

Days out in Borderlands

Beautiful walks and fascinating
places to visit in Lancashire
Yorkshire border country
by bus



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Foulridge Lower Reservoir (see Walk 1 on page 14)

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Introduction

The old Borderlands, between the historic counties of Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire - now North and West Yorkshire - lie along the valleys and catchment streams of the Ribble, Aire and Lancashire Calder rivers. On the edge of the South Pennines, Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales, they contain some surprisingly lovely, if less well known, countryside, as well as fascinating towns and villages, rich in history and heritage.

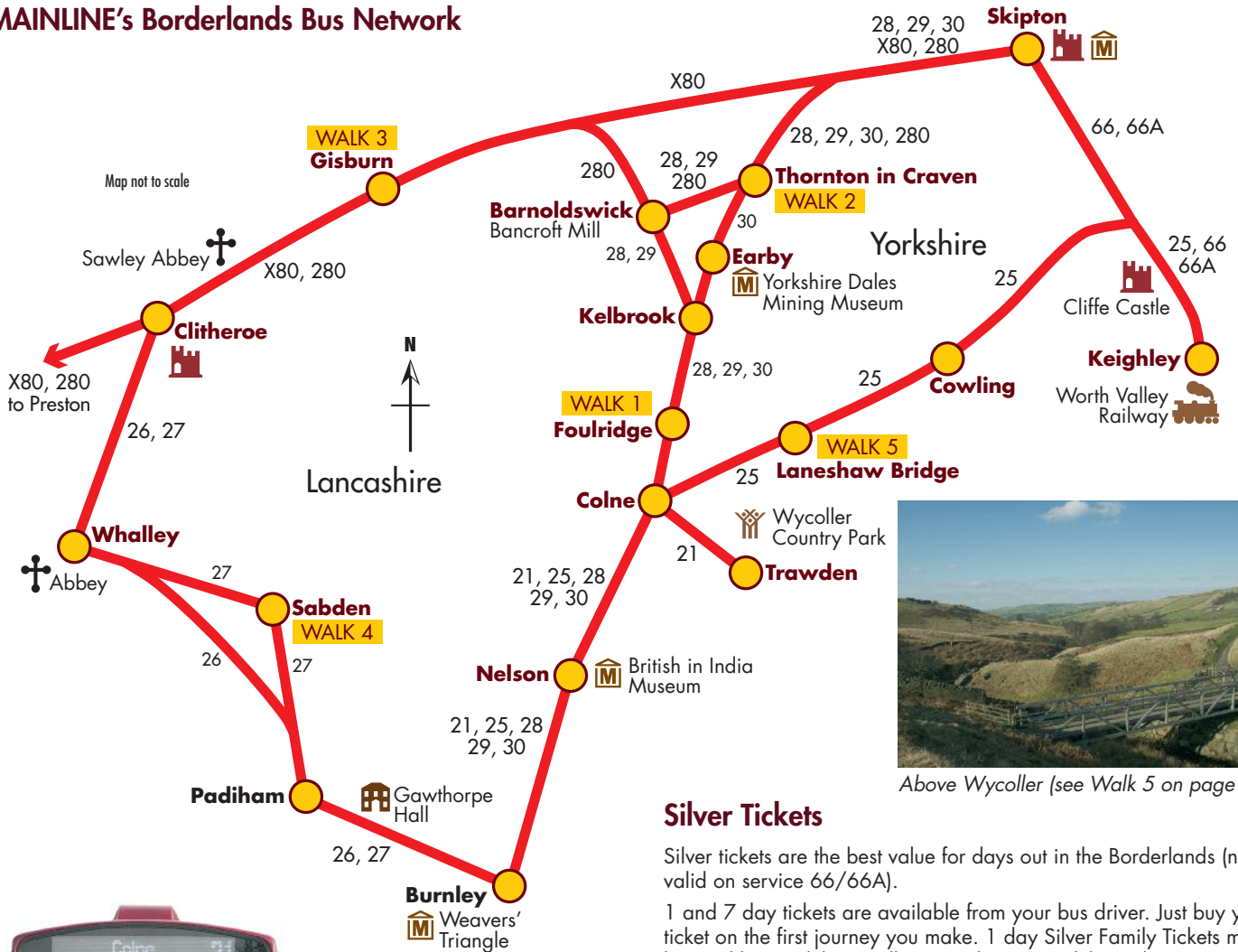
Historic boundaries may have changed, but the countryside is as lovely as ever. And access to these Borderlands has never been easier or greener thanks to a network of modern, low floor bus services running frequently between the main towns. This gives a choice of lovely, inexpensive days out - splendid point to point country rambles without the need to return to a car, memorable visits to country houses and parks, museums, castles, abbeys, heritage centres, or maybe simply lunch or an afternoon shopping in a bustling market town.

All the bus services recommended in this booklet to reach Borderlands walks or attractions are operated by Veolia Transdev, primarily Mainline services between Burnley, Nelson, Colne, Keighley, Barnoldswick, Skipton, Whalley and Clitheroe, but there's also a useful link between Skipton and Keighley with Transdev Keighley 66 and between Preston, Clitheroe and Skipton on 280/X80 with Transdev Lancashire United.

For your detailed bus times look out for the series of Mainline timetable leaflets (plus service 280/X80) which are available at tourist information centres, bus stations and in local libraries, or log onto www.lancashirebus.co.uk. Most bus stops also have up-to-date departure times displayed.



MAINLINE's Borderlands Bus Network



Above Wycoller (see Walk 5 on page 22)



Main Lion invites you to have a great day out...

Silver Tickets

Silver tickets are the best value for days out in the Borderlands (not valid on service 66/66A).

1 and 7 day tickets are available from your bus driver. Just buy your ticket on the first journey you make. 1 day Silver Family Tickets may be used by 2 adults travelling together or 2 adults and up to 2 children or 1 adult and up to 3 children*. Tickets are not restricted to family members, but are available to any group travelling together.

Silver 1 Day

- Adult £5.50
- Child £4.00
- Family £11.00
- Student £4.95

Silver 7 Day

- Adult £18.00
- Child £10.80
- Student £16.20

* Qualifying children must be aged under 16, or be in possession of a valid Saver Card.

Clitheroe

Clitheroe is dominated by its fine Norman Castle, built in 1186 by Robert de Lacy, reputedly with the second smallest keep of any castle in England. It is perched on a high limestone knoll above the little town, with its narrow winding main street of old shops and inns. The steep walk to the Castle ramparts offers visitors a breathtaking view across Ribblesdale to Pendle Hill and the Bowland fells.

There is a bustling market in the town on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and both the main High Street and connecting side streets have a variety of fascinating shops, galleries and cafés to explore.

However, it is the newly refurbished award-winning **Castle Museum** in the castle bailey which is Clitheroe's top attraction. Designed to appeal to the whole family, with interactive displays, as well as special exhibitions and children's activity events, the Museum tells the story of Clitheroe and Lancashire over 350 million years, from geology and fossils, landscape and wildlife, to early human settlements, then more recent history including Cavaliers and Roundheads (who captured the castle in the Civil War) the notorious Lancashire Witches, and both industrial and local history, as well as tales of some of Clitheroe's heroes. There is a café in the Museum, and picnic and activity areas in the 16 acres of park and gardens that surround the Castle.

The Castle is open daily from 11 am to 5 pm (4 pm in winter). Admission: adults £3.75, concessions £2.75, accompanied children free. For details of special family events ring 01200 424568 or Google 'Clitheroe Castle Museum'.



Clitheroe Castle



Skipton Castle

Skipton

With its magnificent, superbly preserved medieval castle and ancient parish church at the head of its busy High Street, Skipton is an outstanding example of a Norman market town that has kept its character for almost a thousand years. The narrow medieval tofts and crofts provide alleyways and courtyards now filled with boutique shops and cafes, whilst the High Street is notable for its popular market (market days Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays), its old inns and shops. The **Leeds and Liverpool Canal** which winds its way through the town offers daily boat trips in the summer, and the pleasant marina area includes an evocative statue of the late Fred Trueman, the iconic England pace bowler. Intrepid explorers can follow the old Springs Branch canal towpath behind the huge defensive wall of the Castle which leads past a fine old water mill into picturesque Skipton Woods.

The **Craven Museum** in the Town Hall has outstanding displays of Dales history and life, including the lead mining industry, and there are regular events (details 01756 706407). The Museum is open daily (except Tuesdays and Sundays), admission free.

Not to be missed is the 900 year old **Skipton Castle** that survived a siege by Cromwell's men in 1643-5. Features include a magnificent gatehouse, banqueting hall, bedrooms, the conduit courtyard, a well, and even a 'privy'. There is a tearoom and shop. Open daily from 10am (12 noon Sundays) until 6pm, 4pm in winter. Admission is £6.50 (adults), concessions £5.90, children £3.90.



The canal at Skipton

Gawthorpe Hall

Magnificently restored in Victorian times, this great Jacobean mansion, in attractive gardens in a woodland and riverside setting, was for centuries the family home of the Shuttleworth family, whose members included Sir James Kay-Shuttleworth, the great social reformer (friend of Charlotte Brontë, the famous writer) and his granddaughter Rachel Kay Shuttleworth, who did much to revive the art of needlecraft in England. Rachel's outstanding collection of embroidery is of national importance, and forms the basis of the major collection at Gawthorpe Hall, which is owned by the National Trust (managed by Lancashire County Council). As well as the wonderful collections of embroidery and textiles, the hall has Victorian and Jacobean furniture, paintings, and even the actual settee used by Charlotte Brontë on her visits from nearby Howarth.

Grounds: open daily, free admission. House and Tea Room: April until end of October, daily except Mondays and Fridays (open Bank Holidays) 1 - 5pm (tea room 12.30 - 4.30pm). Adults £4, concessions £3, child free when accompanied by an adult.

Getting to Gawthorpe Hall: Mainline Buses 22, 23, 26, 27 and Lancashire United bus 152 from Burnley, Clitheroe or Preston to Padiham. Get off at Kiddrow Gate by Habergham Lodge (between St Joseph's School and George IV Inn) to walk along Kiddrow Lane, a traffic free track through woods direct to the Hall.



Gawthorpe Hall

Whalley Abbey

Whalley Abbey, a 14th century Cistercian Monastery, was once the second wealthiest religious house in Lancashire. Its beautiful ruins on the banks of the River Calder are now laid out in pleasant gardens. The adjacent 15th century Abbots Lodgings and Infirmary were converted into a manor house in Tudor times and is now an Anglican retreat and conference centre.

There is a small Visitor Centre at the Abbey, with exhibitions and a model of the Abbey as it would have appeared in 1520. The popular Cloisters Coffee Shop serves refreshments and light meals. Admission to the Abbey grounds is £2, children 50p.

As well as the impressive arched gateway to the Abbey itself, some 400 metres along the lane to the northwest is the Abbey's magnificent Gatehouse (English Heritage - admission free) spanning the lane. Above its great vaulted archway there was probably a medieval chapel.

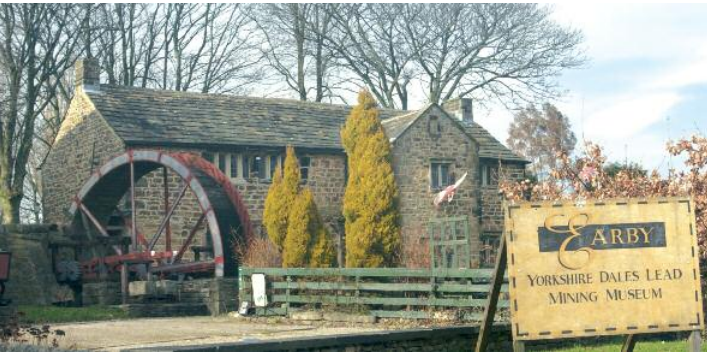


Window into Monk's Day Room

Getting to Whalley Abbey: Mainline Buses 22, 26, 27 and Lancashire United buses 152, 280 and X80 from Burnley, Skipton, Clitheroe and Preston to Whalley. Get off in the village centre by the bus station and walk along Church Lane from alongside the De Lacy Arms, past the parish church, to the main Abbey entrance where Church Lane meets The Sands.



Gateway to Whalley Abbey



Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum, Earby

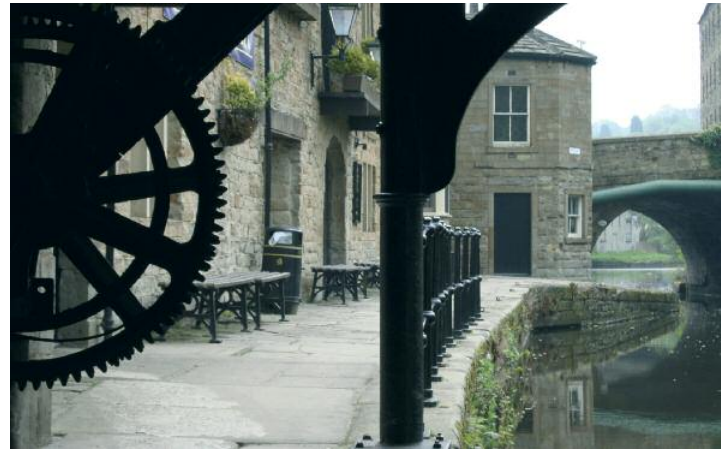
Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum, Earby

Earby's 16th century Old Grammar School houses the country's most important collection of artefacts from the great lead mining industries that shaped much of the landscape and many typical villages of the Yorkshire Dales.

The great Kettlewell Providence mine waterwheel and ore crusher is just one of several striking outdoor exhibits, but inside there's a treasure house of displays and exhibits from smelt mills and mines from mines in Airedale, Wharfedale, Wensleydale and Swaledale, including machinery, tool, miners' equipment, personal items, photographs, documents, and models of a working mine, all superbly displayed.

Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays 11am - 5pm Easter to end of October. Winter: Sundays only 11am - 4pm. Admission: adults £2.50, seniors £2, children £1, families £6.

Getting to Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum: Mainline 28 and 30 from Burnley, Nelson or Skipton to Earby Bus Station then short walk along School Lane to Museum entrance.



Weavers' Triangle

Burnley and the Weavers' Triangle

As well as its pedestrianised shopping areas including the Charter Walk Centre, Burnley has one of the largest and most popular Markets in Lancashire - both an indoor Market Hall (open daily except Sundays), and an Open Market with 142 market stalls for anyone looking for bargains.

Not to be missed for heritage seekers is the **Weavers' Triangle**. Here, alongside the historic Leeds and Liverpool Canal, a historic Victorian townscape (with an inn) has been preserved and recreated. The Visitor Centre explores how textile and canal workers lived and worked during the last two centuries. It's a short walk to Oak Mount Mill where a restored mill steam engine is demonstrated on certain weekends of the year, and you can also walk from here by the towpath along Burnley's celebrated Straight Mile, a section of the canal built between 1796 and 1801, which carries the waterway along an aqueduct 60 feet above the town, a feat of engineering considered one of the seven wonders of Britain's waterways.

The Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre is open Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays until the end of September 2 - 4pm; weekends only in October. Admission free (donations welcome). For further details and Oak Mount Mill steaming days ring 01282 452403 or log onto www.weaverstriangle.co.uk

Getting to Weavers' Triangle: From the bus station entrance, turn left to cross Red Lion Street towards the Central Library and square. Turn right in front of the Library along Grimshaw Street to Manchester Road. Left here, passing the Town Hall, over the Calder Bridge and up to the busy junction with Hammerton Road. Continue uphill to the canal bridge - Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre is on the right.



Town Centre, Burnley

British in India Museum, Nelson

Lancashire's best kept secret - this unique museum is a treasure house dealing with the long and sometimes stormy history of Britain's relationship with India. On display are swords, commemorative boxes and plates, fascinating models of temples carved in ivory, a silver filigree coach, photographs, letters, documents, paintings, relics of Mahatma Ghandi and the writers Rudyard Kipling and E M Forster (of *Passage to India* fame, whose native Indian garments are displayed), as well as the skin of a huge tiger shot in Central India in 1915.



There are also beautifully observed models of soldiers, traditional basket makers, street traders, water carriers, snake charmers and a traditional bazaar. The Museum illustrates many of the rich cross-cultural influences between the two great nations.

Opening times: Mondays to Fridays 10am - 4pm, closed Saturday and Sundays. Admission: adults £3.50, children 50p.

Getting to the British in India Museum: Take any Mainline Bus between Burnley, Nelson and Colne and alight at Hildrop Road, (400 metres on the Colne side of Nelson town centre). Approximately 5 minutes walk from the Mainline bus stop. Walk down Hildrop Road, going under the railway bridge to Hallam Road and the Museum is in the second mill on the left, Hendon Mill, (Door Step Storage) at a small green door.



Cliffe Castle

Keighley

Keighley may be a busy West Yorkshire industrial town, but there's plenty to provide a rewarding day out in any weather. The town has a compact main shopping area including attractive Cavendish Street and just behind the bus station is the covered Airedale shopping centre and busy indoor market (market days Mondays to Saturdays - half day Tuesday).

But just outside Keighley, served directly by the Mainline 25 and Transdev in Keighley 66, 762, 765 bus services (get off at park entrance) is **Cliffe Castle**, a magnificent mansion built by the Victorian textile millionaire H I Butterfield. This is now a spectacular setting for a fine museum with fossils, (including a two metre long fossil newt) insects, birds, ceramics, William Morris glass, dolls, toys as well as varied changing exhibitions. Café in the grounds, and there is also a small aviary, expansive gardens, parkland and play areas. Open daily (except Mondays 10am - 5pm (Sundays from 12 noon), admission free.

Train buffs also know Keighley as the home of the celebrated **Worth Valley Railway** of 'Railway Children' fame - a 4½ mile preserved railway, beautifully restored as a 1950s era branch railway from Keighley to the Brontë village of Haworth and Oxenhope, operated by steam locomotives with period carriages, every weekend and daily in school holidays. Keighley Station is about 8 minutes walk from the Bus Station. For details of train times and for special events ring 01535 642214 or log onto www.kwvr.co.uk



Main Lion and a steam train on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

Walk 1 A Waterway spectacular Foulridge Reservoir to Barnoldswick

Start: Mainline bus 28, 29 or 30 to Foulridge. St Michael's School, Lakeside by Lower Foulridge Reservoir, on Colne side of Foulridge.

Finish: Barnoldswick centre.

Distance: 5 miles, 8km easy. **Time:** 2½ hours.

Terrain: Towpath and reservoir edge paths, with two short sections of fieldpath.

Refreshment facilities: Café Cargo coffee shop, Foulridge Tunnel; Anchor Inn Salterforth, choice of inns, cafes in Barnoldswick.

Toilets: Salterforth & Barnoldswick.

This walk begins with a pleasant stroll around scenic Foulridge Lower Reservoir, a major water supply for the historic Trans-Pennine Leeds and Liverpool Canal, whose towpath is then followed from Foulridge Tunnel at the canal's summit, crossing the ancient West Riding boundary to the old mill town of Barnoldswick.

Alight from your Mainline bus in either direction, at the edge of Foulridge Reservoirs, walking in the Colne direction following the wooden fence over Kirk Bridge alongside the reservoir. Go through the gap at the far side of the bridge, turning sharp right along the narrow path along the edge of the reservoir, enjoying increasingly attractive views of Pennine hills above the shimmering water, with interesting birdlife including coot and crested grebe.

At the head of the reservoir, keep left at the wire fence around the sailing club enclosure, descending to cross two little white footbridges across the reservoir feed conduits, then bear right along the track behind the club house to rejoin what is a broad track by the northern bank of the reservoir, past benches to enjoy more fine views. Amazingly, the totally hidden Foulridge tunnel runs a few metres to the north, below ground.

Where the track narrows to a stone causeway, take the ladder stile leading to the path left which climbs up a field. Head for an old stile and tree ahead, following a faint hollow over the brow of the slope. Bear slightly right to a stile to the left of bungalow gardens ahead then descend an enclosed way between the gardens leading to a cobbled drive. Go right through the metal gate to a junction of tracks, where you turn left with the Heritage waymark (opposite house no. 2) to the lane. Turn right here to the road junction then left down past the junction with Station Road along Warehouse Lane following signs down to Foulridge canal wharf.

On the canal side look left to see and perhaps examine the eastern entrance to the mile long Foulridge Tunnel, noting traffic lights to avoid boats meeting mid tunnel. To your right is Café Cargo (open daily) with excellent coffee and home made cakes.

Easy, level walking from here, along the beautiful summit stretch of the 127 mile cross Pennine Leeds and Liverpool Canal, some 487

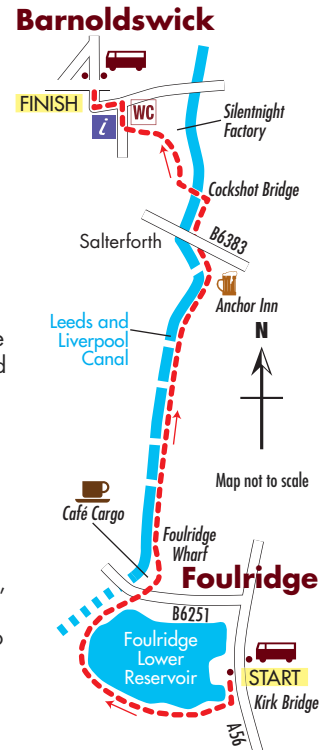


Leeds and Liverpool Canal near Foulridge

feet above sea level, as it contours above a shallow valley, via Daubers Hollinhurst, Mill Hill and Hatters bridges. Moored and moving barges and leisure craft add colour to the walk, as do both mallard and swans, some bridges still retaining their anti-friction rollers. Look out for the historic Lancashire/Yorkshire West Riding boundary signs on the canal side before Salterforth. The Anchor Inn by Salterforth Bridge (3½ miles) offers refreshments (toilets and return buses from village centre on main road).

Otherwise continue to Park Bridge under the B6383 but at the next bridge, Cockshot, cross to leave the towpath and turn sharp right along a broad track parallel to the canal, heading past a junction towards the white factory buildings, ahead. Where the track meets a high fence, turn left along the path around the fence, going sharp right at a crossing of paths, now following a newer stony path into young woodland, going alongside remains of a wall, as you pass the outside of the famous Silentnight bedding factory.

At the wooden stile at the end of the wood, turn left following a well used informal path climbing alongside the fence by the wood, ascending grassland known as Long Ing, behind houses. Keep ahead over the brow of a low hill before descending to a stile leading into a parking area behind houses. Keep ahead up the hill into Clifford Street, turn right to Rainhall Road, turn left up to the traffic lights, then right into the centre of Barnoldswick for bus stops, toilets, shops and refreshment.



Walk 2 Pinhaw Beacon on the Pennine Way Thornton in Craven to Earby

Start: Thornton in Craven: Mainline bus 28, 29, 30 and 872 from Burnley to Skipton (also Lancashire United 280 Preston - Skipton via Barnoldswick).

Finish: Earby: Mainline buses 2-3 buses per hour to Burnley, hourly to Skipton (weekdays only).

Distance: 5¼ miles, 8½km. **Time:** 2½ hours.

Terrain mostly fieldpaths and tracks; total steep ascent of 170m (550ft).

Refreshment facilities: Red Lion pub in Earby or DD's café / delicatessen (Mon - Fri and until 1pm Sat). Also Punch Bowl pub on the edge of Earby on Skipton Road. **Toilets:** Earby Bus Station.

A short but spectacular hill walk along the Pennine Way, Britain's first National Trail, to the summit of Pinhaw, one of the finest viewpoints in the Pennines. This is also a typical Borderlands walk, starting in the White Rose county of North Yorkshire before ending in Earby, just across the Red Rose boundary into Lancashire.

From the bus stops in the centre of Thornton in Craven, go down Old Road just beyond the pelican crossing. Follow the lane downhill out of the village; after the old railway bridge keep straight ahead on the farm track following the well signed Pennine Way - look for the distinctive National Trail acorn waymarks.

Continue past Brown House Farm, then follow the Pennine Way signs pointing left out of the farmyard onto a grassy path. Going to the right of a line of trees and a water trough. The path then bends left to cross a little stream over a very small wooden bridge. Go through the gate ahead, then turn right to go up the hill slope. The Pennine Way now follows the stream, climbing steeply up the hill, just to the left of the deep gully.

At the next field gate at the top of the field, take the footpath right which leads around the outside of a field. There are magnificent views back across the Yorkshire Dales as far as Malham Cove. Continue up to the tall Pennine Way footpath signs above, alongside a footbridge. Go over the bridge and follow the Pennine Way left up the hillside, a section on duckboards as the path enters damp moorland. Cross a stile into the open moorland of Stone Pit Hill. Follow the narrow path alongside the wall, along sections of stone causeway. At the next gate, head straight ahead up to the narrow road, Clogger Lane, and follow it to the junction. Cross the road to take the unsurfaced track directly ahead. Follow the track until it levels out, and at the fork take the left track which soon winds up through heather to the trig point (or triangulation station) on the summit of Pinhaw Beacon.

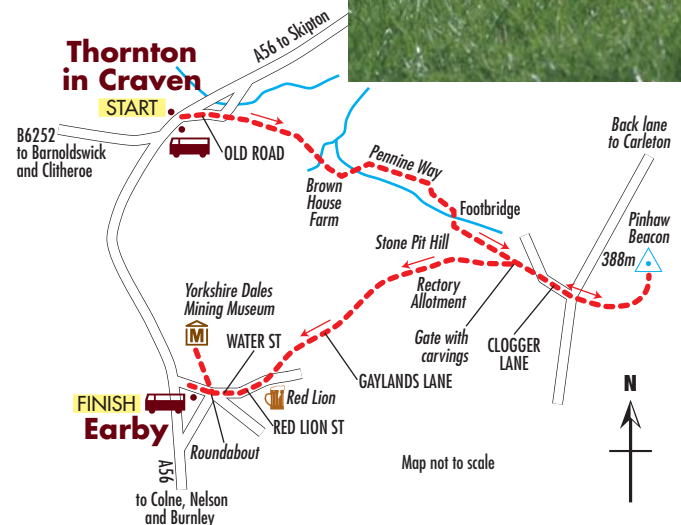
Pinhaw Beacon (388 metres) is one of the great chain of Beacons by which, in Tudor Times, messages could be transmitted across

England though Beacon signal fires. This hilltop offers panoramic views around the surrounding Pennine moors.

The next stage is easy: retrace your steps back down the hill, down the track to the road junction. Follow the road back down as far as the path to the gate where, etched into the stone by the gate, are waymarks: 'YHA' (indicating the Youth Hostel in Earby). Follow this route which forks to the left. The broad grassy path crosses the open moorland again, with the little mill town of Earby stretched out before you, and Barnoldswick on the hillside above. The way gradually descends, crossing some boggy terrain before emerging at a gate at a tarmac lane - Gaylands Lane. Turn left onto the lane which goes through a gate above Thornton Highgate farm, before becoming a gravelly track, soon crossing the county boundary, before dropping steadily down into Earby.

Where the track ends, turn right at the Red Lion pub, and follow the road into the town centre.

Turn right at the next junction and go down Water Street alongside the stream to the roundabout. Turn left for the bus station, shops, café and toilets, or right for the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum see page 10.



Walk 3 Along the Ribble Way Gisburn to Sawley Abbey

Start: Lancashire United X80/280 Ribble Valley Express, Preston - Clitheroe - Skipton. Get off at Gisburn, Travellers Rest.

Finish: Sawley. Lancashire United Ribble Valley Express 280/X80 Skipton - Clitheroe - Preston.

Distance: 5¼ miles, 8.4km. **Time:** 3½ hours, allow additional time if visiting Sawley Abbey.

Terrain mostly fieldpaths, and some tracks/lanes, with some steep sections.

Refreshment facilities: Pubs and cafes in Gisburn, pub in Sawley.

Toilets: Gisburn, Mill Lane and Spread Eagle Inn, Sawley (customers only).

A walk along a lovely section of one of Lancashire's most popular long distance paths, in the edge of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Part of the route follows a beautiful section of the River Ribble in a narrow gorge by scattered woodland, ending at the picturesque ruins of Sawley Abbey.

From Gisburn village centre on the A59, walk towards Clitheroe, then turn right down Mill Lane (toilets) to soon leave the village, passing Ribblesdale Park. Turn left at the entrance to Coppy House along a tarmac drive.

Go over the cattle grid to the pink house then go left of the house and down the right side of the yard to take the footpath at the corner, signed as the Ribble Way (look out for the wavy Ribble Way waymarks along the whole of this walk). Go through the gates and over the field heading in a 1 o'clock direction to the next gate and through the plantation to the following gate. Go over the footbridge then turn right to go up to a gate; then passing a waymark on the field corner, head to a stile behind the tree.

Join the tarmac lane turning right then down the hill. The Ribble Way peels off on a bend, passes New Laithe Barn continuing in the same direction along a fence then a hedge. The path then bends right towards the river and approaches it along a high slope.

The Ribble Way descends down to the River Ribble before going left up a slope and some steep steps. The path climbs up the slope then, going via a steep gully, bends into a field. The path then heads up by a line of trees towards Long Holme Row Farm, turning off right just before, through a gate by a barn. Then, after a ladder stile, the path follows the field edge to cross over a railway bridge and merges onto a lane by Gisburn Coates Farm. Turn right onto the track.

Follow the Ribble Way signs to the road and by the next farm go into the field, the sign indicating the way across the field to the right of the power line. The path bends left and then continues straight ahead, crossing a farm track, then along a beautiful, ancient green



Sawley Abbey

lane with a boulevard of trees. In the next open field turn right onto a track, then go left before the next gate to

pass to the right of the stone circle. Continue straight ahead past a small shed and wood, beyond which the Ribble Way goes through the metal gate on the right. Cross the field looking for the footpath sign, ahead on the right in the field corner.

Join the track and head downhill, passing a farm and following the farm track and lane towards Sawley. As you approach the village note the turn off through a narrow gate before the cattle grid, to a lower lane, right, which takes you into Sawley village. Bear left at the junction past the popular Spread Eagle Inn.

The entrance to Sawley Abbey is a few metres further on to the left. This Cistercian abbey was founded in 1148. Eventually becoming major landowners in both Lancashire and Yorkshire, it was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1536, but the monks came back briefly to the Abbey later that year, during the abortive Pilgrimage of Grace. After the collapse of the rebellion its ringleaders were arrested, including the Abbot of Sawley who was executed. The ruins (English Heritage) enjoy an impressive backdrop of hills. Open daily - entrance free.

From Sawley bus C2 goes hourly (weekdays) from the Spread Eagle direct to Clitheroe; otherwise walk quarter of a mile up to the junction with the main A59. Turn left to the bus stop for buses towards Barnoldswick (280) and Skipton (X80 and 280), or cross with great care to the bus stop on the right for X80/280 for Clitheroe, Whalley and Preston.

Walk 4 Sabden to Padiham

Start: Sabden, Four Lane Ends (village centre). Hourly bus to Clitheroe, Mainline service 27.

Finish: Padiham: Frequent buses to Burnley, Whalley and Preston.

Distance: 5¼ miles, 8.4km. **Time:** 3 hours.

Terrain mostly track and some paths; one ascent of 60m (200ft).

Refreshment facilities: sandwich bar and pub in Sabden, pub in Higham, pubs and cafés in Padiham. **Toilets:** Sabden, Padiham Memorial Park, Church Street.

This walk goes from the pretty village of Sabden, on the flanks of Pendle Hill and up the quiet valley of Sabden Brook before going over a ridge and town into the Calder Valley. There are wide views across the Pendle District with the high moors above providing a rugged backdrop to the linear stretch of towns in the distance. After descending to the River Calder the walk follows Grove Lane into Padiham. The route passes Grove Lane Plantation, which, contrary to its verdant nature today, was heavily industrialised with coal mining right up to the mid-twentieth century.



Footbridge near Sabden

At the crossroads, turn left, and just before the village hall turn right, the path being the Pendle Way which goes through a gap stile. Crossing over the busy A6068, the Pendle Way then continues across a field to a stile and joins a lane.

Follow the lane for about 1 mile down the slope all the way to the river. Near the end, the track peels away to the farm - continue down to the river and then turn right.

Continue along the lane for about 1 mile, and by the second set of notices for Grove Lane Plantation turn left to take the path in the wood. Take the next right, the path passing several signs describing the "Trail of Words" in the woods.

By the mini car park, follow Grove Lane again towards Padiham town centre. Where the road ends, turn left to follow the road to the roundabout. Turn left for the bus stop for buses back to Burnley.



Higham

From the bus stops at the crossroads take the road opposite, Wesley Street up towards the Methodist church. Turn left by the church and right at the next junction, to take the track past the churchyard.

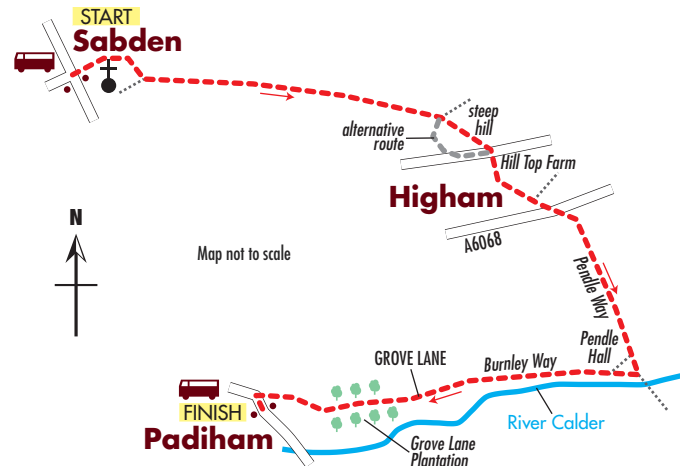
Follow the track to the gate, and then turn right onto a path which leads to a footbridge. Cross over the bridge and then turn left onto the track ahead. Follow the track for about 1 mile, then by the farm turn right over the bridge.

At the foot of the hill, the green track bends right, but instead bear left and

go up the hill in the direction of the waymark (which is on the stile on the left).

This steep climb can be avoided by continuing along the better defined track up to Stump Hall Road, then turning left along the lane as far as Hill Top Farm - but this is a narrow road with limited clearance.

Climb to the top, then head for the farm on the lane, taking a small gate in front opposite the farmhouse. Turn left and by the far side of the barn take the footpath leading off right, then through a wooden gate and go along the field edge. Go over the stile and head for the large white house ahead as you descend. A wooden stile is by some holly trees, after that head for the gate in the lower left hand field corner and take the stile, left. Turn left and follow the road into the centre of the village of Higham.



Walk 5 Laneshaw Bridge, Wycoller Country Park and Trawden

Start: Emott Arms, Laneshaw Bridge. Catch Mainline service 25 Burnley - Colne - Keighley.

Finish: Trawden. Mainline 23, 24, 25 to Colne and Burnley.

Distance: 5¼ miles, 8.4km; or return from Wycoller 2½ miles, 4.2km. **Time:** 3½ hours. Allow additional time if visiting Wycoller Country Park.

Terrain: field paths and tracks. Muddy in places, especially after wet weather. 140m (500ft) of ascent.

Refreshment facilities: Café in Wycoller. Pubs in Laneshaw Bridge and Trawden. **Toilets:** Laneshaw Bridge, Wycoller, Colne Bus Station.

The route starts in the village of Laneshaw Bridge, the last village in Lancashire on the road to Keighley. The walk goes through Wycoller Country Park with its crook barn and ruins of Wycoller Hall. The route then follows the Brontë Way upstream to the moorland edge of Lad Law, before descending by track and footpaths into the village of Trawden.

From the bus stops go down School Lane, then over the bridge take the next right: Carriers Row. At the end of the row of houses, turn left onto the Pendle Way. This path takes an easy route following the river upstream before bending off left. Turn right at the junction of paths, along the stone flagged path which passes below a house before emerging onto a track. Follow the track into the village of Wycoller.

The former weavers' village of Wycoller with the ruins of Wycoller Hall and the restored crook Aisled Barn (Information Centre) form the focal points of this pretty country park around by Wycoller Beck with its picturesque stone footbridges, one of which known as Clam Bridge is reputed to be 1,000 years old. There is a café and craft centre in the village.

Leaving Wycoller, take the tarmac path on the opposite side of the stream to Wycoller Hall, which leads through willow sculptures and ponds. At the end of the path, rejoin the track over the river using the stone bridge. Follow the track up as far as the junction then take the Brontë Way, which is signposted as the concrete track ahead. Follow the track up the hill and straight through the farm, Dean House, taking the grassy track that leads out by the gate and stile. Where it peters out, continue straight up the hill, passing a hollow, then a section of drystone wall, heading for the two gates. Go through the left hand gate and join the Pennine Bridleway, by a blue marked post.

Turn right and follow the path as it descends to a big wooden bridge and then follows a narrow valley, Saucer Hill Clough, up to the moorland. The path then climbs gently above the shallow valley

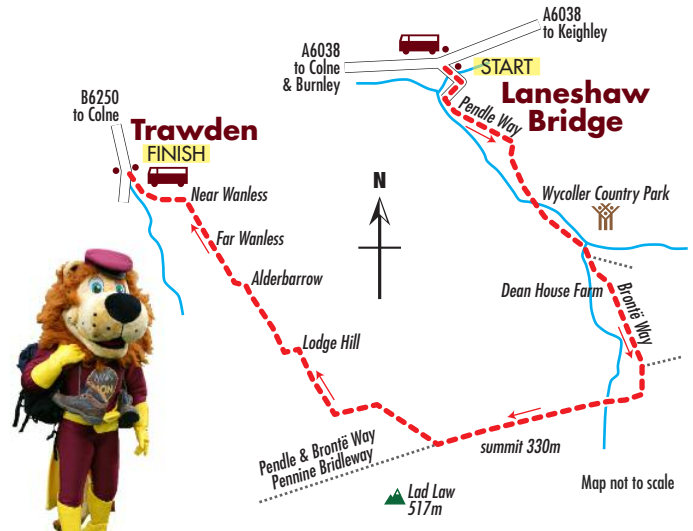


Ancient footbridge, Wycoller

before levelling out. The moorland top offers fine views to Pendle Hill and the Yorkshire Dales.

The path descends to a junction. Turn right onto the gravelly track signed for Trawden; the track becomes a road, and after about 1 km (¾ mile) by a white house, Lodge Hill, take the lower of the footpaths on the right, to follow a drystone wall to the farm. Pass the cow shed and follow the track out, then take the path leading off on the right.

This path meets a tarmac lane, carry on straight ahead, then, at the next house, Far Wanless, cut across the grass to the metal gate and take the path to Near Wanless, another farm. Go through the farm and just by the farmhouse turn left, off the track, to a stone stile below. Follow the path to cross a field and a stream and then turn left. Head downhill, and bear right to the signpost on the way down, to continue down to Trawden Brook. Follow the path up to the bridge. Turn left to cross the bridge. The bus stop for your Mainline bus back to Colne and Burnley is on the other side of the road.



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The country walks described in this booklet require strong trainers or boots. Carry rainwear, a spare sweater, water and refreshment with you at all times, and a large scale map for pathfinding. Follow the Country Code - keep to public paths, and your dogs on a lead; take only photographs, leave no litter and close gates behind you. These are recommended easy to moderate walking routes, but Transdev Burnley & Pendle can take no responsibility for any accident or loss when out on a walk.

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