



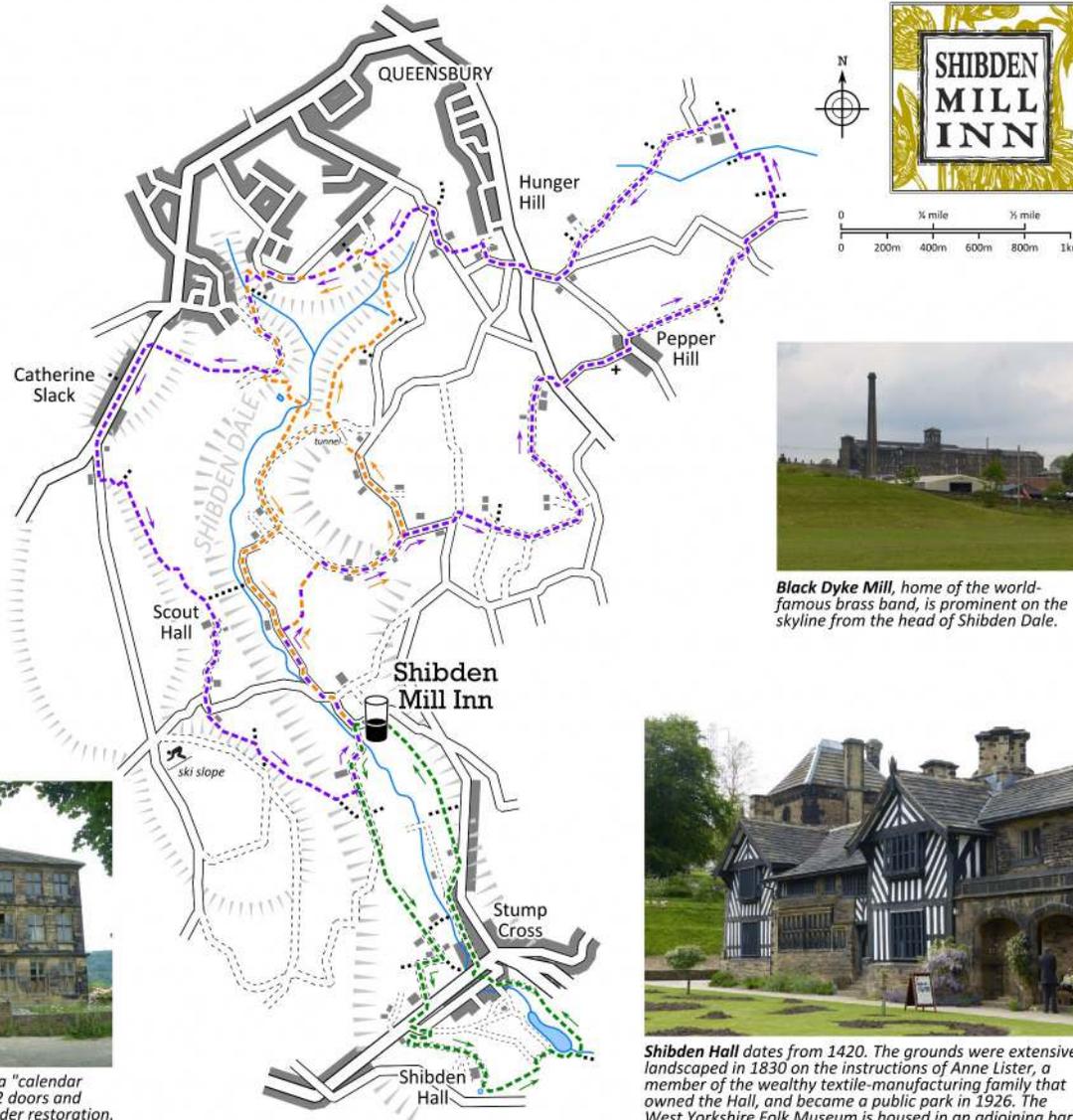
This short **quarryman's tunnel** is an unexpected feature of a footpath above Shibden Dale.



**Slabbed paths** are common in this area.



**Scout Hall** was built in 1681, and is a "calendar building" said to possess 12 bays, 52 doors and 365 panes of glass. It is currently under restoration.



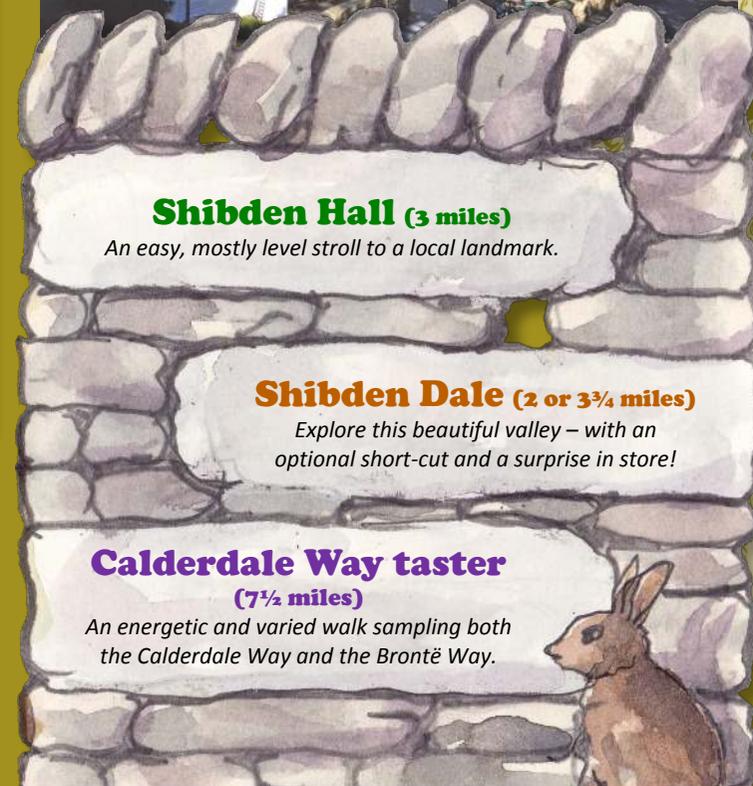
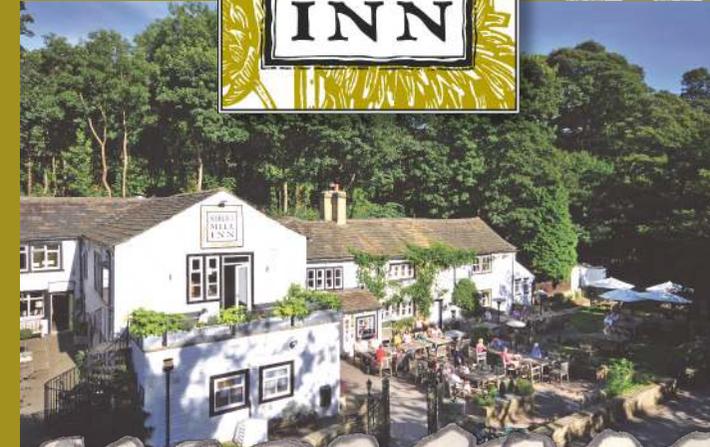
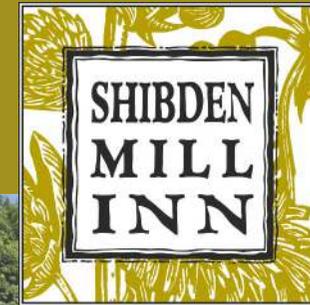
**Black Dyke Mill**, home of the world-famous brass band, is prominent on the skyline from the head of Shibden Dale.



**Shibden Hall** dates from 1420. The grounds were extensively landscaped in 1830 on the instructions of Anne Lister, a member of the wealthy textile-manufacturing family that owned the Hall, and became a public park in 1926. The West Yorkshire Folk Museum is housed in an adjoining barn.

# CIRCULAR WALKS

## FROM THE



### **Shibden Hall (3 miles)**

An easy, mostly level stroll to a local landmark.

### **Shibden Dale (2 or 3¼ miles)**

Explore this beautiful valley – with an optional short-cut and a surprise in store!

### **Calderdale Way taster**

(7½ miles)

An energetic and varied walk sampling both the Calderdale Way and the Brontë Way.

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For over 350 years The Shibden Mill Inn has been at the heart of life in West Yorkshire's Shibden Valley. It's a magical place where generation after generation of locals have enjoyed time well spent with friends and family, sharing in life's special moments and shaping memories to last a lifetime.

## Shibden Hall (3 miles: Easy)

Allow 2 hours. Shibden Park is free to enter, but there is an admission fee for the Hall building itself, and the park officially closes at 9pm.

**1** Cross the stream at the bottom of the Shibden Mill Inn car park and walk up the concrete driveway beyond, passing a farmhouse on the right. **2** After a wayside memorial and a crossing path, just as the track enters the trees, take a path on the left that follows a wall below the wood. **3** Beyond a gate, follow the slabbed path across open fields. **4** Pass a dwelling and join the driveway beyond. **5** Walk between the houses of Shibden Fold and follow the drive to the right (ignoring the grassy path straight ahead). **6** Follow the drive round a left-hand bend to emerge on the main road by a petrol station. Turn right. **7** Cross at the traffic lights and go through the gate into the Shibden Estate. **8** Turn immediately right, up a path signposted "The Lodge". **9** At the Lodge turn left and follow the drive downhill. **10** Beyond a stone-domed hut on your left, pass to the right of Shibden Hall. **11** Beyond the Hall, continue on a path that leads down some steps and then curves to the left around an ornamental pond. **12** Take the path to the right, signposted to the Boating Lake. **13** On reaching the playground, walk across the grass to the lake, and turn right past the boathouse. **14** At the end of the lake, go down the steps on your right and follow the beck downstream. **15** Take the first footbridge on your left and cross the miniature railway twice to enter a wood. Swing left and follow the path parallel to the railway. **16** Keep to the right of the engine house to meet a driveway that joins the road beyond the car park. **17** Turn right and walk up the road to the junction with Old Godley Lane. **18** Take a few steps to the left then go up some stone steps in the wall opposite. Swing left below a high retaining wall to a further flight of steps onto the A58. **19** Cross carefully, turn right and take the first left (Staups Lane). **20** Keep right at Staups House (dated 1664) and follow the now cobbled lane. **21** At the top, turn left into a driveway marked "85". **22** Go through a gate at the end of the drive and follow a pleasant paved path through fields. **23** When you meet a metalled road, turn left to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.

## Shibden Dale

2 or 3¾ miles: Fairly easy

A straightforward shortcut (described below, and see map) cuts this walk in half; allow 2½ hours for the full route. Several moderate climbs, and a few sections may be muddy. Includes a short tunnel.

**1** From the garden of the Shibden Mill Inn, turn right through the car park out to the road, and turn left. **2** Bear left at the bottom of Whiskers Lane, then turn right into Simm Carr Lane by the bridge. **3** Just before Simm Carr Farm, turn right onto a footpath with a Calderdale Way waymark. **4** Turn left over a stile to cross a field diagonally to another stile in the far corner, then walk uphill along the field edge, which develops into a slabbed path. **5** At the top, turn right along a walled path and walk through Addersgate Farm. Exit via the

entrance track and pass a couple more properties until you reach a road. **6** Turn left (Green Lane) and follow the road for ¼ mile, passing a farm on your right (Lower Northroyd) and Upper Northroyd Farm on your left. **7** Shortly after a long low bungalow, turn left by a field gate on a bend and cross a stile by a second gate. Follow the wall beyond. **8** Unexpectedly, the path drops into a short narrow tunnel under a heap of quarry spoil. (For the 2-mile walk, turn left on exiting the tunnel, follow the obvious descending path and jump to step 21.) **9** To continue with the longer walk, take a few steps to the right, then take a narrow path on the opposite side of the track. **10** The path may be slightly overgrown and indistinct at first; keep close to the wall on your right to pass a crossing wall under a holly tree, beyond which a clear path leads pleasantly along the edge of the dale, still keeping close to the field boundary on your right. **11** Beyond some farm buildings away to your right, cross an open field under power lines to a gateway. **12** Head for the far left-hand corner of the next field, to pick up a descending path that leads over a small stream and past a waymark post before descending to a footbridge. **13** Climb the steep bank on the other side of the stream, then skirt below the tall cypress hedges of a property before climbing to the unsurfaced entrance drive. **14** Cross the drive and follow a walled path below gardens, ignoring a turning to the right. Exit over some grassed-over spoil-heaps into a narrow lane below a high retaining wall. **15** Follow the road left, then turn left into a farm drive signposted "Hanging Royd". **16** Before the farm, swing right and follow a stony zig-zag path down to a pumping station. **17** Follow the road beyond and turn left at a T-junction. **18** After entering woodland, and by the remains of a building, take a sharp left turn before a gate, onto a stony footpath that descends steeply through woodland. On reaching an open area, turn right and then left before a pond, between two old gateposts, and descend to a footbridge. **19** Follow the path up the other side; at a stone post take the upper (left-hand) path. **20** On meeting a track, turn right. **21** Pass behind a stone farmhouse on your right then shortly afterwards turn right to meet a drive that leads past a second farmhouse. **22** Follow the road beyond to the bottom of the valley, where it swings left. **23** At the bridge at the bottom of Lee Lane, keep straight on to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.

## Calderdale Way taster

7½ miles: Moderate

Allow 4–5 hours. Beyond Catherine Slack the route is intermittently indistinct. To extend the walk to 10½ miles, you could turn right at step 36 and follow the **Shibden Hall** walk from step 2 onwards.

Follow steps **1** to **5** of the **Shibden Dale** walk. **6** Go straight on (Paddock Road). Beyond two stone buildings on your right, turn left into Cowling Lane. **7** Just after a large boulder blocking the lane to traffic, turn right and follow the wall uphill. **8** At a farm entrance, go straight over between more boulders into a tree-lined path, still on the Calderdale Way. **9** On meeting a walled track turn left, slightly uphill, then swing left behind another farm. **10** Cross a farm drive and head

uphill, eventually passing an old farmhouse on your left and then the premises of a commercial vehicle business. **11** At the main road, turn right briefly then cross carefully into Cross Lane. **12** Pass a chapel and then turn left in the hamlet of Pepper Hill. **13** Turn right into Bridge Lane, an unsurfaced no-through road. On reaching the tarmac road at the far end, turn left then right into Brackens Lane. **14** When the road bends right, turn left into a walled farm track, and at the end keep on in the same direction beneath beech trees. **15** Beyond a stile, swing left down a cattle-eroded bank to cross the stream via a small footbridge (not the farm bridge) and pass a Brontë Way waymark. Walk uphill to a gateway and keep straight on through the end of the farmyard to a squeeze stile into a field. **16** A short way across the field, level with a stile where the Brontë Way turns right, turn *left* and walk behind the bungalow, before joining the farm drive via a stile on your left. Turn right and pass the end of a metalled road, continuing on a descending unsurfaced track. **17** After ½ mile, at the end of the track, turn right and then right again to reach the main road. Cross over and follow Jackson Hill Road opposite. **18** Take a footpath along a drive-way on the right, then turn left down a grassy path along a tumble-down wall and out to the road by a farm. **19** Turn right down the pavement then go a little way uphill along Deanstones Lane, before turning left onto a footpath, signposted to "Hazelhurst". **20** Follow the path along the edge of the deepening valley on your left, before crossing an unsurfaced driveway to follow a walled path, ignoring a right turn. Exit over some grassed-over spoil heaps to a narrow road below a high stone retaining wall. **21** Follow the road left, then turn left into a farm drive signposted "Hanging Royd". **22** Before the farm, swing right and follow a stony zig-zag path down to a pumping station. **23** Follow the road beyond and turn left at a T-junction. **24** After entering woodland and before the remains of a building, go through a gateway on the right. **25** Exit the woodland and follow the remains of a wall to a stile into a walled green lane that leads up to the main road. **26** Turn left and walk down through Catherine Slack, then turn left into Swales Moor Road. **27** Rejoin the Calderdale Way on your left opposite the first buildings you encounter. **28** Zig-zag right then left as you descend through woodland, keeping right at a path junction. **29** Shortly after a gate into more open country, keep left on a briefly paved path, losing height gradually to a stile. **30** Follow a fence to meet a track that passes Scout Hall, and follow the driveway beyond out to the cobbled Lee Lane. **31** Head downhill then leave the road at the next bend, along a footpath above a house. **32** After two stiles the path climbs a little before levelling off. **33** At an indistinct fork, turn left (if you reach a stile heading up to the stony Hag Lane, you've missed the turning). **34** Follow the vague path downhill to pass above and beyond a stone building, to a stile on your left leading into enclosed fields (ignore a stile into woodland ahead). **35** Walk downhill (to the left of the wall) to a stile into a walled and paved track. **36** Turn left to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.



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