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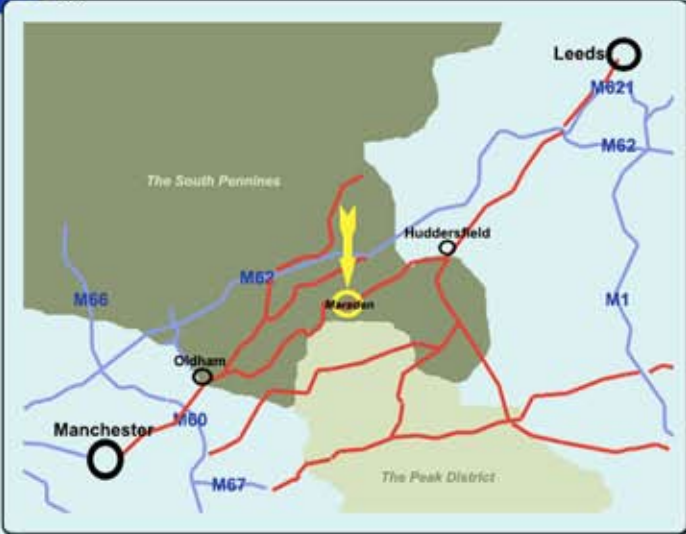
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Marsden Walkers Are Welcome



Intake Head

A 4 mile walk exploring a tapestry of landscapes in Marsden, West Yorkshire. Includes some short steep ascents and descents.

A walk rich in industrial heritage, traditional farming hamlets, picturesque woodland trails, deep valleys and stunning reservoirs.

Important information for visitors

Country Code Note

- Take your litter home.
- Close gates behind you.
- Keep dogs under close control at ALL times.

Intake Head route description 4 miles 6.4 km

From the **Railway Station** walk along the canal towpath westwards for half a mile towards the **Tunnel End**.

A Pass under a railway bridge then cross a bridge over the canal. Arrive at the Tunnel End and visitors centre. Opposite a path leads up a grassy bank to a road.

(Note the fine stone warehouse, 1835. Now the Stand-edge Visitors Centre.)



(The farm built in the 1700's was the birthplace of the dialect poet, Samuel Laycock.)

C Shortly before the buildings go through a gate on your right, follow the worn path a short way up the hill and then bear left behind the farm.



Cross two boardwalks and back down to a stile over the wall on the far side of the buildings. Drop down and turn right over another series of boardwalks. Turn left when you reach the wall and stream ahead.

Approaching the wooded valley find a step-through gap in the wall to your right, which leads you to two short bridges over the streams and to another stile into the fields.



D Continue ahead over more stiles with the wall on your left until you reach a gate and a path down the hillside between the new tree plantation and a wall. *(Note the Pule Hill spoil mounds from the 18th Century tunnel construction and a memorial cross from WW2.)*



F Where the wall turns left keep right, eventually dropping down to a stream.

At the stream, turn right, then immediately left through a gate in the wall and walk up to High Gate Farm above with the wall on your left.

(One of Marsdens oldest buildings with a date stone of 1616.)



(Clark Hill is another old settlement; note the Tudor arch and date stone marked IMH 1674.)

H Past the farm the track drops down to Old Mount Road. Cross the road, turn right and after 25 yds join another track left down to Mount Road and towards Butterley Reservoir.



J At the other side of the reservoir turn right along a broad track.

(Constructing the reservoir saw the demolition of several farms and pasture lands in the Wessenden Valley. Including two earlier mills, one worked for a 100 years as a woolen mill.)

E About half way down this plantation turn right over a stile and follow a path across the fields.



G Pass through a small metal gate and continue ahead close to the farmhouse wall on your left and on to a walled track.

(A post to the right marked W.A.1671 is possibly a waystone for the old packhorse route.)

Continue along the path, which turns to the right towards Clark Hill Farm.



I Cross Mount Road toward the reservoir and pass a row of garages on your right then turn right through the gate.

Follow the path curving left around the house. Then right through a gate on to a track along the reservoir embankment.



L At the top where the path turns left towards a house take a right hand fork across a stile and along a narrow walled path. *(Approaching the old farms of Binn the land slopes more gently. On the left is Binn Lodge, a rather fine 19th century woolen manufacturers and merchants home.)*



N At the bend turn right towards Peters Farm and keep straight on through a farm yard, past the buildings and through a field gate and on to a grassy track.

(This is Peters Farm, built in the late 18th century, and still a working farm.)



P Turn right and walk down the road to the roundabout and go straight on. Fork left and pass under the A62 road ahead.

Bear left to the bridge over the river, go straight on keeping the church on your left. Cross a second bridge over the river and turn left up the hill returning to Marsden Railway Station.

K After about 800 yds turn left up a path through a wooded area.

(On the 29th November 1810, Swellands Reservoir, high on the moor above burst its banks. The "Black Flood" rushed down Butterley Clough and several people lost their lives.)



M Emerge on to an open area, turn left towards houses on your left. Continue down the road until it turns sharp left.

(You pass several buildings dating from the late 18th century, but Binn as a settlement dates from 1691 or earlier.)



O The grassy track descends towards the derelict remains of Binn House. Soon between two of the derelict buildings turn left down a path and over a stile to join a track at Ox House.

Turn left down the track and onto Binn Road.

