

GETTING TO LUMB BANK

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Hebden Bridge is on the main Manchester Victoria to Leeds line with trains from both cities at regular intervals. You can catch the E Bridger bus (Blackshaw Head) to the top of Lumb Bank's lane from the railway station or the 591 bus from Halifax or Hebden Bridge to Heptonstall village.

TAXI

You can arrange for a taxi to meet you at the station. Call Valley Taxis on 01422 844070 / 844781. Students often arrive at the same time and you may be able to share.

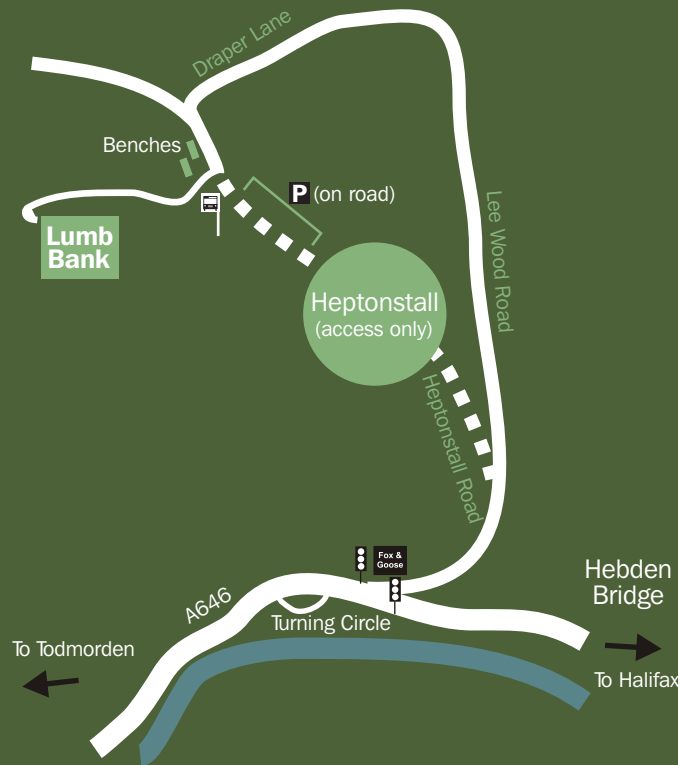
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There is no car parking at Lumb Bank (except for disabled visitors by prior arrangement). If necessary, cars may be driven down to unload luggage, but must then be parked up at the top of the lane.

From Halifax: Take the A646 through Hebden Bridge and follow signs for 'Heptonstall via turning circle'. Make use of the turning circle to double back and take the left at the traffic lights by the Fox and Goose pub up the steep hill. Do not take the left turn to Heptonstall (signed 'access only'); instead, keep driving on Lee Wood Road and then Draper Lane. As you approach houses at Slack Bottom, take the left hand turn to Heptonstall. Continue 30 yards and take the first right, signposted 'Lumb Bank' by the benches and bus stop. Follow the tarmac to the point where it ends and swings sharply to the left and you have arrived. The lane down to Lumb Bank is steep and narrow so please take care.

From Todmorden on the A646: After the sign that shows you are entering Hebden Bridge, but before the town proper, take a left at the traffic lights by the Fox and Goose pub, signposted Heptonstall, then follow the directions above.

Please **do not use Sat Nav, TomTom or internet route planners for this last stage of the journey** as they direct you to the wrong side of the valley, and you may well arrive late and very frustrated.



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WELCOME TO LUMB BANK

Wherever you are with your writing, you will be further forward after a week at Lumb Bank.

The alchemy of high quality tuition, sympathetic fellow writers, the inspirational setting and the time and space to focus entirely on your creative life, free from all the distractions of home, will all ensure that you develop as a writer.

We do some things to help. Lumb Bank does not have television, radio or internet. This really is a place of retreat where your energy can be devoted entirely to your writing. We do have a well-stocked library and computers all networked to a printer, though you may wish to bring your own laptop.

Lumb Bank is not a hotel. It is your home for the week. An Arvon week is run along communal lines with students sharing bathrooms and all taking turns cooking an evening meal as part of a group. Recipes, ingredients and plenty of guidance for these meals are provided, as are breakfast and lunch. Meals at Lumb Bank are carefully planned. We do our best to cater for special dietary requirements and we ask that you give us advance notice. Cleaners visit only at weekends: cleanliness, tidiness and washing up during the week are the responsibility of the group.

Lumb Bank is not licensed to sell alcohol, but a local wine merchant visits at the start of the week to provide good quality wine at reasonable cost.



ARRIVING AND DEPARTING

Courses start on Mondays and you should arrive between 4.30pm and 6pm. **Please do not arrive before 4.30pm.** The first 'event' is a meeting at 6pm, followed by supper at 7pm. After dinner, the tutors will give their introduction to the week. There is no set formula to Arvon courses but most follow a similar structure of workshops, one-to-one feedback on your work, readings and time for writing.

Courses finish on the Saturday morning and **you should arrange to leave by 10am.** The centre must be vacated by this time.

THINGS TO BRING

Towel(s)
A pair of house shoes / slippers
A pair of stout shoes or walking boots for outside
A waterproof jacket or coat
Warm clothing (in spite of central heating and open fires, a large country house can be cold!)
Paper and pens

You may also wish to bring examples of your work, printed out and/or on a memory stick or disk.



TELEPHONES

There is a direct line to the house on which family and friends can reach you - 01422 844100 - and on which you can call out (BT payphone). The office is open each day from 9am to 4pm on 01422 843714 and in emergencies, the centre directors can be contacted on 07523 747552. Mobile phone reception is generally good in and around the centre.

STAFF

Liz Flanagan and Rebecca Evans, centre directors, and Rachel Connor, centre assistant, manage the centre and courses. If you have any problems concerning your course, please feel free to approach them. Ilona Jones is the centre administrator and sees to your booking and grants.

DISCLAIMER

The Arvon Foundation cannot accept responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by students as a result of any event or circumstances (whether arising from natural causes, human agency, or otherwise) beyond its control. Full terms and conditions are in our current brochure and online.