



# Addingham Moorside Connections Walk



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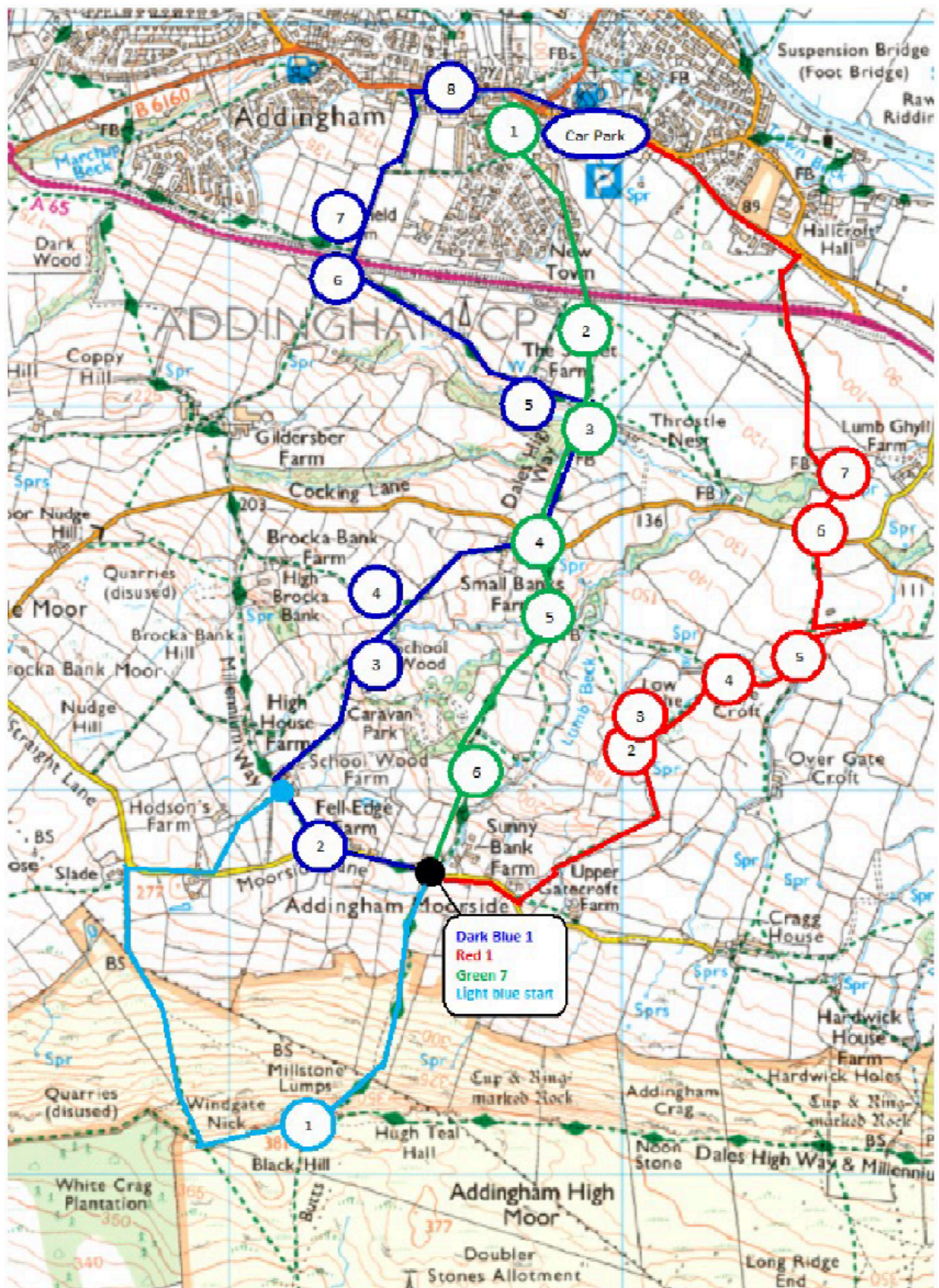
## Moorside Connections: exploring nature on Addingham Moorside

*This self-guided walk takes you from the village to the moor top, looking at how geology and past and present human activity continue to shape the landscape, its habitats and wildlife. Farming, textiles and mineral extraction are all part of the story. The walk highlights local wildlife sites and nature restoration projects.*

*It was created in June 2025 by Addingham Civic Society's Environment Group for Bradford 25 City of Culture.*







The walk climbs from approximately 100 m above sea level (asl) to almost 250 m asl on Addingham Moorside and over 350 m asl at its highest point. It has a stepped profile as the path crosses alternating outcrops of progressively younger Millstone Grit sandstones and shales.

Following good footpaths on public rights of way, there are narrow gates and stone wall side-step stiles and some steep inclines en route.

**Starting at:** Old Station Way in Addingham Village follow the [GREEN ROUTE](#) up to Beck House Farm on Moorside Lane. From there you have the option of extending the walk to go up and along Addingham High Moor gritstone edge by the [LIGHT BLUE ROUTE](#)



There are two options for returning to the village. At the end of the [GREEN ROUTE](#) turn left on Moorside Lane for the [RED ROUTE](#) or turn right for the [DARK BLUE ROUTE](#).

The [RED ROUTE](#) is a particularly good choice in late April and early May to enjoy the bluebells and other spring flowers in Lumb Ghyll Woods.

The [DARK BLUE ROUTE](#) makes a good choice in late May, June and July when there are meadow flowers in bloom, and wild bees and butterflies to enjoy on warm sunny days.

**Duration:** The walk up to Moorside Lane and back to the village will take 2.5 - 3.0 hours at a leisurely pace. Add another 40 minutes to go up and along Addingham High Moor gritstone edge and back down to join the [DARK BLUE](#) route at School Wood Farm.

**Cattle and sheep:** Dogs must be kept on leads where cattle and sheep are grazing.

**Ground nesting birds:** Please also keep dogs on leads during the nesting season.

**Liability:** While every care has been taken in the preparation of this self-guided walk, please note that Addingham Civic Society does not accept any liability relating to personal injury or illness, loss or damage to personal property, or any other unforeseen events that might occur during your walk.

**Route summaries:** Here is some more information about where the walk takes you and points of interest along the way, but make sure you download the full route descriptions before you set out.

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## GREEN ROUTE

*From Addingham Village (Old Station Way) to Moorside Lane, via The Street, Cat Steps, Small Banks, Stegholes and Beck House Farm.*

<b>1. Old Station Way Meadow</b>	<i>A village greenspace converted to wildflower rich grassland, to support our wild bees and butterflies.</i>
<b>2. The fields above the by-pass to the Street</b>	<i>The rocks beneath our feet shaping the landscape. Farming practice &amp; the line of the old Roman Road.</i>
<b>3. Cat Steps</b>	<i>The Street Local Wildlife Site- woodland &amp; scrub, birds &amp; butterflies.</i>
<b>4. Small Banks Hamlet</b>	<i>Old farms and barns, the fields above &amp; below the hamlet and Lumb Beck.</i>
<b>5. Stegholes Local Wildlife Site</b>	<i>Woodland by the beck, wildflower rich pasture, bees &amp; butterflies.</i>
<b>6. Beck House Farm</b>	<i>Restoring habitat for wildlife – stop a while here and explore the new woodland and wetlands created by the current owners.</i>
<b>7. Addingham High Moor &amp; Moorside Lane Farms</b>	<i>The old farms &amp; changes in farming practice, and threats to moorland birds.</i>

## LIGHT BLUE ROUTE

*From Beck House Farm on Moorside Lane to Addingham Edge, along the ridge to Wingate Nick and downhill to Slade Farm and Straight Lane, and Moorside Lane to School Wood Farm.*

<b>1. Rombalds Moor &amp; Addingham Edge</b>	<i>The Gritstone Edge, boulder field, quarrying and millstones, peaty soils and internationally significant habitat for ground nesting birds such as lapwing and curlew.</i>
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## RED ROUTE

*From Beck House Farm (1.) on Moorside Lane to Addingham Village via Sunnybank Farm, Low Lathe, Gatecroft, Hall Gill, Lumb Ghyll Wood, over the bypass to Ilkley Road and Main Street.*

<b>2. Beaver Pond Wetland</b>	<i>Site of medieval pond, now a reed mace fen wetland.</i>
<b>3. Low Lathe Barn</b>	<i>A traditional field barn.</i>
<b>4. Gatecroft</b>	<i>Old farms and barns.</i>
<b>5. Hall Gill-Plumtree Banks</b>	<i>A medieval landscape – ridge &amp; furrow plough marks, site of an old hall, iron workings with waterpower provided by Beaver Pond and Hall Gill. Controlling invasive plants.</i>
<b>6. Cocking Lane</b>	<i>Wildlife value of old hedgerows.</i>
<b>7. Lumb Ghyll Wood</b>	<i>An ancient woodland site, on the steeply sloping sides of Lumb Beck, spring flowers, protecting the woodland from grazing animals.</i>

### **DARK BLUE ROUTE**

*From Beck House Farm on Moorside Lane (1.) to Addingham Village via School Wood Farm, Cuckoo's Nest, Small Banks, The Street, The South Field and Town Beck on Addingham Main Street.*

<b>2. School Wood Farm</b>	<i>Historic ownership, new enterprises &amp; hedgerows. Foraging curlew, lapwing and oyster catcher.</i>
<b>3. Cuckoo's Nest Farm</b>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse, barn &amp; weavers' workshop. Restoring habitat for wildlife – new woodland and wildflower meadow, no grazing farm animals, dealing with invasive Himalayan balsam.</i>
<b>4. Brocka Bank Farm Hay Meadow</b>	<i>Traditional hay meadow, wildflowers, meadow grasses, bees and butterflies.</i>
<b>5. The Street Local Wildlife Site</b>	<i>Former Roman Road now a 'green corridor', wildflowers, mature trees, birds, bats, bumblebees and butterflies.</i>
<b>6. The Glacial Meltwater Channel</b>	<i>Origins of the steep sided valley below The Street and its 'misfit' stream.</i>
<b>7. The South Field</b>	<i>A medieval landscape – old hedgerows, open field strip &amp; hollow lane.</i>
<b>8. Town Beck</b>	<i>Rising water levels, poor water quality, invasive crayfish, native brown trout, birds on the beck and wetland wildflowers.</i>

***Download the full route descriptions here:***

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