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Starting Point: Todmorden Bus Station.

Finishing Point: Todmorden Bus Station.

Walk Profile: 6.25 miles / Ascent 1256ft / Descent 1256ft.

Required Time: 3.10 - 3.5 Hours (2.5 mph).

Difficulty: 

Transport: Regular bus services from Burnley.
Ample parking next to bus station.

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1....From the bus station head up Stansfield Road (just to the left). As you around the left hand bend at the top of the hill, you will arrive at the road junction with Wellington Road (point 1). Here, turn right and head up hill for a short distance where, you will arrive at a footbridge crossing the railway line (point 2).

2....Having crossed the railway line, head up to the road directly ahead (Stansfield Hall Road). Here, turn left and head down hill until you arrive at the junction with Meadow Bottom Road (point 3). Here, turn right and head up hill.

3....Continue up hill passing the strangely shaped house (point 4) en route. When you arrive at the entrance to Hole Bottom Farm please bear off to the left and continue up hill.

4....After approx. 600 feet you will arrive at another junction (point 5). The farm track off to the right is marked as a bridal way. Here, turn right heading off up hill on the winding farm track until you arrive at the next junction (point 6). Here turn left, and once again continue heading up hill.

5....The Steepness of the climb soon levels off on this part of the walk, and is more of a gradual climb unto the next turn off and marker post (point 7).

6....From here, turn left onto a footpath quickly passing through two small wooden gates by the side of a farmhouse (point 8). You will on this footpath for some considerable time and provides good views of the area. At the top of the hill you will arrive at a small wooden gate (point 9).

7....From here the footpath heads down hill and is very easy going passing through a stile (point 10) before arriving at a dis-used farmhouse by the side of the footpath (point 11). Carry straight on and shortly after, you will see a marker post of to the right (point 12).

8....Continue along the same footpath for approx. 0.6 miles, passing through a stile (point 13) and a farm gate (point 14) before reaching your next turn off point. Eventually, you will arrive at two metal farm gates, one directly ahead, and one off to the right (point 15).

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9...Turn right here and cross the stile at the next of the meta farm gate. The footpath from here is barely visible, but as a rule of thumb, proceed straight ahead following the wall to the left until you arrive at a break in the stone wall (point 16).

10...From the break in the wall, first head off in the direction of the white farm house above and slightly off to the left. Shortly, you will see a faint footpath bearing slightly off to the right and heading towards the large boulders up on the hill and in the distance.

11...As you climb the hill, you will find yourself heading towards a small wooded area. Once there, and just to the left of a large waterfall, you will see another stile at the start of the small wood (point 17).

12...Pass through the stile and follow the footpath until you arrive at the farm track at the other end of the small wood (point 18). Here, turn right and head down the farm track until you arrive at a metal gate and stile (point 19).

13...Cross the stile and follow the wide and well worn footpath uphill passing by some of the large stones on the moor. After approx. 600 feet, and where the wide footpath bears off to the right and starts to descend, you will see a narrow footpath heading off to the left (point 20).

14...This footpath varies slightly from the marked footpath on the local OS map. Shortly you will pass two marker posts (point 21). Continue heading uphill and shortly you will arrive at the highest point on the moor, the white painted Bridestone Moor trig point mounted prominently on a rocky outcrop.

15...Once finished at the trig point, continue along the same footpath heading downhill until you arrive at a small swinging gate by the side of a minor tarmac road (Eastwood Road) (point 22). Turn right here, and for approx. 500 feet head down this road until you arrive at a junction and a road heading off to the right (point 23).

16...Here, turn right and follow the narrow road in the direction of the radio mast that you can see in the distance. Once at the radio mast the road starts to descend down to a wooden gate which has a large sculptured face to the left of it (point 24).

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17...From the gate and sculpture turn left, following the Todmorden Centenary Way for approx.0.5 miles. You will arrive at another minor road (Hey Head Road) (point 25). Turn right here and head downhill towards the local golf course (point 26).

18...Once at Todmorden golf course, pass through the narrow hole in the wall and follow the footpath which heads off to the right of the golf tee, and following a line of trees on the right hand edge of the golf course.

19...Shortly you will arrive at the first of two stiles (point 27). Cross the first stile, ignore the footpath directly ahead turning left instead, shortly afterwards crossing the second stile a short distance away. The footpath continues to follow the edge of the golf course off to the right.

20...Shortly, you will arrive at another stile (point 28). Here, you can take the footpath either side of the fence. Now you arrive at large outcrop of rock at the side of the golf course. This area provides an excellent views down into the valley below. Follow the footpath just to the left of this outcrop as it descends steeply downhill.

21...Once at the bottom you will see a sign post and a marker post (point 29). Here, turn left and once again, follow the footpath along the golf course boundary. After approx. 850 feet, you will arrive at yet another marker post (point 30). Here, turn right.

22... The footpath follows the stone wall steeply down hill to another marker post at the bottom (point 31). Once there, turn right. This footpath soon joins onto a tarmac road called the Mount.

23...Continue along this road until you arrive at a sharp right handed bend which is just after a row of terraced houses where, and on the left, you will see a flight of steps (point 32).

24...Descend these steps to the road at the bottom of the hill. You are now back on Stansfield Hall Road. Turn right here until you arrive at the electricity sub station which is at the side of a small play area (point 2).

25...Follow the footpath off to the left and head back towards the footbridge that crosses the railway line. Having crossed the railway line, head down Wellington Road turning left and back onto Stansfield Road.

26...Follow this road all the way back to the bus station and the finish point.

Bridestone Moor Trig Point Map.

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