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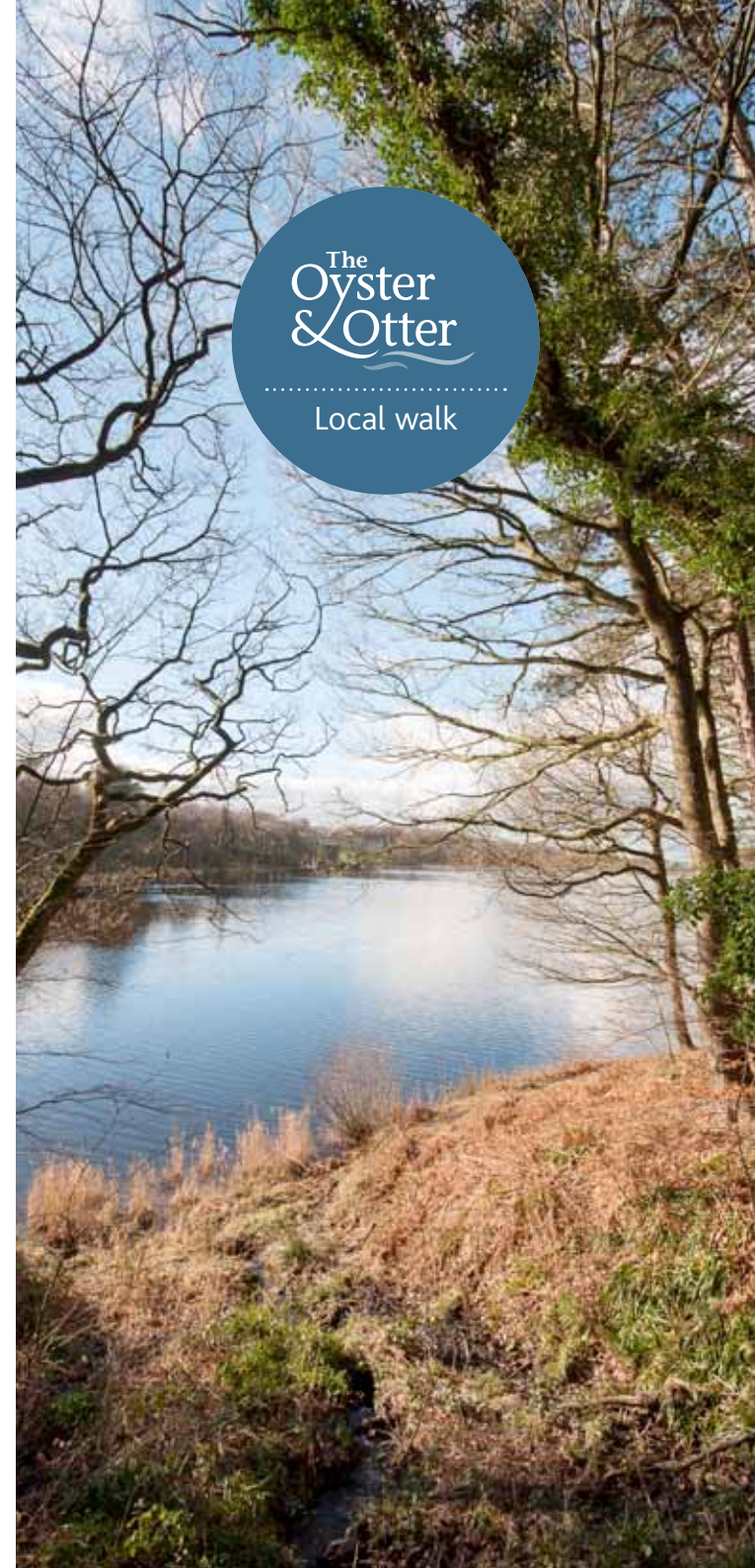
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**Start:** The Oyster & Otter, Feniscowles (GPS waypoint SD 650 252)

**Distance:** 8 miles (13km)

**Approx. Time:** 3 hours 30 minutes

**Parking:** The Oyster & Otter, Feniscowles

**Route Terrain:** Field and woodland paths, gravel tracks

**Facilities:** Available along the route

**Suitability:** Not suitable for those with prams, trampers or wheelchair users, dogs permitted

**OS Maps:** Landranger 103 (Blackburn and Burnley), Explorer 287 (West Pennine Moors)



## Your walk, step-by-step

From the Oyster & Otter, turn left and cross over the roundabout. Continue along Livesey Branch Road until you arrive at the bridge over the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Cross the road and drop down onto the canal towpath and the Witton Weavers Way. Much of this route follows the Witton Weavers Way and there are a number of marked signs along the route, to help keep you on the right track.

Pass under the bridge and continue south along the canal. After passing underneath bridge 93, turn right up the path and cross over the bridge. Go over the stile and carry on up the field, passing the lone stile. Turn left at the ladder stile and follow the direction of the overhead power lines towards the motorway. Go underneath the motorway and follow the fence line on the opposite side. Pass over a stile and carry on. Pass by the stile on the left and instead carry on to the field corner to cross the stile there.

Follow the path to the left of the tree with the orange marker, taking care not to get too close to the steep drop on the right hand side. After arriving at the steps with a wooden handrail, descend to the bottom and go over the footbridge. Make your way up the next field to the stile at the top and continue over the stile and across the next field to another stile. **A**

Make your way down to the farmyard at the bottom of the hill and pass through the yard, following the signs for the footpath. Exit via the gate at the opposite side and continue along the long, straight track beside a fence on the right. Follow the signed footpath to the right and pass over a stile. Take the next stile on the left and follow the tree line over the next pasture.

Go over a stile and along some wooden boardwalks. Drop down to the footbridge and cross over. Turn right along the track. Stay on the track all the way to the Hare and Hounds pub on the main road. **B** Look left towards Darwen Tower in the distance and locate the sign for Roddlesworth reservoirs. Follow the wide path with the first of three reservoirs on your right.

Just before you come to the house with the 'Liverbird' emblem, take the path to your left, negotiating the steep stone steps passing the house on your right. Head across the bridge. After crossing the bridge, continue following the footpath signs. Head towards the second reservoir and Darwen Tower soon comes back into view.

As you reach the second reservoir, you will see a wooden bridge - ignore this bridge and instead turn left and follow the wide path with a steep grass slope, entering the lichen-rich woodlands. As you enter the woodland, the path will then bear right and you continue to follow the wide path, which is lined with bare trees and lovely accents of bright orange provided by the beech bushes.

Pause to enjoy the expansive views across rough grassland fields and scan the horizon for the unmistakable hover of a kestrel, frequently seen hunting at this location. Climb the shallow slope until a point where a high path to the left and a low path to the right meet. Take the higher path to the left as you pass the third reservoir, which you look down upon through the trees on the right hand side.

After another shallow incline, the path makes a slight turn towards the right and down the hill towards the side of the third reservoir. Carry on until you begin to see the second reservoir narrowing towards its end. Ignore the bridleway on the left and continue on to a junction of paths.

Pass through the fence on the left and continue up the incline. Go past the bench on the right hand side. Continue up the incline and take the wooden steps until you reach the road, at which point you are greeted by the sight of the Royal Arms Free House. **C**

Go along the left side of the pub and follow the path around to the left. Go across the farmyard and through the metal gate. Follow the track to another metal fence. Turn right and follow the field edge, passing a stone pillar along the way.

Go through a new wooden stile and carry on up the other side of the field, keeping to the right side. After arriving at the wooden gate in the wall, go through and continue up the stoney path in front of you. Stay on this long path until it exits onto Tockholes Road. Turn right along the road then turn left over the road and follow the footpath sign behind the church along Silk Hall. **D**

Descend through the field and pass over the stile at the bottom. Make your way over to the fence line on the right hand side and pass over another stile in the fence. Cross the next field towards the houses and exit the field onto the road. Turn right along the road and past the stone archway. Take the next left along the road and bear right at the bottom, then follow the signs for 'Rambles Footpath'. Go over the stile and follow the field edge to another stile on the left, beside a wooden bridge.

Continue along the right hand side of the next field and over another stile. Reach a stile beside a metal gate. Stick to the left of the next field and make your way over another stile and into some woodland, before crossing over a bridge and passing over another stile. Carry on along the wall towards the motorway and take the ladder stile on the left. Continue along the enclosed pathway before emerging onto a road. Turn right and right again to pass underneath the bridge. **E**

Stay on the road and pass the shooting range on the left. Ignoring the various stiles and footpaths, keep on along the road to eventually pass beside some industrial units on the left to arrive back at the roundabout beside the Oyster & Otter pub.