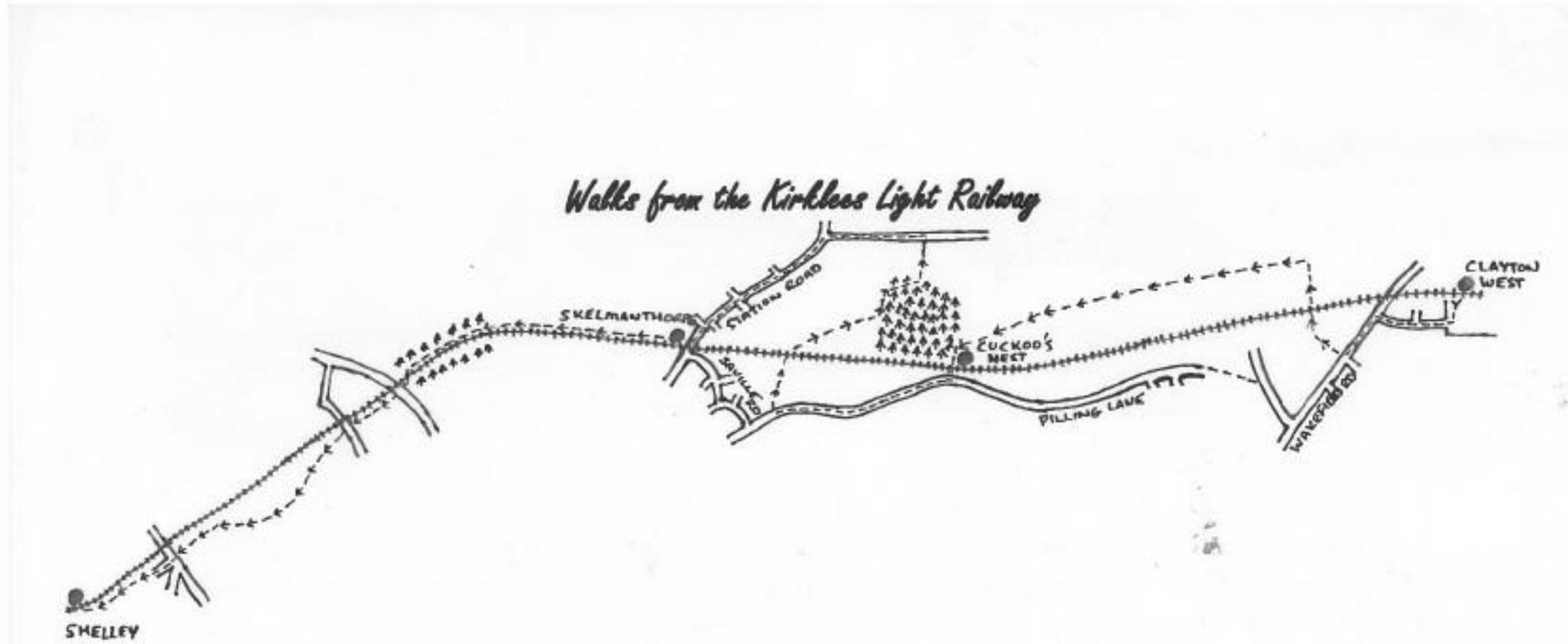


The Kirklees Light Railway - Family Walking Routes



The following guide contains three short family walks from the KLR stations. The walks take roughly 40 minutes each and are ideal for children and adults alike.

In all cases buy train tickets at Clayton West booking office if you are planning on returning by train.

Family Walks

Walk One - Clayton West to Cuckoo's Nest - 1.2 miles

Leave at the same time as a train departs and you will arrive at Cuckoo's Nest in time for the next train.

Walk out of Clayton West Station car park and back down onto Wakefield Road. Turn left and walk to Albert Road. Cross the main road here and carry on along the public footpath. You will climb a stile and then continue through a tunnel under the railway. Continue for another few minutes and then turn left. You are now walking parallel to the railway. Walk through two fields and then the path veers to the left. Cuckoo's Nest will come into sight.

Walk Two - Cuckoo's Nest to Skelmanthorpe - 1.5 miles

Leave Cuckoo's Nest stop by the steps and squeeze through a hole in the wall. Walk under the railway line. Turn right onto Pilling Lane and after ten minutes turn right following a public footpath. This path takes you under the railway again and then diagonally across a field. Walk to the corner of the field and the footpath continues into Blacker Wood. After crossing a small stream, you leave Blacker Wood and climb gently through another field. Cross a stile and turn left. Turn left again onto Station Road and follow the road up to the roundabout. Skelmanthorpe station is down and on the right of the railway bridge.

Walk Three - Skelmanthorpe to Shelley Station - 1.7 miles

The footpath continues adjacent to the railway. Keep walking west, keeping the railway on your left. The path climbs whilst the railway enters a cutting and then, just after the railway enters the tunnel, you come out on the first road. The footpath continues almost straight ahead and you come to another road. This time, the continuing footpath is a little way to the right. The path is now a gentle descent as you drop back down to the railway. When you reach a road, the footpath continues straight ahead and passes to the left of a farmhouse. After just a few more minutes, you will reach Shelley Station. Climb the gate and have a well-deserved slice of cake and a cup of tea before catching the train back to Clayton West!