



7th Ramsbottom (Greenmount)
Greater Manchester North

WALK 7

OLD KAYS, STORMER HILL AND ISLAND LODGE

Start	Greenmount Old School
Finish	Greenmount Old School
Duration	1 hour (approximately 2 miles)
Terrain	Parts can be muddy and slippy, especially in or after wet weather Some narrow paths Passing deep water

- 1 Leave the Old School and turn left, down Brandlesholme Road, to the Newsagent shop.
- 2 Cross the road and go down the Kirklees Trail until you reach the point at which two trails cross. Turn right along the unmade lane. This is Shepherds Lane.
- 3 On reaching the main road, cross and turn left along the pavement, passing Brookside Crescent. Take the next right, just before the bridge, Holly Mount Lane.
- 4 Immediately on the left at the rear of the vehicle hard-standing is a metal footbridge. Cross the footbridge and follow the path up the hill. At the fork, take the path to the right, with the stream on your right.
- 5 Follow this path through Old Kays Park, up the steep hill, at the top of which is a bench offering excellent views of Holcombe Hill and the lower part of Two Brooks Valley. The path meets a lane just beyond.
- 6 Turn left, down the lane and carry straight on when the lane becomes a footpath, going down the steps leading to the main road.
- 7 Cross the main road and turn right along the footpath, passing Quakersfield and Stormer Hill Fold. As you reach the junction with Royd Street, turn left at the Footpath sign down the unmade track (Mill Street).
- 8 Continue straight along the wide track, which narrows, after the mill, to a footpath and curves round to the right, passing between two sets of railings. As you exit from between the railings and the path forks, take the right fork and pass under the viaduct.
- 9 Keeping Island Lodge on your right, follow this path as it widens again. As you approach the far end of the Lodge, the path drops down and curves round to the left to meet a wide cobbled path from the right. Follow this path up to the left to Tower Court, where it meets Shepherds Street.



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- 10 Turn left along Shepherds Street and continue straight on until you reach the crossing with the Kirklees Trail. Turn right along the Kirklees Trail and retrace your steps back to the start of the Trail, crossing Brandlesholme Road to the Newsagent shop and turning left up Brandlesholme Road to your starting point, Greenmount Old School.