

# The Rotary Navigation Sponsored Walk 2012

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**Sunday 1st April 2012**

Organised by the Rotary Clubs of:  
Horbury & Ossett Phoenix

Mirfield

Ossett

Dewsbury

Brighouse

Elland

Sowerby Bridge

## Rotary Navigation 2012

The Calder and Hebble Navigation provides a varied and interesting route between Horbury and Sowerby Bridge including mainly rural and occasionally industrial scenery along its route of canal towpaths and in some places single track riverside paths. The whole walk is about 20 miles but with 6 optional start or finish points walks from 4miles upwards are available to enable individuals to pick the distance and start and finish points which best suit them. We have provided brief descriptions of the walk between each of the start/finish points to assist personal choice. To assist in the management of the walk we advise that anyone wanting to complete the full walk should start from Horbury and walk to Sowerby Bridge, this is for a number of reasons including the most difficult section of the walk between Mirfield and Brighouse is reached earlier and the public transport links and all day catering facilities are much better at Sowerby Bridge.

### Transport

Registered walkers can take advantage of free transport to their preferred start point if required. Transport will not be provided at the end of your chosen walk, we therefore recommend that you choose to walk towards your home base or your means of transport home. Pick up points for transport will be at the designated Start/Finish points and the buses will leave at the stated time.

### Route Stages

#### Horbury to Dewsbury (4.5 miles)

Entirely on canal tow paths with no road crossings required. The towpath can be muddy following wet weather and is a little uneven in places but is walk-able with a pushchair. Most of the way it is in a rural environment but becomes urbanised from Savile Town locks towards Dewsbury Basin.

#### Dewsbury to Mirfield (4.5miles)

From the Leggers Arms at Dewsbury Basin follow the canal towpath to Savilletown Locks and continue for about 1 mile onto the riverbank where the path becomes a little narrower for about a ½ mile (not ideal for pushchairs but just manageable). From Ravensthorpe into Mirfield on a good surfaced canal towpath. The latter stretch is a pretty mix of rural and light urban.

#### Horbury to Mirfield (Direct 8 miles)

As above and avoiding the turn to Dewsbury at Savilletown Lock.

#### Mirfield to Brighouse (5miles)

The most difficult section of the walk consists of a mix of canal, river and road. The road sections, which are mainly on pavements, are around Mirfield, Cooper Bridge and Brighouse and total approx. 1.5 miles. Canal sections, although not paved, have good level paths. The paths on the river sections are generally narrow, uneven and muddy in wet conditions and are not suitable for pushchairs or for anyone unsteady on their feet. The scenery is a mix of rural and industrial. Stewards will be at all points on which the route is unclear.

#### Brighouse to Elland (3 miles) – easy walking – pushchair friendly

The walk starts at the public car park in Bethel Street, Brighouse and is entirely on level metalled paths to Elland where this section finishes at the Barge and Barrel public house. Suitable for pushchairs. There are no road crossings and a bus service operates on the main road outside the Barge and Barrel (see wymetro.com). It is expected that refreshment facilities will be available at the Barge and Barrel and in Elland town centre – approx 400 metres away.

#### Elland to Sowerby Bridge (3miles) – easy walking – pushchair friendly

The walk starts at the Barge and Barrel pub and is entirely on level metalled paths to Sowerby Bridge with no road crossings and mainly rural views. The path is suitable for push chairs but there a couple of places where carrying the child for very short distances is advisable e.g. lock gate bridge crossings. En route there are toilet opportunities and Sowerby Bridge has excellent refreshment and transport facilities (see wymetro.com).



## THE ROTARY NAVIGATION SPONSORED WALK Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 REGISTRATION FORM



Please return this slip with your entry fee to:  
The Registration Officer, 11 Cliffe Crest, Horbury, Wakefield, WF4 6NL  
no later than  
\*\*\*\*FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2012\*\*\*\*

Please print

NAME OF WALKER:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

Please tick the relevant boxes

Individual Walker: **£5-Raise over £50 and entry fee refunded.**

Family group (2 Adults and up to 4 children under the age of 16):  
**£12 total- Raise over £150 as a group and entry fee refunded.**

(AN INDIVIDUAL FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY GROUP)

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: 'THE ROTARY CLUB OF HORBURY AND OSSETT PHOENIX'

	Navigation Horbury	Leggers Arms Dewsbury	Navigation Mirfield	Bethel Street Brighouse	Barge & Barrel Elland	Canal Wharf Sowerby Bridge
Start						
Finish						
Bus Req. from						

**Please note all bus transfers are to the point where you wish to start walking.  
You are responsible for finding your own way home from the finish point.**

Signature of entrant \_\_\_\_\_

(or parent/guardian if entrant under 16)

Notes: This event is a WALK, running is not permitted.

The organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss, injury or mishap during the walk however it is caused.

Please read carefully the Health and Safety Advice Notice given when registering.

Start points are the Navigation Public House in Horbury, the Navigation Public House in Mirfield, Leggers Arms in Dewsbury, Bethel Street in Brighouse, Barge & Barrel in Elland and Canal Wharf at Sowerby Bridge. These are also the finish points and the coach pick up points.

Persons under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult

\* Please note that transport cannot be guaranteed if entry form is not received by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

Transport cannot be offered after the coaches have departed the pickup points.

There will be no return transport as ideally the walk will have returned you to your home town or your transport.