



Knoll Hill Walk

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Difficulty rating: Low, some of the stiles are awkward. OS map South Pennines OL 21

Distance: 1½ miles

Description: A quick walk to blow the cobwebs away.

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

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

Walk map: [Knoll Hill Walk \(Res: 1000x737 \)](#)



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Walk Description

- 1) With your back to the church gates, walk down the lane in front of you, past Town End Farm on your right.
- 2) Through Ickornshaw with a stone footbridge on your left, & the chapel, now converted into flats, on your right.
- 3) Go past 'Starkie Heaton'- note the Victorian post box, then turn right, signposted 'Public Footpath'. Go through a gate signed 'The Hawthorns', then bear left at a waymark arrow.
- 4) Follow the path along the side of the beck, through a stile then a metal hand gate.
- 5) Head uphill but still keeping to the beck side, cross the remains of a wall. See if you can spot a small lime kiln on the far side of the beck.
- 6) Over a stone stile with rails across it, then bear ½ right to a metal kissing gate.
- 7) Through the gate, then turn right & follow the wall side up to a bungalow.
- 8) Go through the wire mesh hand gate in the garden fence, & straight on, keeping to the wall side, & over a stone stile.
- 9) This brings you out at Knoll Hill Quarry which was worked for stone. Look out for jackdaws on the quarry face.
- 10) Turn right, past the wooden field gate on your right, & cross the wooden rail stile at the side of the metal field gate.
- 11) Past a gate with gas bottle gate posts, & go straight on, keeping the wall to your right. Follow the permissive path along the wall side, to Malcolm Smith's bench, where you can admire the view of the Aire Valley.
- 12) Continue along the wall side. At the bottom of the field, rejoin the Public Footpath, & turn right over a stone stile.
- 13) Walk down the side of the field, keeping the wall to your left, past Middleton Well.
- 14) At the 1st terraced cottage, turn left through a small metal gate with a no dog fouling sign on it, to bring you into Middleton.
- 15) The 1st house on your left has a plaque on the wall to Phillip Snowden, 1st Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer. ([See here for more details](#))
- 16) Walk through Middleton to meet Gill Lane, turn right, & follow the lane back to the church.