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*"A beautiful place to visit"*

*"I love this place"*

*"Highly recommend this walk"*

*"Fantastic views"*

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# BRONTE WATERFALL WALK



**HAWORTH MOOR**

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The Bronte Waterfall walk is the most popular of all Haworth moorland walks and is ideal for taking the kids for a picnic or paddle.

Bronte Waterfall was also a firm favourite with the Bronte children while playing and creating their stories. They named it "The Meeting of the Waters".

The waterfall is on open moorland so is available every day without an entrance fee. All that is asked is that you care for the countryside and follow the simple, common sense rules.

## 'The Meeting of the Waters'

### A RESTING PLACE

The Bronte Waterfall is also a great place to rest on your way to **Top Withens** (Wuthering Heights), **Alcomden Stones** or **Ponden Kirk** (The Fairy Cave).

### WHERE TO PARK

It takes approx 45 minutes to walk to the Bronte Waterfall from Haworth Main Street or 25 minutes from Penistone Hill Country Park.

If parking in Haworth, we suggest using the council-run pay and display car park next to the Bronte Parsonage Museum. We do NOT recommend using the privately-run car park on North Street. At Penistone Hill Country Park, there's a large car park at the top, plus smaller parking areas nearer the road. It's free parking and managed by Bradford Council. We do not recommend following Sat Navs as they generally take you to the wrong location.

### TOILETS

The Bronte Waterfall is on open moorland so has no public toilets. There are two toilets in Haworth village, one by the Bronte Parsonage Car Park and the other in the main park. If you support the local cafes and pubs, you'll also be able to use their toilets.

### DOGS

Dogs are permitted on the walk, but should be kept on a short lead so the sheep and nesting birds are not disturbed.

### THE ROUTE

It's a relatively easy walk but has larger stones and rougher terrain the closer you get and it becomes muddy during wet weather. The walk is therefore not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. The attached map shows the most popular route from the road at Penistone Hill to Bronte Waterfall and then back again. However, you may choose to return via the village of Stanbury where you'll find a small park with lovely views and two pubs. The Wuthering Heights pub serves good, wholesome food.

### THE WATERFALL

The Bronte Waterfall can be a little underwhelming for much of the year and only really gives a strong flow of water at times of heavy rain. You'll love the walk and views anyway, so do take some snacks for a picnic. **Have fun!**

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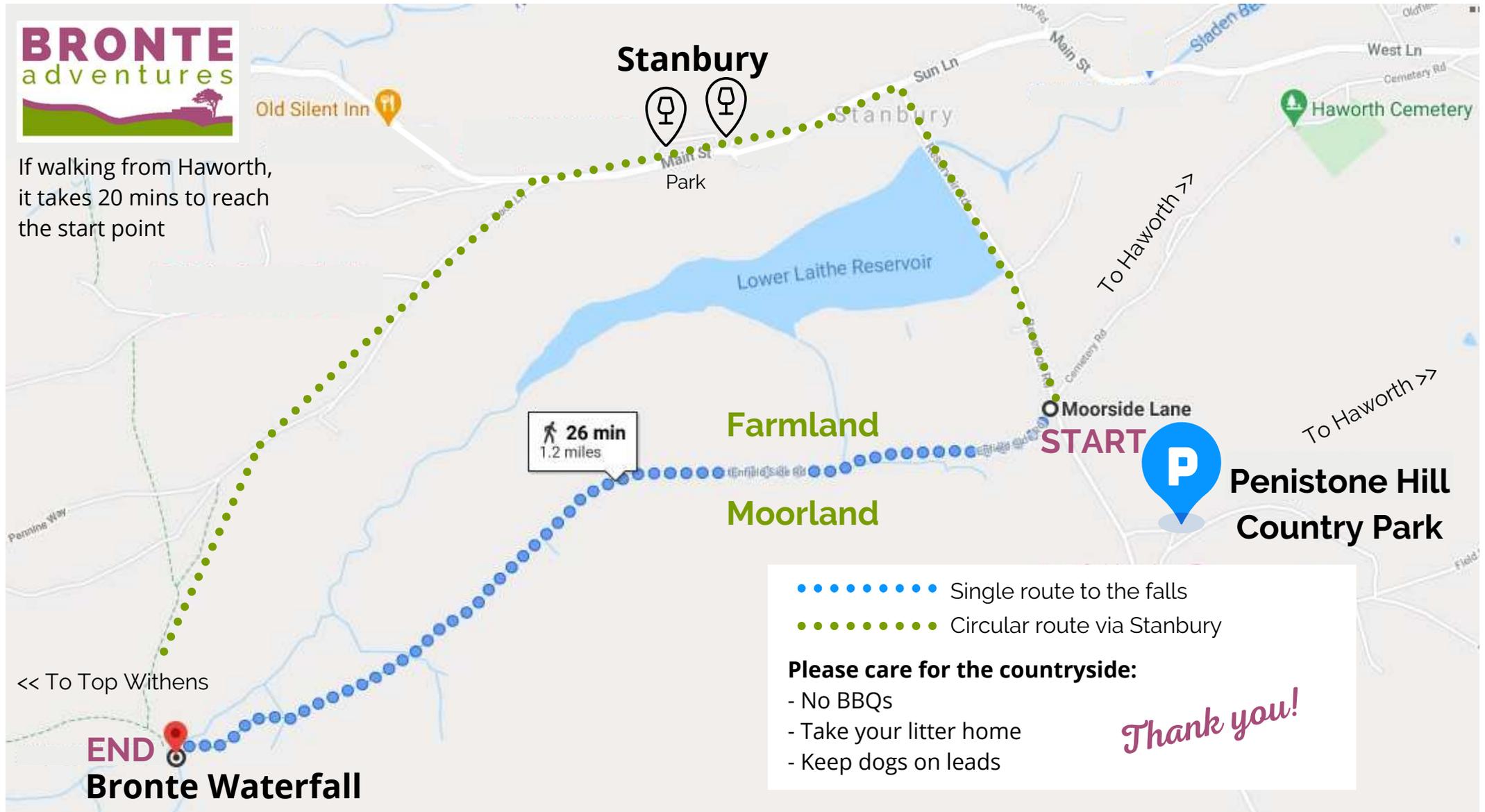


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If walking from Haworth,  
it takes 20 mins to reach  
the start point



 **26 min**  
1.2 miles

**Farmland**

**Moorland**

**START**



**Penistone Hill  
Country Park**

- Single route to the falls
- Circular route via Stanbury

**Please care for the countryside:**

- No BBQs
- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs on leads

*Thank you!*

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# FAMILY FUN QUIZ!

As you follow the route to Bronte Waterfall, complete this quiz. No peaking at the answers on the final sheet!

## QUIZ

**Q1: From the beginning of the walk at Moorside Road, how many bars are on the cattle grid?**

- A: 12
- B: 14
- C: 16

**Q2: Find this sign - Which animals are blanked out?**

- A: Sheep
- B: Dogs
- C: Cows



**Q3: In August, what colour does the heather become?**

- A: Blue
- B: Red
- C: Purple

**Q4: Halfway along, you will cross a small wooden section. How many wooden sleepers is it made from?**

- A: 7
- B: 8
- C: 9

**Q5: What kind of wild birds nest among the heather?**

- A: Turkeys
- B: Grouse
- C: Geese

**Q6: What kind of stone was quarried at Penistone Hill to construct the local buildings, roads and walls?**

- A: Sandstone
- B: Granite
- C: Limestone

**Q7: In the early years of the Bronte family, how many sisters were there?**

- A: 3
- B: 4
- C: 5

**Q8: Where does the water from the Bronte Waterfall eventually flow?**

- A: Lower Laithe Reservoir
- B: Liverpool
- C: London

**Q9: What year did a flash flood destroy Bronte Bridge?**

- A: 1848
- B: 1899
- C: 1989

**Q10: Which Bronte sister would famously sit on this chair-shaped stone?**

- A: Charlotte
- B: Emily
- C: Anne



## WORD SEARCH

Can you find the eight mystery words, with a local connection?

S	G	R	O	U	S	E	T	M	Q
Y	P	B	R	I	H	C	U	N	H
H	E	A	T	H	E	R	K	A	L
A	T	E	M	J	E	H	W	I	L
S	N	O	B	D	P	O	E	G	I
Y	O	Z	V	C	R	N	O	L	M
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S	B	O	H	D	F	P	Q	X	T

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# FUN QUIZ ANSWERS

## QUIZ HINTS & ANSWERS

**Q1 Answer:** 12

**Fact:** The cattle grid permits vehicles to cross, but not the farm sheep that graze openly on the moors

**Q2 Hint:** There are several of these signs along the route.

**Q2 Answer:** Dogs

**Q3 Answer:** Purple

**Q4 Answer:** 9

**Q5 Answer:** Grouse

**Q6 Answer:** Sandstone

**Fact:** There were three quarries at Penistone Hill supplying sandstone for the local construction of houses, roads and walls. As the name suggests, Sandstone is made from quartz particles of sand.

**Q7 Answer:** 5

**Fact:** As well as the famous Bronte sisters of Charlotte, Emily and Anne, Maria and Elizabeth were born before them but died in childhood.

**Q8 Hint:** Follow the blue line on the map!

**Q8 Answer:** Lower Laithe Reservoir

**Q9 Hint:** See the plaque on the bridge.

**Q9 Answer:** 1989

**Q10 Hint:** Her initial is carved on the back of the stone.

**Q10 Answer:** Charlotte

## LOCAL FACTS

**Fact:** In the 19th century, the sanitation and health of people in Haworth was so poor that 42% of children died before the age of 6 and the average life expectancy of people was just 26.

**Fact:** The church graveyard became so overcrowded that decomposing, putrid matter filtered into the water supply.

**Fact:** There were no sewers in Haworth, so animal and human waste ran down the Main Street in open channels and gutters.

**Fact:** On average, families shared a privvy with 3.5 other families and in some areas, privvies were shared between 24 families.

**Fact:** Many inhabitants of Haworth were woolcombers. Combing out bits in wool was called "jigging", and once jigged, the wool would be drawn into long lengths called "sleevers" which were about two metres long.

**Fact:** The combs had rows of steel teeth called "broitches" which needed to be kept warm in a stove, often in an unventilated, toxic room, to soften the lanolin in the unwashed fleece.

**Fact:** Coal was mined on Penistone Hill for approx 10 years. Seams were often only 12 inches thick and of poor quality. Eventually the trains brought better quality coal and the pits later closed.

**Fact:** Diesel buses were eventually used and could drive people closer to their destination of mills, etc. This contributed to the closing of the local railway line in 1962. The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway is now mostly run by volunteers. Take a steam train ride!

**Fact:** Lower Laithe reservoir was officially opened in 1925 with a crowd of other 8000 people.

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# BOOK A GUIDED WALK

## ESCAPE TO THE MOOR

Book a 5 mile guided walk across Haworth Moor to all key landmarks and beauty spots - every Saturday during the Summer. You'll walk in the footsteps of the Brontes and explore the wild Yorkshire moors, with plenty of rest points, time to enjoy the views and to take photographs.

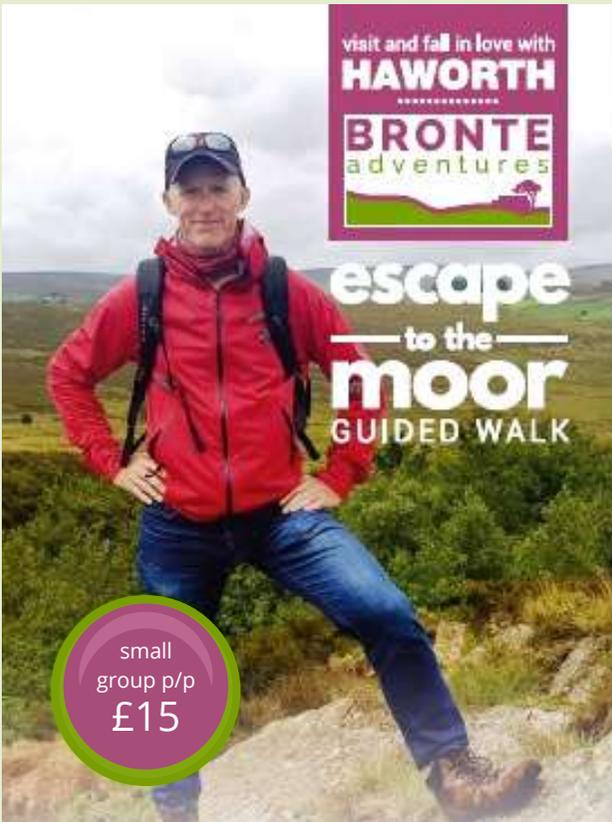
### Why Book A Guided Walk?

- You'll discover the very best route so won't miss anything.
- No maps required - just turn up and enjoy.
- You won't get lost.
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- Learn about local folk-lore, Bronte connections and history.
- Walk with other like-minded people, locally or from across the world.

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**DARE YOU!**  
crawl through the Fairy Cave!

## LOCATIONS VISITED

You will go off the beaten track to the following moorland locations:

- Bronte Waterfall
- Top Withens (Wuthering Heights)
- Alcomden Stones
- Ponden Kirk (The Fairy Cave)
- Ponden Hall (Thrushcross Grange)



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