
- 20) Go straight on to a concrete building. Turn right, in the middle of the meadow, & walk downhill, past two large ash trees on your left.
- 21) Go through the timber field gate at the bottom of the meadow, then bear left & through a hand gate next to a field gate.
- 22) Follow the gravel path through the archway at the former corn mill. Turn left to join the main rd.
- 23) Turn right & follow the pavement. Note the double-arched parish boundary stone on your left, & the former lodge house for Malsis Hall.
- 24) The pub is on your left; with the bus stop outside if you've done enough walking. Otherwise keep going along the pavement, flanked by mature beech, sycamore & horse chestnut, then turn right at Carr Head Lane.
- 25) Follow the lane for ½ mile. Note the carved stone gate posts.
- 26) Pass a pair of semis on your left, & turn left down a lane. Cross the road bridge, then turn right over a footbridge signposted 'Public Footpath'.
- 27) Go straight on: the walked route goes up the old steps. Then turn left, back into the parkland at Carr Head.
- 28) Retrace your steps, along the beck side, to the big footbridge (Ridge Mill Bridge).
- 29) Cross the footbridge, bear right, & follow the track to Brian Garside's bench.
- 30) Follow the track uphill, past Wood House, through a hand gate, then a squeeze stile, & another hand gate to meet a farm building.

**31)** Continue up the track, & through a hand gate at the end, to meet Gill Lane.