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THE 1826 WEAVERS UPRISING BICENTENNIAL WALKS 2026

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WALKING THROUGH HISTORY - THE REMEMBRANCE WALKS 2026

To commemorate the bicentenary of the Weavers Uprising 1826, throughout the spring and summer months of 2026 the WUBC has organised a series of free guided walks recreating all the routes taken by protesting weavers in Pennine Lancashire, the West Riding of Yorkshire, and the city of Carlisle. The Bicentennial Walks build upon and develop previous remembrance walks organised by the WUBC over the last four years (inaugural walks, April, 2022).

The protests on foot taken by thousands of weavers were long and arduous, undertaken by people who were poor, starving, and under threat of arrest or violence from the unsympathetic authorities. Walking in the footsteps of the weavers and recreating their journeys through the industrial towns, across fields, and over the moors, helps establish a physical and emotional link with their forgotten stories from two hundred years ago. The network of roads, tracks and paths followed by the weavers remains largely intact, allowing walkers today to literally retrace their footsteps through history.

FOLLOWING THE ROUTES

The 14 Remembrance Walks have been organised to follow the historic events of the Weavers Uprising 1826 and recreate the following routes taken by the handloom weavers:

PENNINE LANCASHIRE:

- 24 April 1826 Whinney Hill to Low Moor, Clitheroe (Walk 1)
 Whinney Hill to Accrington, Oswaldtwistle
 and Blackburn (Walk 2)
- 25 April 1826 Earcroft, Darwen to Huddlesden
 and Helmshore (Walk 3 and Walk 14)
- 26 April 1826 Haslingden to Rawtenstall, Edenfield and Chatterton (Walk 4)
 Chatterton to Summerseat and Bury (Walk 5)
 Chatterton to Waterfoot and Bacup (Walk 6)
- 27 April 1826 Tockholes to Brinscall and Chorley (Walk 7)

CARLISLE

6th June 1826 Carlisle Old Town, along Castle Way to Shaddongate (Walks 8 and 9)

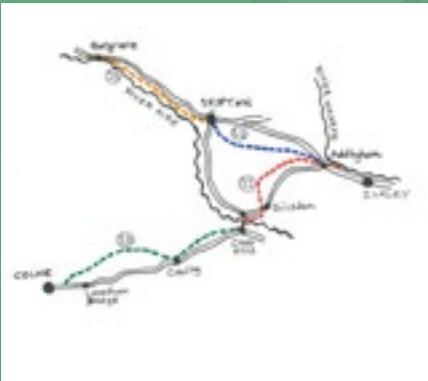
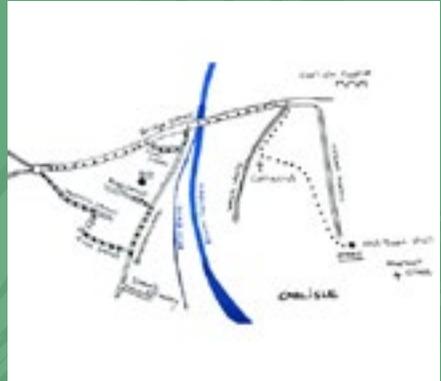
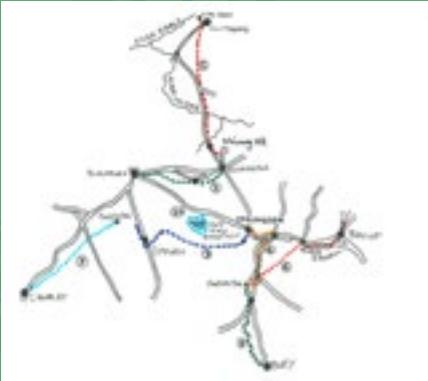
WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE:

April/May 1826 Colne to Crosshills (Walk 10)

Crosshills to Silsden and Addingham (Walk 11)

April/May 1826 Addingham to Skipton (Walk 12)

Skipton to Gargrave (Walk 13)



Top Left: Pennine Lancashire walks 1-7 and 14

Above: Carlisle, Old Town Hall to Shaddongate Walks 8-9

Left: West Riding walks 10-13

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WEAVERS UPRISING BICENTENNIAL WALKS PROGRAMME 2026

MARCH 2026

Saturday 21 March **Walk 1:** Whinney Hill to Low Moor, Clitheroe (11 ½ miles)

Sunday 29 March **Walk 2:** Whinney Hill to Blackburn (10 miles)

APRIL 2026

Saturday 18 April **Walk 3:** Darwen to Helmshore (11 miles)

Sunday 19 April **Walk 4:** Haslingden to Chatterton (8 miles)

MAY 2026

Saturday 2 May **Walk 5:** Chatterton to Elton, Bury (6 ½ miles)

Sunday 10 May **Walk 6:** Chatterton to Bacup (8 miles)

Saturday 30 May **Walk 7:** Tockholes to Chorley – plus WUBC Commemorative event (9 miles)

JUNE 2026

Saturday 6 June **Walk 8:** Carlisle Bicentennial Walk and Event (2 miles)

Sunday 7 June **Walk 9:** Carlisle Remembrance Walk (2 miles)

Saturday 13 June **Walk 10:** Ball Grove, Colne to Cross Hills (9 miles)

Saturday 20 June **Walk 11:** Cross Hills to Addingham (9 miles)

Friday 26 June **Walk 12:** Addingham to Skipton (7 ½ miles)

Saturday 27 June **Walk 13:** Skipton to Gargrave (7 miles)

AUGUST 2026

Sunday 16 August **Walk 14:** Calf Hey Reservoir Accessible Walk (1 ½ miles)

PLEASE NOTE: All mileages are approximate.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WALKS

All the walks are free but require booking in advance if you wish to participate. Please book on individual walks by contacting the Walks Coordinator, Nick Burton, via email at wubc2026walks@gmail.com or phone **07864 627134**.

All the walks will be led by experienced walk leaders and volunteers.

Please be aware that the walks are linear in nature (apart from Walk 14 and the Carlisle walks). Many of the walks are long, strenuous and involve rough moorland paths, stiles, steep gradients and steps.

Participants may be responsible for arranging their own transport back to the start points of the walks. Information on times, start and finish points and transport options will be provided once participants are booked on the walks.

All the walks have a maximum number of participants allowed.

Walk 14 – a Calf Hey Reservoir circular - is an accessible, easy paced walk available to all and is suitable for families, buggies and wheelchairs.

**PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, SUITABLE FOOTWEAR
AND BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS/PACKED LUNCH.**



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

If you are interested in supporting any of the walks as a volunteer, please contact the Walks Coordinator Nick Burton for more information at wubcwalks2026@gmail.com or phone **07864 627134**.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE 1826 WEAVERS UPRISING

If you would like to know more about the uprising, the Chatterton massacre, and the wider context of societal conditions that led to these events, including why this tragedy has for so long been misinterpreted or forgotten, please do look at the Weavers Uprising Bicentennial Committee Website and look out for our forthcoming public events: www.weavers-uprising.org.uk/projects/

The website provides further details about:

- The work of the WUBC and volunteer/supporter opportunities;
- Projects and online resources;
- Educational materials for adults;
- Details of the routes of the four day uprising;
- Details of the 2026 Bicentennial walks and gallery of pictures from previous walks;
- A contact form to get in touch with the WUBC.

The bicentennial commemorations of the 1826 Weavers Uprising will take place throughout 2026 at several different sites.

- Chatterton Massacre Bicentenary – Sunday 26 April 2026
- Bradford Bicentenary Commemoration – Sunday 3 May 2026
- Carlisle Bicentenary Commemoration – Saturday 6 June 2026

