

G2 Hebden Dale and Crimsworth Dean

This network of densely wooded valleys and tributaries of the swift flowing Hebden Water cut through the high moorland and valley terraces to the north-west of Hebden Bridge. They are lush tree-filled valleys and contain important chains of wet pastures along the valley floors. The woodland frequently extends to the skyline and creates an enclosed intimate valley character which is reinforced by the exposed rock/crag edges along the top of the valley. In addition to the ancient upland oak woods the valley also contains plantings of oak, Scots pine and beech which relate to a nineteenth century ornamental scheme. The valleys are an important refuge for a population of red squirrel. Gibson Mill, in the heart of Hebden Dale, one of the few remaining cotton mills, has been restored by the National Trust as a visitor centre. The valleys are an important local landscape and are well used for recreation providing attractive footpath routes linking the settlements of the Calder Valley to the upland pasture and high moorland.