From the Shibden Hall (3 miles)
An easy, mostly level stroll to a local landmark.

Shibden Dale (2 miles or 3½ miles)
Explore this beautiful valley – with an optional short-cut and a surprise in store!

Calderdale Way taster (7½ miles)
An energetic and varied walk sampling both the Calderdale Way and the Brontë Way.

For over 350 years, The Shibden Mill Inn has been at the heart of life in West Yorkshire's Shibden Valley. It's a magical place where generation after generation of locals have enjoyed time well spent with friends and family, sharing in life's special moments and shaping memories to last a lifetime.
Shibden Hall (3 miles: Easy)
Allow 2 hours. Shibden Park is free to enter, but there is an admission fee for the Hall building itself, and the park officially closes at 9pm.

1. Cross the stream at the bottom of the Shibden Mill Inn car park and walk up the concrete driveway beyond, passing a farmhouse on the right.
2. After a wayside memorial and a crossing path, just as the track enters the trees, take a path on the left that follows a wall below the wood.
3. Beyond a gate, follow the slabbied path across open fields.
4. Pass a dwelling and join the driveway beyond.
5. Walk between the houses of Shibden Fold and follow the drive to the right (ignoring the grassy path straight ahead).
6. Follow the drive round a left-hand bend to emerge on the main road by a petrol station. Turn right.
7. Cross at the traffic lights and go through the gate into the Shibden Estate.
8. Turn immediately right, up a path signposted “The Lodge”. At the Lodge turn left and follow the drive downhill.
9. Beyond a stone-domed hut on your left, pass to the right of Shibden Hall.
10. Beyond the Hall, continue on a path that leads down some steps and then curves to the left around an ornamental pond.
11. Take the path to the right, signposted to the Boating Lake.
12. On reaching the playground, walk across the grass to the lake, and turn right past the boathouse.
13. At the end of the lake, go down the steps on your right and follow the beck downstream.
14. Take the first footbridge on your left and cross the miniature railway twice to enter a wood. Swing left and follow the path parallel to the railway.
15. Keep to the right of the engine house to meet a driveway that joins the road beyond the car park.
16. Turn right and walk up the road to the junction with Old Godley Lane.
17. Take a few steps to the left then go up some stone steps in the wall opposite. Swing left below a high retaining wall to a further flight of steps on to the A58.
18. Cross carefully, turn right and take the left first (Staups Lane).
19. Keep right at Staups House (dated 1664) and follow the now cobbled lane. At the top, turn left into a driveway marked “BS”.
20. Go through a gap at the end of the drive and follow a pleasant paved path through fields.
21. When you meet a metalled road, turn left to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.

Shibden Dale
2 or 3½ miles: Fairly easy
A straightforward shortcut (described below, and see map) cuts this walk in half; allow 2½ hours for the full route. Several moderate climbs, and a few sections may be muddy. Includes a short tunnel.

1. From the garden of the Shibden Mill Inn, turn right through the car park out to the road, and turn left.
2. Bear left at the bottom of Whiskers Lane, then turn right into Simm Carr Lane by the bridge.
3. Just before Simm Carr Farm, turn right onto a footpath with a Calderdale Way waymark.
4. Turn left over a stile to cross a field diagonally to another stile in the far corner, then walk uphill along the field edge, which develops into a slabbred path.
5. At the top, turn right along a walled path and walk through Addersgate Farm. Exit via the entrance track and pass a couple more properties until you reach a road.
6. Turn left (Green Lane) and follow the road for ¼ mile, passing a farm on your right (Lower Northroyd) and Upper Northroyd Farm on your left.
7. Shortly after a low bungalow, turn left by a field gate on a bend and cross a stile by a second gate. Follow the walk beyond.
8. Unexpectedly, the path drops into a short narrow tunnel under a heap of quary spoil. (For the 2-mile walk, turn left on exiting the tunnel, follow the obvious descending path and jump to step 21.)
9. To continue with the longer walk, take a few steps to the right, then take a narrow path on the opposite side of the track.
10. The path may be slightly overgrown and indistinct at first; keep close to the wall on your right to pass a crossing wall under a holly tree, beyond which a clear path leads pleasantly along the edge of the dale, still keeping close to the field boundary on your right.
11. Beyond some farm buildings away to your right, cross an open field under power lines to a gateway.
12. Head for the far left-hand corner of the next field, to pick up a descending path that leads over a small stream and past a waymark post before descending to a footbridge.
13. Climb the steep bank on the other side of the stream, then skirt below the tall cypress hedges of a property before climbing to the unsurfaced entrance drive.
14. Cross the drive and follow a walled path below gardens, ignoring a turning to the right. Exit over some grassed-over spoil-heaps into a narrow lane below a high retaining wall.
15. Follow the road left, then turn left into a farm drive signposted “Hanging Royd”.
16. Before the farm, swing right and follow a stony zig-zag path down to a pumping station.
17. Follow the road beyond and turn left at a T-junction.
18. After entering woodland, and by the remains of a building, take a sharp left turn before a gate, onto a stony footpath that descends steeply through woodland. On reaching an open area, turn right and then left before a pond, between two old gateposts, and descend to a footbridge.
19. Follow the path up the other side; at a stone post take the upper (left-hand) path. On meeting a track, turn right. Pass behind a stone farmhouse on your right then shortly afterwards turn right to meet a drive that leads past a second farmhouse.
20. Follow the road beyond to the bottom of the valley, where it swings left.
21. At the bridge at the bottom of Lee Lane, keep straight on to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.

Calderdale Way taster
7½ miles: Moderate
Allow 4–5 hours. Beyond Catherine Slack the route is intermittently indistinct. To extend the walk to 10½ miles, you could turn right at step 36 and follow the Shibden Hall walk from step 2 onwards.

Follow steps 1 to 5 of the Shibden Dale walk.
6. Go straight on (Paddock Road). Beyond two stone buildings on your right, turn left into Cowling Lane.
7. Just after a large boulder blocking the lane to traffic, turn right and follow the wall uphill.
8. At a farm entrance, go straight over between more boulders into a tree-lined path, still on the Calderdale Way.
9. On meeting a walled track turn left, slightly uphill, then swing left behind another farm.
10. Cross a farm drive and head uphill, eventually passing an old farmhouse on your left and then the premises of a commercial vehicle business.
11. At the main road, turn right briefly then cross carefully into Cross Lane.
12. Pass a chapel and then turn left in the hamlet of Pepper Hill.
13. Turn right into Bridge Lane, an unsurfaced no-through road. On reaching the farmyard at the far end, turn left then right into Backkens Lane.
14. When the road bends right, turn left into a walled farm track, and at the end keep on in the same direction beneath beech trees.
15. Beyond a stile, swing left down a cattle-eroded bank to cross the stream via a small footbridge (not the farm bridge) and past a Bronté Way waymark.
16. Walk uphill to a gateway and keep straight on through the end of the farmyard to a squeeze stile into a field.
17. A short way across the field, level with a stile where the Bronté Way turns right, turn left across the field and walk behind the bungalow, before joining the farm drive via a stile on your left. Turn right and pass the end of a metalled road, continuing on a descending unsurfaced track.
18. After ¾ mile, at the end of the track, turn right and then right again to reach the main road.
19. Turn right over the pavement then go a little way uphill along Deanstones Lane, before turning left onto a footpath, signposted to “Hazelhurst”.
20. Follow the path along the edge of the deepening valley on your left, before crossing an unsurfaced driveway to follow a walled path, ignoring a right turn. Exit over some grassed-over spoil heaps to a narrow road below a high stone retaining wall.
21. Follow the road left, then turn left into a farm drive signposted “Hanging Royd”.
22. Before the farm, swing right and follow a stony zig-zag path down to a pumping station.
23. Follow the road beyond and turn left at a T-junction. After entering woodland and before the remains of a building, go through a gateway on the right.
24. Exit the woodland and follow the remains of a wall to a stile into a walled green lane that leads up to the main road.
25. Turn left and walk down through Catherine Slack, then turn left into Swales Moor Road.
26. Rejoin the Calderdale Way on your left opposite the first buildings you encounter.
27. Zig-zag right then left as you descend through woodland, keeping right at a path junction.
28. Shortly after a gate into more open country, keep left on a briefly paved path, losing height gradually to a stile.
29. Follow a fence to meet a track that passes Scout Hall, and follow the driveway beyond out to the cobbled Lee Lane.
30. Head downhill then leave the road at the next bend, along a footpath above a house.
31. After two stiles the path climbs a little before levelling off.
32. At an indistinct fork, turn left (if you reach a stile heading up to the stony Hag Lane, you’ve missed the turning).
33. Follow the vague path downhill to pass above and beyond a stone building, to a stile on your left leading into enclosed fields (ignore a stile into woodland ahead).
34. Walk downhill (to the left of the wall) to a stile into a walled and paved track.
35. Turn left to return to the Shibden Mill Inn.