

Walk 16

(Town Centre to Spring Mill)

Ossett

Duration Allow 50 minutes
Distance 2.5 km / 1.6 miles
Terrain An easy walk mainly on roadside pavements and green footpaths alongside field edges. Some gentle inclines will be encountered. Could become muddy in wet weather.



A Start at the Health Centre on New Street (pay & display parking nearby). Turn right and walk down Prospect Road.



C Follow the fenced tarmac path between the houses at the top of the Close. Continue past the Primary School onto Milner Way. Follow the school perimeter fence and turn right between the end of the school fence and the industrial unit.



E Continue on the path, past a small wood on your left. At the end of the wood turn left and walk along the bottom of the wood.



F Take the first right and walk down hill to the tarmac path, turn right and walk over the wooden footbridge.



G Turn right and walk up a short grassy hill (you will see a small lake and a second footbridge over the stream below you on the left). Continue on the top footpath between the houses until it emerges onto Towngate.

H Turn right and follow the road back to the petrol station. Retrace your steps back to the Health Centre.



Start
Finish

Points of Interest

- Spring Mill is a local conservation area

It's good for your health

Regular physical activity dramatically cuts the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, obesity and some cancers. It also reduces cholesterol, lowers high blood pressure and is good for our sense of wellbeing.

- brisk walking burns as many calories as jogging over the same distance
- it strengthens muscles, bones and joints
- walking improves your mood and boosts confidence
- it helps maintain flexibility and co-ordination as you get older.

Try to walk for 30 minutes every day. Remember it can:

- Make you feel good
- Give you more energy
- Help you sleep better
- Help you reduce stress
- Keep your heart strong
- Reduce blood pressure
- Help manage your weight
- Improve your life expectancy



Wakefield Council's Health Improvement Team is working to encourage people to carry out more of their journeys on foot or by cycle to improve the environment and their health.

Fit walking into your daily routine

Ditch the car and walk instead. For short trips to the shops, work or school, walking is an ideal way to get active.

Go for an evening stroll. You could make walking a family affair, starting a good habit for all the family.

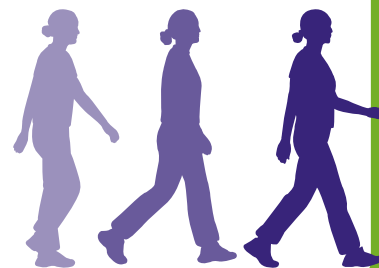
Combine walking with other modes of transport. If a journey is too long, why not combine it with another mode of transport? You could walk with the kids to school and get the bus back, or take the bus to work, jump off a stop early and walk the rest of the way.

Make a plan and set yourself goals. Start by walking 10 minutes a day, and build yourself up. Ease yourself in gently, get used to walking a certain distance and then add to it.

Find a walking buddy. If you commit to meet a friend you are more likely to stick to it. Alternatively, a local walking group (advertised on www.walkingforhealth.org.uk) might suit you better.

Use a pedometer or other wearable fitness device or app to keep track of your progress. It's satisfying to see how many steps you've taken, the distance you've covered and how many calories you've burned.

During your lunch break, go for a walk instead of just sitting at your desk.



Walking is one of the easiest ways to be physically active – it doesn't even have to feel like exercise. All you need is a comfy pair of shoes, and once you get moving you'll feel fitter, healthier and happier.

Walking doesn't cost a penny, and fitting it into your daily routine is easy when you follow our top tips.

Walk for fun

Walking enables you to explore your local area on foot and get to know your community. Why not set yourself a challenge to walk in all your local parks and walking paths?

It's great for our planet

Walking doesn't leave a carbon footprint, just your own. And if we all swapped one weekly drive for walking, traffic would reduce by at least 10%. Imagine that.

Safer and quieter streets for children to play on and for people to socialise in.



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