

Section 2 - Delph to Brownhill - 2.4km (1.5 miles)

8. Cross directly over King Street and ahead along the riverside footpath. Follow the path to the car park and cross the footbridge over the river. Turn right along the track eventually passing factories on the left to emerge behind the Old Bell Inn. Walk under the archway.

Built around 1797 the Bell Inn, originally the New Inn, was constructed to serve the turnpike road. The archway is where the coaches and horses would have gained access to the yard and stables.

9. From the Old Bell Inn cross the A62 and continue ahead up Gatehead Road for 220 metres. Turn right down the tarmac track and after 50 metres walk down the path descending to the right. Follow it to the bottom of the hill.
10. Follow the riverside path through the woodland, past a mill and ahead through fields and woodland to emerge beside stone cottages. Turn right at the stile to emerge at the Woolpack Inn.
11. Cross the roads and take the path opposite the Woolpack Inn down past the playground and alongside the field. Continue along the path beside the river crossing the garden centre access road and car park to the stile beside the river. After the stile where the path splits bear left to emerge at the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.
12. Turn left along the towpath for 50 metres to Brownhill Countryside Centre.

Brownhill was built in 1916 for stabling horses used by the transport depot of Saddleworth Urban District Council. The building was officially opened as a visitor centre in 1982 and is now managed by Oldham Countryside Service. For further details about facilities and opening times telephone 01457 872598.

