

A GUIDE TO Bradford

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Welcome to Bradford



Your guide to one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the whole country

Located in the heart of West Yorkshire, Bradford is ready for its year in the spotlight as UK City of Culture 2025. The packed programme embraces the whole district in a thrilling year of culture, creativity and the arts.

Bradford is a destination filled with brilliant days out, intriguing museums, wonderful art and gorgeous scenery. Not to mention lots of delicious places to eat and enjoy our foodie culture, shops and high streets to explore and brilliant places to stay.

With events, theatre and live music galore, there's always something new to discover on your visit to Bradford.



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10 Cultural Highlights

in the UK City of Culture 2025

The Brontës

Perhaps the most famous literary family the country has produced, the Brontës were born in Thornton and spent most of their lives in Haworth.

Their life and work are celebrated in Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum, which is a short walk away from the unspoiled area of south Pennine hills that inspired works including *Wuthering Heights*.

The Alhambra

Opened in 1914, Bradford's 1400 capacity Alhambra Theatre is regarded as a 'jewel in the crown' of northern theatre. The venue hosts a range of major touring companies, including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and has staged major West End shows with more to come in 2025, including *Hamilton* and Disney's *Mary Poppins*. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

UNESCO City of Film

Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film. This title bestows international recognition on Bradford as a world centre for film because of the city's rich film heritage, its inspirational movie locations and its many celebrations of the moving image through film related events and unique approach to learning about and with film.

Incredible Scenery

One of the best things of all about Bradford is its stunning natural beauty.

With a fine mixture of deep valleys, rolling hills and rugged moorland, it is full of character and places to explore. Special mentions go to Ilkley Moor and Brontë Country, but you're never too far from the inspirational outdoors.

Amazing Architecture

Bradford is home to one of the finest collections of Victorian buildings in the UK.

City Hall and the Wool Exchange – now a rather special Waterstones bookshop - are superb examples of Gothic exuberance, while the commercial district of Little Germany contains no less than 55 listed buildings.





David Hockney

David Hockney was born on July 9th, 1937 in Bradford, and studied at Bradford School of Art in the 1950s before going on to become one of the most influential and best-loved artists of the 20th century.

His ties to Bradford are still strong, with large collections of his work on display at Salts Mill 1853 Gallery and The David Hockney Gallery at Cartwright Hall.



Literature Festivals

The Bradford and Ilkley Literature Festivals are standout events that celebrate the written word, bringing together renowned authors, diverse perspectives and engaging discussions within Yorkshire's rich literary and historical heritage.

Britain's Curry Capital

Bradford remains the undisputed champion of curry, having been crowned 'Curry Capital of Britain' six years in a row. With a vibrant community and a large number of historic and contemporary curry houses, it's no wonder foodies come from far and wide to experience an authentic Bradford curry.



Bradford UK City of Culture 2025

Bradford, UK City of Culture 2025, will showcase a vibrant lineup of events celebrating heritage and creativity, including the Turner Prize, Bassline Symphony, and Earth & Sky by Opera North. Check the calendar for details and book your tickets for an amazing experience!

Saltaire, World Heritage Site

Take a glimpse at the past. UNESCO World Heritage Site Saltaire is a unique Victorian 'model' industrial village, established in 1850s by wool baron Sir Titus Salt. Built from honey-coloured stone in neo-Italianate style and surrounded by hills, spectacular bluebell woods and moorland, this beautiful village now beats with a creative heart.

Find out more



ABOUT Bradford

Visit For

Stunning Victorian
architecture

International cuisine

Superb museums
and galleries



Bradford is a diverse and historic city enhanced by stunning architecture and a thriving cultural scene.

The city of Bradford has a fascinating history, growing from a small rural settlement to an industrial powerhouse dubbed the 'Wool Capital of the World' in the Victorian era. Lavish Victorian architecture from that period is still much in evidence today. Recognised as a UNESCO City of Film, the city is a wonderful place to enjoy cinema as well as being a popular filming location. The city centre is home to a wonderful concentration of heritage buildings, the stunning City Park water feature and some superb museums, including the National Science & Media Museum. With venues such as Bradford Arts Centre, Bradford Playhouse, The Alhambra Theatre and St George's Hall offering a fantastic programme of live events, it's no surprise Bradford has been named UK City of Culture 2025.

With a compact, easy to explore city centre, Bradford also has plenty of choice when it comes to shopping, food & drink and cultural attractions, making it perfect for anyone looking for a mixture of heritage, culture and character.

Explore Bradford's rich history with visits to Bolling Hall, Bradford Industrial Museum, and Cartwright Hall Art Gallery. Discover the city's fascinating past, from its industrial heritage to its artistic legacy. These attractions are conveniently located near the city centre, easily accessible by public transport, making them perfect for a day of cultural exploration. Whether you're a history enthusiast or art lover, Bradford offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Explore

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Things to Do

Impressions Gallery

One of the UK's leading venues for photography, showing significant work by regional, national and international artists. Situated in the heart of Bradford and overlooking the multi-award winning City Park, the gallery presents an inspiring programme of free exhibitions and a rich mix of events and creative workshops.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD
www.impressions-gallery.com



The Bradford Police Museum

A unique insight into the history and heritage of policing, criminal justice, civic enforcement, and the development of crime and punishment in Bradford from the early 19th century onwards. Discover authentic Victorian cells and the beautifully preserved Victorian courtroom.

Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY
www.bradfordpolicemuseum.com



The National Science and Media Museum

The museum celebrates photography, film, and digital media. Reopening on Saturday, 11 January 2025, it will feature the Kodak and Wonderlab galleries, IMAX and other cinemas, and the new David Hockney: Pieced Together exhibition. The Sound and Vision galleries open in summer 2025.

Bradford, BD1 1NQ
www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk



Bradford Cathedral

Explore the treasures of this historic gem in the heart of Bradford. Look for stained glass windows by William Morris and sculptures by Flaxman and John Shaw. Immerse yourself in the wonderful atmosphere of the cathedral, which comes alive with a busy calendar of events throughout the year.

1 Stott Hill, Bradford BD1 4EH
www.bradfordcathedral.org



Lister Park

One of Bradford's largest parks, it provides the perfect setting for Cartwright Hall. The generously proportioned park includes a boating lake, a fantastic children's playground, elegant Mughal Water Gardens, and hosts a weekly parkrun.

North Park Road, BD9 4NS
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Cartwright Hall Art Gallery

Bradford's civic art gallery, with galleries including 19th and 20th century British art, international contemporary prints and South Asian art and crafts. The Hockney Gallery showcases Bradford's unrivalled public collection of the work of David Hockney. The gallery will host the Turner Prize in autumn 2025.

Lister Park, Bradford BD9 4NS
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Bradford Industrial Museum

Discover permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering, printing machinery and motor vehicles, along with an exciting exhibitions programme.

Explore the splendour of the mill manager's home, Moorside House, or visit the millworkers terraced houses dressed to reflect three different time periods.

Moorside Road, Bradford BD2 3HP
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Bolling Hall Museum

One of Bradford's oldest buildings, during the Civil War, the household supported the Royalist cause and Bolling Hall was a stronghold during the 'Siege of Bradford'. Nowadays it is a heritage museum with rooms furnished and decorated to give a taste of life at different periods of the house's 500 year history.

Bolling Hall Road, Bradford, BD4 7LP
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Undercliffe Cemetery

Described as one of the most striking achievements of Victorian funerary design, you'll find grand nineteenth-century monuments, elaborate tombs, finely decorated obelisks and extravagant mausoleums, along with sweeping views over the city.

The listed monuments, amongst others, have QR codes so that you can find out more about who they commemorate with a click of your smart phone.

127 Undercliffe Lane, Bradford , BD3 0DW
www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk



Bradford Explorer

Itinerary Essentials

Make the most of the car-free city centre and arrive by bus or train; the city is compact and easily walkable with plenty of accommodation choices for your stay.

Head straight to City Hall, the Italianate clock tower is a striking landmark in the heart of the city and all roads lead from here!

Top picks for your visit:

- See the spectacular fountains of City Park
- Discover the exciting new look at the National Science and Media Museum
- Visit the Wool Exchange, now possibly the country's most beautiful bookshop
- Make time for retail therapy at The Broadway shopping centre
- Enjoy shopping and dining at the new Darley Street Market

Into the evening:

- Take your seats for an evening of entertainment at the Alhambra Theatre
- Settle down with your popcorn to enjoy a film in the world's first UNESCO City of Film
- Enjoy live music in one of the many venues around the city centre
- Spice up your life with a delicious curry, hot spots include Leeds Road and Great Horton Road.



Bradford on Film

Set-jetting

Locate the fascinating locations where your favourite binge-worthy TV shows and films were shot.

Discover Filming Locations:

- **Saltaire:** A UNESCO World Heritage site and a filming spot for the Netflix series **The English Game** and the comedy-drama **Funny Cow**.
- **Ilkley Moor:** Featured in British comedy film **Calendar Girls** and the romantic drama **Ali & Ava**.
- **Haworth:** Famous for **Main Street**, the backdrop for **Wild Child** and the BBC drama **To Walk Invisible**.
- **Undercliffe Cemetery:** Featured in **Billy Liar**, **Peaky Blinders**, **LA Without a Map** and **Band of Gold**.
- **NT East Riddlesden Hall:** In Keighley has showcased in period dramas like **Wuthering Heights** and the **Anne Boleyn** series on Channel 5.



Keira Knightley in **Official Secrets**



Ali & Ava

Lights, Camera, Action: Bradford Film Itinerary

Bradford, known as the first UNESCO City of Film, boasts a rich film history and many iconic filming locations. It is a perfect place for movie lovers who want to explore the city's cinematic heritage.

Start your film adventure at the **National Science and Media Museum** in Bradford, showcasing the history of film and photography through hands-on exhibits and screenings.

Next, stroll through **City Park**, where you can admire the impressive **Bradford City Hall**, featured in films like **Official Secrets** and **The Duke**.

Then, head to **Little Germany**, known for its stunning 19th-century architecture and

appearances in shows like **Peaky Blinders** and **Gentleman Jack**.

Continue your film journey and take a short train ride to the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**, famous for **The Railway Children** and **All Creatures Great and Small**. Visit the charming Oakworth Station and step back in time.

After a day of set jetting, unwind at Bradford's fantastic cinemas. **Pictureville Cinema** offers classic films, independent screenings, and **IMAX** experiences, while **The Light Bradford**, **Ilkley Cinema**, and **The Picture House Cinema Keighley** each provide a unique cinematic experience.





ABOUT Haworth & Brontë Country

Visit For

Brontë connections

Iconic Main Street

Inspiring landscapes

Quirky museums



Home of the famous **Brontë sisters**, Haworth attracts visitors from all around the world to take in the sites that inspired their famous works.

On the edge of the Pennines, the Haworth known by the Brontës, was a working village, producing worsted yarn and cloth. However, the village was soon to become a site of literary pilgrimage. The Brontë Society was founded in 1893 and visitors have made their way to this iconic location ever since.

With its characterful cobbled Main Street, historic parsonage and epic rolling moors, the picturesque village of Haworth has a very special vintage charm that has made it a popular visitor attraction for many years. Around the villages and countryside of

Brontë country you will find lots more to discover.

Keighley is a busy town, with a selection of shops, cafés and restaurants around the **Airedale Shopping Centre, Cavendish Street** and **North Street**. While in the area, enjoy a pint from the well-known local brewery, **Timothy Taylor**.

Nearby attractions include **Cliffe Castle Museum and Park**, National Trust property **East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and Rail Story** at Ingrow.

Explore

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Things to Do

Brontë Parsonage Museum

Set between the unique village of Haworth and the wild moorland beyond, this elegant Georgian house was home to Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë from 1820 to 1861. The house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time, with the rooms they once used filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions.

Church Street, Haworth BD22 8DR
www.bronte.org.uk



Haworth Main Street

Stroll down the steep Main Street and experience the charm of Haworth. This well-known spot has been featured on TV and in films and is lined with delightful shops, cafés, and pubs, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy the scenery, including the nearby parish church and Brontë Parsonage Museum.

Main Street, Haworth, BD22 8DP



Central Park

Haworth's Central Park is the perfect place to relax or go for a stroll. Its pretty flower garden, play area and bowls are popular with locals and visitors. The park hosts a monthly artisan market, and occasional live performances on the bandstand.

Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8QE
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Rail Story

Explore The Carriage Works and the collection of beautifully restored railway carriages, many of which have been used in TV and film productions. Next door, The Engine Shed provides an insight into the history of steam locomotives.

Ingrow Station, South Street,
Keighley, BD21 5AX
www.railstory.co.uk



Top Withens

Top Withens is a ruined farmhouse near Haworth, which is said to have been the inspiration for *Wuthering Heights*, the novel by Emily Brontë. The ruin lies on the Pennine Way and is a popular walking destination from Haworth and Stanbury. Such is the attraction to Japanese literary tourists that some footpath signs in the area include directions in Japanese.

Haworth Moor, HX7 8RP

Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

The KWVR heritage railway runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë Country. Board a vintage steam train and enjoy a five mile journey steeped in industrial heritage and the beautiful countryside immortalised by the Brontë sisters. The railway hosts regular events and experiences throughout the year.

Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8NJ
www.kwvr.co.uk





East Riddlesden Hall

A National Trust-owned 17th-century manor house containing a mixture of 17th-19th century furniture. The intimate gardens include lots of natural play areas for families to enjoy.

Bradford Road, Riddlesden,
Keighley, BD20 5EL
www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Cliffe Castle Museum

Set within a grand public park, this former mansion house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays, including Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings and decorative art. Dedicated galleries feature natural history, archaeology and social history.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Cliffe Castle Park

The park is well worth exploring, with plenty to see, including marble fountains, glasshouses and terraces, a very popular children's play area and a spacious café. A number of original park features have been recreated, including the glasshouse and aviary.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, BD20 6LH
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Keighley

This well-established town centre provides a selection of shops from high street names to local independent retailers. There's also a great choice of cafés and restaurants, offering everything from delicious homemade cakes to flavour-packed curries. Great public transport links connect the town with the local area.

Keighley Town Centre, BD21 3RZ



Haworth Highlights

Itinerary Essentials

Take the slow train to Brontë Country for a relaxing break. Stay in Haworth, a nearby village, or the Pennine hills. Visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum to explore the home of Charlotte, Emily, and Anne, then wander through the village that inspired their work. Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of this historic location.

Top picks for your visit:

- Pop in to the Haworth Old Post Office – from where the sisters posted their completed manuscripts
- Enjoy a drink at The Black Bull – a favourite watering hole of their brother Branwell Brontë
- Explore St Michael and All Angels Church – all the Brontë family (apart from Anne) are buried here at the parish church where Patrick Brontë was vicar for 41 years
- Bring a picnic and enjoy the panoramic views of Parsons Field just steps from the Parsonage

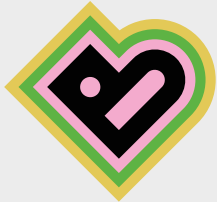
Stay and explore:

- Check out the latest exhibition at Cliffe Castle Museum
- Book your tickets this summer for a unique performance of the Railway Children on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway
- From delicious pub grub to the best curries and elegant afternoon teas, you'll find some fantastic dining choices around Haworth and Brontë Country
- Join the Haunted Haworth Ghost Walk for a spine-tingling adventure through the village's ghostly spots!



Events

Step into Bradford District and experience exciting year-round events celebrating UK City of Culture 2025.



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Don't
Miss



Experience Bradford District's vibrant arts, theatre, and exhibitions. Join workshops at Bradford Museums & Galleries, attend events at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, explore UNESCO-listed Saltaire, and enjoy festivals in Ilkley and Haworth. With Bradford named UK City of Culture 2025, it's the perfect time to visit.

Bradford UK City of Culture 2025 Programme Highlights

Experience Bradford 2025, celebrating our vibrant heritage and creative future through art, performance, and community events.

10 & 11 January

RISE: Opening event. Believe your eyes – there'll be magic in the Bradford air...

Apr 2025 – Feb 2026

Marshmallow Laser Feast: Explore how we are all interconnected at this immersive event.

May – Oct 2025

Wild Uplands: Striking new art for the moors above Haworth.

6–8 Jun 2025

New Music Biennial 2025: Fresh sounds from the UK's most exciting composers.

16 July – 7 Sept

The Railway Children: This classic production is coming to the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Sep 2025 – Feb 2026

Turner Prize: Tate to bring the Turner Prize to Bradford.

10 – 23 February

Yorkshire Games Festival

20 – 23 March

KWVR Steam Gala

24 – 26 May

Saltaire Arts Trail

08 – 15 June

Ilkley Trophy Tennis Tournament

27 June – 6 July

Bradford Literature Festival

September

Saltaire Festival

October

Ilkley Literature Festival

December

Christmas in Haworth

Find out more







A Taste of Bradford

The choice of food in the Bradford District is incredibly diverse, ranging from indulgent dessert parlours to Michelin-recognised restaurants and over 200 Asian restaurants.

You'll find amazing restaurants and cosy cafés to suit all tastes. Wherever you go, you can enjoy a fine local tittle – the district is home to breweries such as Ilkley Brewery, and the renowned Timothy Taylors, as well as many rural pubs serving delicious food and local ales.

The Curry Capital of Britain

Bradford has a fantastic reputation for curry, with restaurants specialising in Kashmiri, Pakistani and Indian curries, and has rightly been named the 'Curry Capital of Britain' no less than six times. Choose from trendy street food style diners to luxury restaurants; and have fun discovering the wide range of South Asian dishes, from samosa chaat

to Desi breakfast. You can seek out your perfect Bradford curry experience with Visit Bradford's online curry guide, available at: www.visitbradford.com/curry

Find out more





Culinary Adventures

From artisan bakeries to traditional breweries, there's loads of good stuff made right here in Bradford. Discover superb food and drink experiences across the district, including brewery tours at Saltaire Brewery, wine tasting at Martinez in Ilkley and the ever-popular Haworth Haddock at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. You can also take in the sights and tastes of the many vibrant local produce markets.



Dining Delights

If you are looking for a delicious dining experience, the Bradford district has a lot to offer. Ilkley's well-known Box Tree restaurant is featured in the Michelin Guide. Nearby, you can visit Bettys Café and Tearooms, a Yorkshire institution. Chef Matt Healy, a finalist from MasterChef: The Professionals in 2016, is set to open Moor Forde in Ilkley soon. For a tradition Sunday roast, check out The Hawthorn in Haworth, or if you're craving burgers, make a reservation at Rumpus in Saltaire.



ABOUT Ilkley

Visit For

- Elegant streets
- Shopping and dining
- Exhilarating outdoors
- Spectacular views



Characterised by wide tree-lined streets, against the dramatic backdrop of Ilkley Moor, the elegant town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself.

Ilkley rose to fame as a spa town in the nineteenth century when thousands – including **Charles Darwin** – visited for fresh air, good food and the lively social scene. Grand hydro hotels were developed and wealthy visitors arrived by coach to ‘take the waters’ at White Wells.

Ilkley continues to embrace its Victorian character, while offering the very best leisure and retail experience. Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous **Betty's Café and Tea Rooms**, relaxing strolls through the **Riverside Gardens** and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland.

Ilkley Moor is the perfect place not only to appreciate the panoramic views, but to also sample one of Ilkley's greatest attractions – its walking. Ilkley is incredibly popular with walkers and cyclists thanks to its outstanding scenery and challenging terrain.

The town is the official starting point of the Dales Way – a long distance trail through the Yorkshire Dales finishing at Bowness-on-Windermere.

If you're on two wheels, the climb to the Cow and Calf Rocks is an iconic cycling challenge that has been tackled by the professionals in the Tour de Yorkshire.

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Things to Do

Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf Rocks

Famous for the Yorkshire anthem “On Ilkley Moor baht ‘at,” the moor is one of Ilkley’s greatest attractions. High on Ilkley Moor the Cow and Calf Rocks are a large rock formation consisting of an outcrop and boulder. They are so named because one is large, with the smaller one sitting close to it, like a cow and calf.

The rocks are a great place to explore and the moor offers wonderful walks and spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond.

Hangingsone Road, Ilkley LS29 8BT
www.ilkleymoore.org



Ilkley Manor House

Ilkley Manor House is one of Ilkley’s oldest buildings, with parts dating back to the mid-14th century. It is now used as a museum, arts and heritage centre. Self-guided tours of the historic building are available, along with an interpretation panel of the Roman fort.

Castle Yard, Ilkley, LS29 9DT
www.ilkleymanorhouse.org



Ilkley Toy Museum

Ilkley Toy Museum is a small independent museum containing one of the finest private collections of toys in the North of England. The many exhibits feature dolls, dolls houses, teddy bears, tin plate toys, lead figures and a selection of games together with wooden and paper toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley, LS29 9HR
www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk



Ilkley Lido

If you don't mind the chill, then take the plunge at one of the country's few remaining outdoor pools. With plenty of space for sunbathing and picnics, there's a real seaside atmosphere in the summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0BZ
www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities



White Wells

Originally built around 1700 as an open-air spa on the moor, it still operates today for those that would like to take the plunge. For those that want to stay dry, the cottage, café and museum display make for a lovely stop on a trip around the moor.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RF



Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

Located where the town meets the moor, this open space, with a paved maze and plenty of space for a picnic, is inspired by the history of Ilkley, including a stay by Charles Darwin.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9TF
www.darwingardens.org.uk



Riverside Gardens

Ilkley Riverside Gardens is nestled on the River Wharfe in the heart of Ilkley town centre. This idyllic setting offers the perfect spot for those seeking relaxation, where you can take a leisurely stroll by the river or play a game of pétanque. Families can also enjoy the toddler play zone and natural play area.

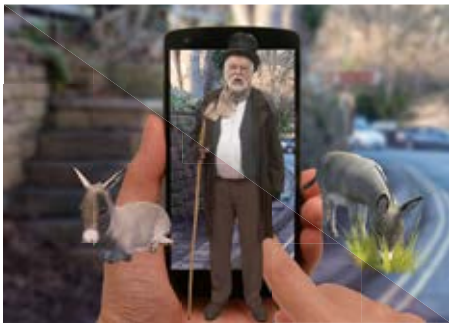
33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU



Dales Way

The town is the official starting point of this 80 mile long-distance trail, which finishes at Bowness-on-Windermere. From the Old Bridge, the scenic route follows the banks of the River Wharfe, with Addingham, Bolton Abbey and Grassington within a day's hike.

[Old Bridge, Ilkley, LS29 9HD](#)



Origins of Ilkley Trail

Created by Ilkley BID, download the specially designed augmented reality trail to your phone or tablet. Follow the route around the town to discover more about Ilkley's history and hear the stories of some of the town's most famous past residents.

[Search & Download 'Discover Ilkley' in the App Store & Google Play](#)



Clip 'n Climb

Indoor climbing experience, fun for the whole family, no experience required. An exciting selection of walls with many different challenges of varying design and difficulty, testing your agility and courage, including the Stairway to Heaven. An all-weather space where adults and kids can enjoy some action-packed fun.

[17 Station Plaza, Ilkley, LS29 8HF](#)
www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk



Ilkley Indulgence

Itinerary Essentials

The former spa town of Ilkley is all about the finer things in life; whether you're looking for some retail therapy or the perfect place to catch up with friends, indulge yourself on a break in Ilkley.

Start the day with an alfresco breakfast on The Grove. Watch the world go by as you sip your Chai Latte and plan the day ahead in this enticing corner of West Yorkshire.

Top picks for your visit:

- Take the walk up to White Wells to see the original plunge pool and enjoy the views across the town
- From elegant gifts to homewares, fine art and designer clothing, Ilkley is a shoppers' paradise, with an enticing mix of independent shops and favourite brands.
- Book a table to enjoy Ilkley's truly exceptional dining scene; try grazing boards at Friends of Ham, delicious Italian cuisine at Emporio Italia or the finest steaks at The Ilkley Cow.

While you're in the area:

- Discover the 'cup and ring stones' on Ilkley moor; these mysterious carvings are thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC
- Open on weekends, explore Ilkley's history at the Manor House.
- Enjoy a night out at the theatre; the King's Hall and Ilkley Playhouse are well established venues in the town, each with their own distinct programme



Exploring the Outdoors



Renowned for our rolling hills and rugged moorland, Bradford district is a paradise for walkers and cyclists.

The beautiful countryside and open spaces that make Bradford district so picturesque and inviting are home to many fantastic walks and cycle routes, taking in iconic locations and spectacular views. You'll find routes across the district, with three towns – **Bingley**, **Baildon** and **Burley in Wharfedale** – holding Walkers are Welcome status.

Follow the Countryside Code:
Respect, Protect, Enjoy

Canal Adventures

The Leeds - Liverpool Canal is the perfect place to take a stroll or cycle. Its route connecting Keighley, Bingley, Saltaire and Shipley, known as the **Airedale Greenway**, takes in some magnificent countryside, industrial heritage and iconic feats of engineering such as the **Five Rise Locks**.

Literary Landscape

Haworth is a popular destination for walkers with fabulous scenery and 'must do' hikes, including the iconic route to **Top Withens**, said to be the inspiration for Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. The village itself is surrounded by the gorgeous Pennine countryside, with plenty of shorter walks starting out from Haworth village.

Moorland Meanders

Bradford is surrounded by stunning moorlands, all of which offer great views and an intriguing history, making the district incredibly popular with walkers. On historic Ilkley Moor, you can discover carved '**cup and ring stones**' that date back to the Bronze Age, hidden amongst the heather.

Bradford on Foot

Look out for 'Bradford on Foot', offering themed walks and tours in the UK City of Culture for 2025. Explore secret streets and hidden gems to open spaces. Download it free, from April at bradford2025.co.uk and discover the city and countryside in a whole new way!

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ABOUT Saltaire

Visit For

- Amazing arts
- Heritage buildings
- Wonderful scenery
- Independent traders



Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, visit Saltaire for spectacular architecture, wonderful art, independent shops and restaurants.

Saltaire takes its name from its founder, Sir Titus Salt, and the River Aire, which runs through the village. Sir Titus Salt rose from modest beginnings to become one of the most successful industrialists of the Victorian age, leaving this fine village as his legacy. Architects Lockwood and Mawson designed the entire village in a classical style, inspired by the Italian Renaissance.

As you step inside Salts Mill, you are immediately greeted by its grandeur and architectural beauty. You'll find world-class art on display and one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art. And all of this is surrounded by countryside and moors.

Events contribute to a thriving arts scene, including Saltaire Arts Trail, Festival and Living Advent Calendar.

Close to Saltaire, you'll find Shipley and Baildon, where you will find plenty of places to eat, drink, shop and stay. Shipley provides excellent transport links, an open market and various attractions, including a swimming pool and bowling alley.

Up the hill, Baildon has a small town centre that includes a number of pubs, restaurants and cafés. It also leads onto Baildon Moor, which is great for walking, with some fantastic viewpoints.

Explore

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Things to Do

Salts Mill and 1853 Gallery

Salts Mill is a former 19th-century textile mill. The mill's vast space is filled with a variety of shops, galleries, and dining. See the 1853 Gallery, one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art, with a permanent exhibition of over 300 works by the Bradford-born artist.

Continue through the mill onto the second and third floors, where you will find 'The Arrival of Spring' by David Hockney and People & Process, where objects and images take visitors through the history of Salts.

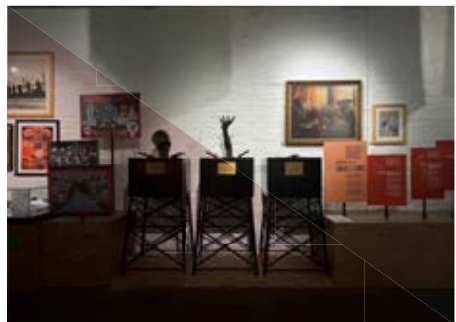
Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire,
West Yorkshire BD18 3LA
(Postcode for parking BD17 7EF)
www.saltsmill.org.uk



Peace Museum

Explore the history and the often untold stories of peace, peacemakers, social reform and peace movements. The collection includes banners, personal objects, campaign materials and artworks donated from all over the world.

3rd Floor, Salts Mill, Saltaire, BD18 3LA
www.peacemuseum.org.uk





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Roberts Park

Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire, Roberts Park has a brilliant play area and skate park, as well as a beautiful bandstand where concerts are staged throughout the summer months. Come down for a stroll or relax on the grass and soak up the atmosphere.

Higher Coach Road, BD17 7LU
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



ShIPLEY Glen Tramway

The ShIPLEY Glen Cable Tramway is the oldest working cable tramway in Great Britain. The quarter of a mile long ride through gentle woodland provides a pleasant alternative to the steep path. Passengers can also visit the museum and sweet shop at either end.

Prod Lane, Baildon, ShIPLEY, BD17 5BN
www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk



ShIPLEY Glen

ShIPLEY Glen, nestled between Saltaire and Baildon Moor, offers a picturesque escape with its woodland, rocks, and heather. The breathtaking location captures panoramic city views, while the winding trails invite leisurely walks, providing an ideal opportunity to relax and reconnect with nature.

Glen Road, ShIPLEY, BD17 5EA



Saltire United Reformed Church

A Grade-I listed building in the heart of Saltaire, the United Reformed Church is a sight to behold. Completed in 1859, the church is an outstanding example of Italianate religious architecture. Sir Titus Salt is interred in the mausoleum.

Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LF
www.saltaireurc.org.uk



Leeds Liverpool Canal

Saltaire is a great starting point for exploring the Leeds Liverpool Canal, which boasts stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and exciting attractions. One highlight is the impressive seven-arch aqueduct at Hirst Wood Lock. For cycling enthusiasts, there's even more to explore with the opportunity to visit Skipton and Leeds.

Leeds Liverpool Canal, Saltaire, BD18 3LE
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



Bingley Five Rise Locks

One of the most spectacular features on the Leeds Liverpool Canal and the steepest staircase locks in the country. The locks boast stunning views of the Aire Valley, with a café waiting for you at the top.

Beck Lane, Bingley BD16 4DS
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



St Ives Estate

St Ives Estate, a country park spanning 217 hectares of lush woodland. As the Bradford district's largest park, it presents exciting activities suitable for all ages. Children will love the adventure playground, while nature enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the beauty of wildflowers and fascinating walking trails.

St Ives Estate, Harden, BD16 1AT
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre is located on the edge of Baildon Moor. Visitors are encouraged to investigate, explore and relate to the local natural history, archaeology, and social history through displays, themed activities and a wildlife garden.

Glen Road, Baildon, BD17 5EA
www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre



Saltaire Stroll

Itinerary Essentials

Arrive in Saltaire by train; the station is right in the centre of the village, from where it's easy to start exploring everything this UNESCO World Heritage site has to offer.

Laid out in a grid, it's easy to find your way around. Pick up the relaxed vibe and take your time to get to know this historic gem on the edge of the city.

Top picks for your visit:

- Salts Mill has been transformed into a haven for art, culture, and leisure. With so many spaces to explore, you'll find something different every time you visit.
- The Peace Museum has recently relocated to Saltaire creating a unique and thought provoking space.
- Take a walk up Victoria Road to Bingley Road to find more independent retailers, cafes and bars to take you from day time to evening

Keep exploring

- Hop on the Shipley Glen Tramway for a gentle ride up the hill to explore Shipley Glen, which then connects to routes across Baildon Moor and beyond.
- Relax in the serene surroundings of the Leeds Liverpool Canal with a walk to Hirst Wood Lock.
- Enjoy a curry at the Aagrah in Shipley, established in the town in 1977, it's one of several great eateries you'll find locally.





Theatre and Live Music

Get ready to be entertained in the Bradford district. From side-splitting comedy to soulful music and captivating theatre, there's something for everyone.

The Alhambra, St George's Hall, and King's Hall Ilkley are renowned for hosting world-class performances that will leave you in awe. And if you're looking for something more intimate, check out the **Bingley Arts Centre, Bradford Playhouse, or Keighley Playhouse.**

Immerse yourself in Bradford's electrifying live music scene. Groove to jazz, sway to folk, rock out to rock and blues, and unwind to classical music. Don't miss a beat at the **Nightrain, Tapestry Arts, and The Live Room at Saltaire.** And that's not all! Keep an eye out for the grand opening of Bradford Live, the city's newest entertainment spot!



Alhambra Theatre

The venue hosts a range of major touring companies, including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre, and stages major West End shows, including Matilda in 2025. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

Morley Street, Bradford, BD7 1AJ
www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



St George's Hall

Renowned for its exceptional acoustics and intimate atmosphere, St George's Hall, opened in 1853, is one of the UK's oldest concert halls. The venue hosts a packed schedule of live comedy, music and entertainment.

Bridge Street, Bradford, BD1 1JT
www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



Ilkley Playhouse

An independent theatre hosting a range of live amateur theatre and other arts activities. It also hosts community arts events such as the Ilkley Film Society and the Ilkley Literature Festival.

Weston Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DW
www.ilkleypayhouse.co.uk



King's Hall and Winter Garden

The King's Hall boasts a traditional theatre and an adjacent glass roofed spa Winter Garden. With a packed schedule for all the family, it is a wonderful location to enjoy must-see music concerts, inspiring talks, and amateur groups.

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB
www.bradford-theatres.co.uk

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Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, a break with friends, or somewhere for all the family – including the dog, we've got all the bases covered when it comes to choosing your perfect place to stay.

In the city centre, you'll find welcoming hotels, well-known names and serviced apartments all within walking distance of museums, galleries and theatres, plus a great choice of places to shop and dine. Across the district, you will find hotels and bed and breakfasts, along with cottages, log cabins and even glamping, allowing you to find the perfect place to base yourself for a brilliant trip to Bradford.

Find out more







Great Days Out

Discover a world of family fun in the Bradford District, where exciting attractions, outdoor adventures, and interactive museums promise unforgettable experiences for all ages.

Bradford district offers a fantastic range of family-friendly attractions, with a mix of outdoor and indoor activities. History lovers can enjoy a nostalgic ride on the **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway** or explore interactive exhibits at the **National Science and Media Museum**. The **Bradford Industrial Museum** showcases vintage machinery, while **Bolling Hall** and **Cliffe Castle Museum** provide fascinating glimpses into the city's past. In nearby Haworth, the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** celebrates the literary legacy of the Brontë sisters.

For younger children, the **Ilkley Toy Museum** features classic toys, and **Ilkley Manor House** offers family-friendly historical activities. Nature lovers can visit **NT East Riddlesden Hall** in Keighley, with its beautiful gardens and scenic trails. Outdoor adventures include swimming at **Ilkley Lido**, riding the **Shipley Glen Tramway**, or enjoying stunning parks. **Lister Park**,

Cliffe Castle Park and **Roberts Park** near the **Leeds-Liverpool Canal** are perfect for walking and cycling. Families can also enjoy activities at **Doe Park Water Activities Centre** or cheer on **Bradford City AFC** at Valley Parade.

For indoor fun, **Clip n' Climb** in Ilkley offers a challenging climbing experience, while the **Pictureville Cinema Kids' Club** in Bradford shows family-friendly films. **Bradford Ice Arena** and **Flip Out Adventure Park** provide high-energy entertainment, and **Hollywood Bowl** is perfect for a fun bowling session. Theatre lovers can enjoy family-friendly performances, including the popular pantomime, at the **Alhambra Theatre** and **St. George's Hall**.

Bradford also hosts exciting events throughout the year, including the Bradford Literature Festival, the Saltire Festival, and the Bradford Dragon Boat Festival, making it a must-visit destination for families looking for a memorable experience.

Find out more





Plan Your Visit

Getting to and around Bradford district couldn't be easier, whether you choose to drive or use public transport.



First is the main operator of local bus services in Bradford. **Transdev** provides services around the Keighley and Ilkley areas, including the scenic Brontë Bus, which connects Keighley and Haworth.



Hop on the train. From Bradford Forster Square, it is a 10min journey to **Saltaire**, 20mins to **Keighley** and 30mins to **Ilkley**.



For journey planners and details of routes and fares, go to www.wymetro.com

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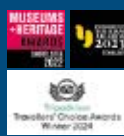
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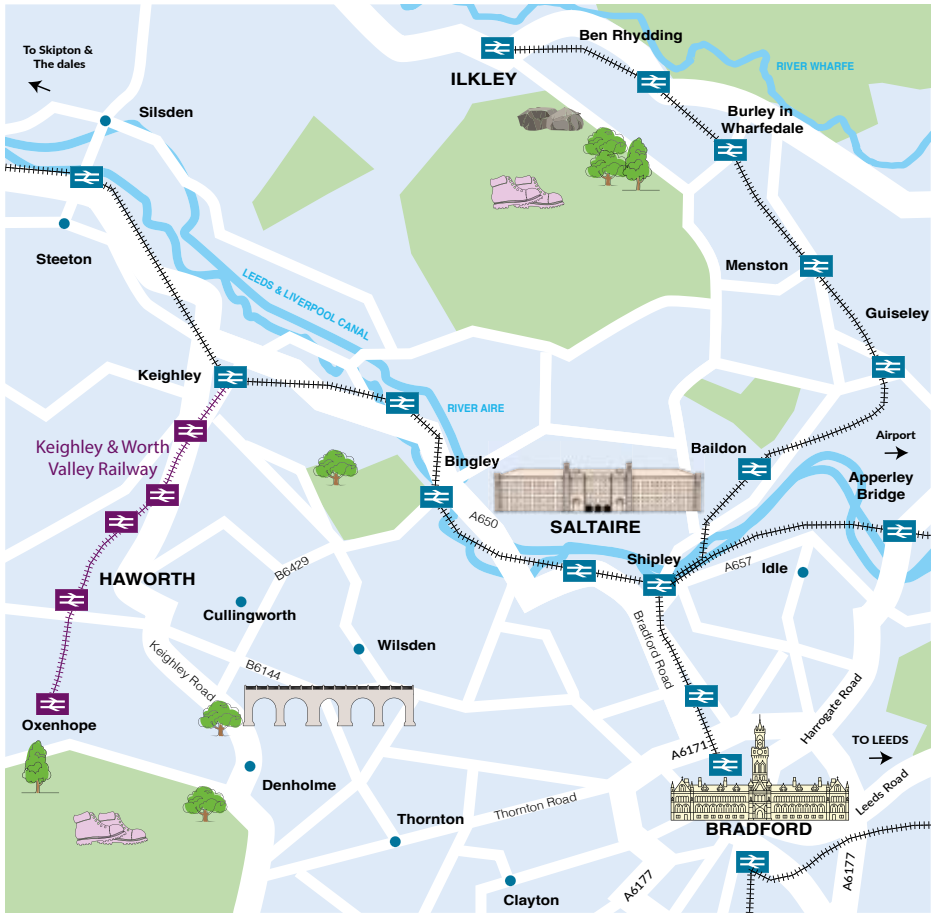


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