

● **Distance** 14.5km/9 miles ● **Time** 4½hrs ● **Grade** Moderate

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Looking down over the Worth Valley from Penistone Hill.

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As the 19th-century home of the celebrated Bronte sisters, Haworth draws visitors from around the globe. While the majority settle for a potter round the cobbled main street, far better to don your boots and follow Charlotte, Emily and Anne's footsteps out on to the moors. *By Paul Hannon.*

1 **START**

From front of church, pass round to R to join cobbled road. This runs past Parsonage Museum, and an enclosed path takes over before emerging into fields. Continuing to kissing-gate on to a road on village edge. Go L then bear L up Cemetery Road. This rises on to a corner of Penistone Hill, and it's moorland all the way.

2 **0.8km/½ mile**

At cemetery turn up its near side. Remain on thinner path to top corner, then go R on broader path. Just past far corner is a

junction of ways. Go straight on, rising gently L and crossing a plateau to a crossroads with a firm path. Turn R on its level course, ignoring any branches to run on beneath spoilheaps. Before reaching a parking area turn R, a thin path slanting down to cross Moorside Lane to join a rough road at a cattle grid.

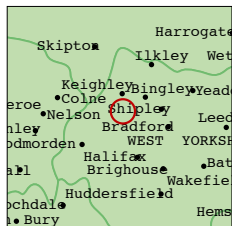
3 **2km/1¼ miles**

Turn L along edge of Haworth Moor, the way gradually transforming into a path above valley of South Dean Beck. Path eventually runs down to clapper-style Bronte Bridge. By path immediately before it is the Bronte Chair stone.

4 **4.4km/2¾ miles**

Cross bridge and ascend bank behind. At kissing-gate path forks: go L, a flagged path slanting up before a long, level section. This passes through one or two pastures before ➤

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Terrain Mostly firm moorland paths; one rougher mile midway round
Stiles 3
Suitable for All

START/PARKING

Church at top of Main Street, Haworth, grid ref SE029371

Nearest town Keighley
Refreshments At start and at Drop Farm, near the end
Public toilets At start
Public transport Buses from Keighley

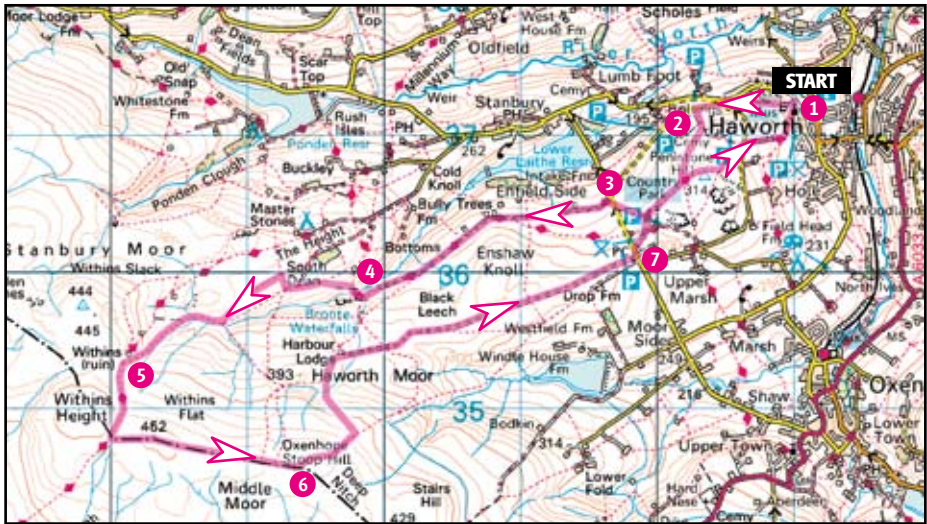
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➤ returning to heather moorland. After crossing sidestream it makes a short ascent to junction with Pennine Way. Turn L to Top Withins.

5 6.4km/4 miles

Leave on continuing Pennine Way path, which remains stone-flagged as it winds up to watershed. On flat top, moorland skyline of Calderdale appears ahead. Here leave sturdy national trail by a grassy path, L. Within a minute it meets another such way, bear L along it past a boundary stone. Path now clings to watershed with some inevitably moist moments. Almost at start comes high point of walk, Dick Delf Hill. A gentle dip precedes a slight rise to a

boundary stone on Oxenhope Stoop Hill.

6 8.8km/5½ miles

Little more than 100m further path reaches a crumbling wall corner. Here leave watershed and follow path L with wall. As you descend look out for a boundary stone at a path junction. Turn L on a thin but clear path traversing moor. The old farm of Harbour Lodge appears below, and path soon slants down towards it. Joining its drive follow it right across Haworth Moor to ultimately rejoin Moorside Lane, with Drop Farm tearoom, R.

7 12.4km/7¾ miles

Turn briefly L, then R on a car park access road. Quickly fork L

off this, a short road running to a parking area. Keep straight on firm path ahead, rapidly rejoining outward route. Advance along this and remain on it all the way, ignoring any branches and passing some intriguing 'literary art' before dropping to Dimples Lane. Finally leaving moor, cross straight over and down an access road to Balcony. At bottom keep on down to path junction, where you go L on flagged path to return directly to churchyard.

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