



Towards Diggle, Saddleworth

# SADDLEWORTH CIRCUIT

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Follow Ward Lane until reaching the crossroads with Running Hill Lane, Moor Lane and High Stile Lane.

### Option 3

You can return to the Brownhill Centre at this point by turning down Moor Lane and follow to the bottom where you will find yourself opposite Brownhill Centre. Take care crossing the road.

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The main route continues along High Stile Lane heading towards Saddleworth Church. As you reach the church listen out for the resident peacocks of the Church Inn. Pulling away from the church up the hill, turn right onto Church Road. Follow all the way down to Uppermill High Street.

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Arriving at High Street turn right and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing, turn left and walk down Uppermill High Street (a chance to window shop or even stop for a cup of tea!). Turn right up Moorgate and as you meet the canal bridge turn right onto the towpath - you are back on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal heading back towards the Brownhill Countryside Centre

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## DISTANCE:

4 miles/6.5km

## TIME:

2 Hours approx

## STARTING POINT:

This walk begins on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath behind the Brownhill Countryside Centre, Wool Road, Dobcross, Oldham OL3 5PB. OS Map Reference: 997064.

## HOW TO GET THERE:

**By Car** - M62 Junction 21/22 or M60 Junction 22.

**By Bus** - From Manchester, Oldham or Huddersfield.

**By Train** - From Manchester or Huddersfield, nearest station Greenfield. Greater Manchester

## GREATER MANCHESTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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## WALK SUMMARY

A good walk with some strenuous hilly sections. The route takes in the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, country lanes, weavers' cottages and Saddleworth Church before returning through the village of Uppermill. There are a number of options to shorten the route along the way or to avoid some of the hills.

Saddleworth Museum and Art Gallery



# THE WALK

## WALK 10

①

Set off from Brownhill Countryside Centre (Tel: 01457 872598) along the towpath going under bridge no. 73 heading in the direction of Diggle village.

②

Cross Wool Road car park and continue along the towpath under bridge no. 71 (Wool Road bridge). A mural by Mark Whyall entitled 'Past, Present and Future' is under this bridge (pupils from Saddleworth School inspired this piece).

③

As you continue along the canal side you pass the 5 locks, which make up the 'Diggle flight'. Along this stretch enjoy the surrounding views of Lark Hill and the Pennine Hills, as well as the farmland birds to be found nearby.

④

Walk under bridge no. 66, at the next lock cross over the lock bridge to the other side of the canal. Carry on up the canal; you will pass a carved wooden sculpture representative of heather flowers "Through Heathered Hills".

⑤

Pass by the 'Canal Game' and the themed adventure play area along the way to the Standedge Tunnel (the longest and highest canal tunnel in the country). The iron gate shows an impression of "the leggers" who used to leg the narrow boats through the 3¼ mile tunnel to Marsden.

### Option 1

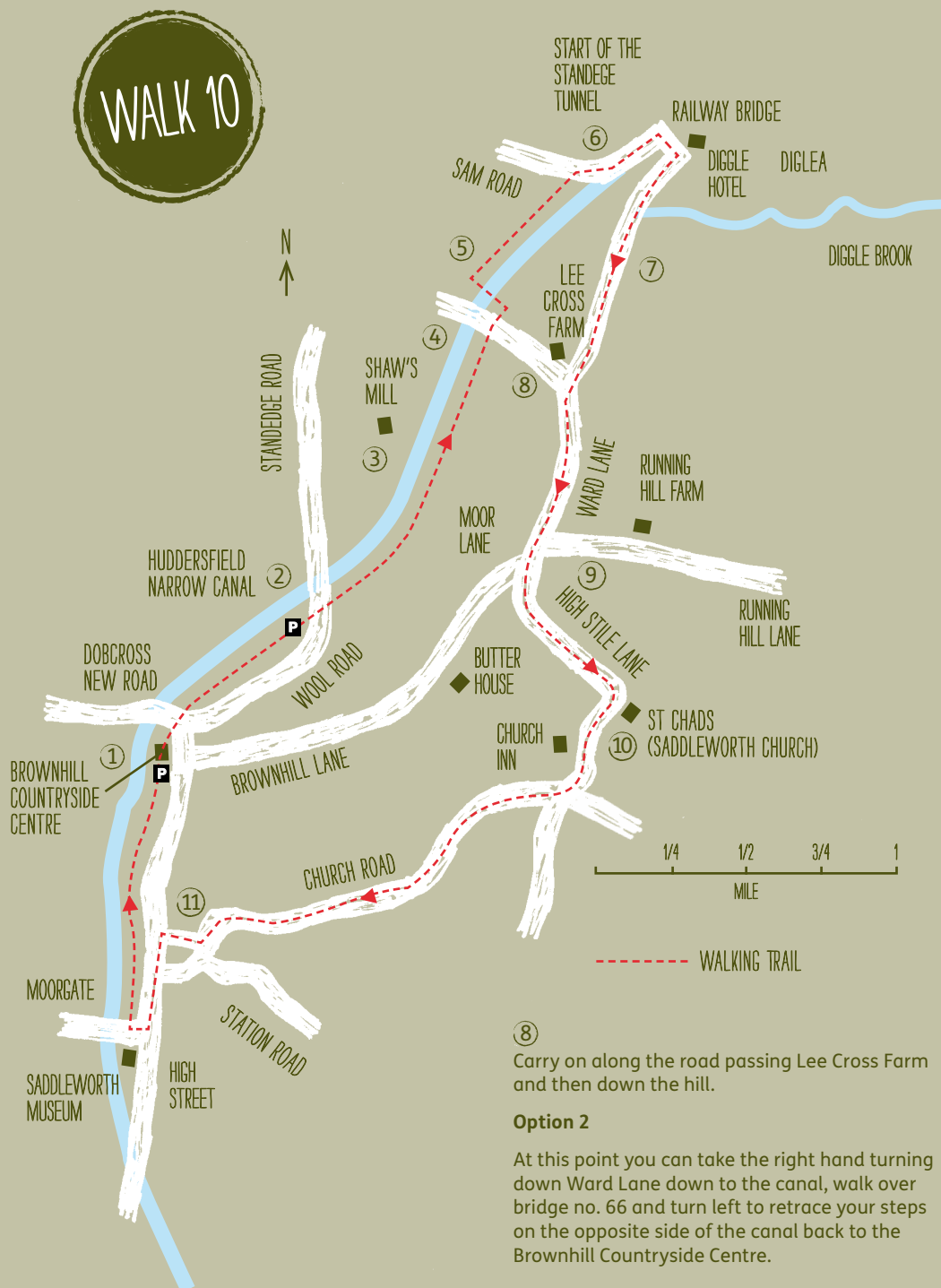
To return to Brownhill Centre along the canal.

⑥

Go through the Sam Road car park, then turn right and follow Station Road over the railway line. The Diggle Hotel is upon your left, turn right down the hill towards Kiln Green.

⑦

As you continue past Kiln Green Church the road starts to climb steeply. Take your time up the hill and enjoy the stunning scenery of the moors, canal and hillsides.



⑧

Carry on along the road passing Lee Cross Farm and then down the hill.

### Option 2

At this point you can take the right hand turning down Ward Lane down to the canal, walk over bridge no. 66 and turn left to retrace your steps on the opposite side of the canal back to the Brownhill Countryside Centre.